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You can help make National Scots, Scots-Irish Month (USA) happen!

James Murray, Committee Chair for the National Scots, Scots-Irish Heritage Month, announces that his group is recruiting people in every state to work with their legislators to make National Scots, Scots-Irish Heritage Month a reality. There will be a "State Coordinator" in every state soon, he hopes.

Requirements for State Coordinators are that they follow the Mission Statement and work with their state legislators to enact bills and/or resolutions recognizing the contributions of the Scottish, Scots-Irish in their state and in the country. They will also help spread the word about the effort to recognize our ancestors who have been such an influence on the United States of America.

There is an online petition at <http://www.thecapitalscot.com> and on <http://www.electricscotland.com>

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It is the goal of the group to have legislation in the United States Congress this upcoming January.

If you would like to participate - or if your Scots, Scots-Irish organization would like to help - simply contact James Murray at atholl123456@peoplepc.com

Some of the Committee for National Scots, Scots-Irish Heritage Month, are: James R. and Andrea M. Murray from Reidsville, NC; Ann and Junny Jackson from Archdale, NC; Charles F. Safrit from Siler City, NC, Hollis B. Cahoon from Greensboro, NC, Jim MacGregor from Fairfax, VA, Michelle Sandelier from Presque Isle, ME, Alastair McIntyre from [electricscotland.com](http://www.electricscotland.com) and Beth Gay from Walhalla, SC.

P*RR*TT Society meets Saturday, 18 October in Walsall, England and you're invited to be there!

You are invited to attend the next meeting of the P*rr*tt Society, Saturday, October 18 from 10 AM until 4 PM. The site will be the St. John's Church Hall, Victoria Avenue, Bloxwich, Walsall, West Midlands, WS3 3HS in the heart of England.

If you wish to join in the buffet lunch, send £5.75 to Malcolm Perrett, 21 Defford Ave., High Heath, Walsall, WS4 1AQ England, United Kingdom.

You may continue or begin your P*RR*TT research with the help of all the society's records gathered over the past 24 years. Bring along old photographs, clippings or other interesting items.

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A letter from your editor

Advertising 101

"The only thing that happens for sure in advertising is that if you don't advertise... nothing happens!"



Highland Games are in trouble most everywhere. High gas prices and rising costs for most everything have made it harder for families and individuals to travel to "away" games. The games committees work hard to make their own games wonderful - but it's hard to keep going financially if you don't have the attendance to support the necessary expenses it takes to produce a weekend of music, competition and fun.

If you are involved with a games, I hope you'll read this. I think that there might be a few things here that will help you understand how to help make up some of those people who nowadays can't afford to travel long distances who will not be buying tickets.

Today, it's more important than ever to be sure you draw to your gates the ones who can come - the local population and those who live within short distances of your event.

It doesn't matter if you plan and execute the most fantastic weekend of Scottish entertainment and athletics. It doesn't matter if your committee has worked 365 days and nights to be ready for the big weekend. It doesn't matter that you have hired the most fabulous entertainers. Nothing matters in regards to what a good job you've done - if nobody knows about it.

It's just a fact. People cannot come to your event if they are not informed of what is going on...and also when and where and who and why, etc.

How do you do that?

Advertising.

I've been selling advertising since junior high

school I guess...when we did *The John Gorrie News* and somehow, I started as the Business Manager. This paper was produced on one of those old copiers that had wax thingies...and we justified (made the margins even) by the old method - the entire journalism class sat there and counted each and every letter - and then went back in and put check marks in pencil where there needed to be more spaces so when it was retyped, it would come out to the required number of letters so both margins would be even throughout the little publication.

Eventually, I was editor of that paper and was co-editor of *Lee's Traveler*, the publication of Robert E. Lee Senior High School in Jacksonville, Florida.

In both capacities, there were ads to be sold.

Every group to which I have ever belonged has asked me to be editor of something...and in order to be able to produce the publication, ads had to be sold.

I was the first woman ever to sell a Yellow Page display ad in the Jacksonville, Florida phone book.

Early on, I was the first woman ever to be hired in the advertising department of a Sears-Roebuck store - anywhere in the nation. I'll never forget Bud Penny and Ira Capps who began to teach me the rudiments of building a professional advertisement...and this was in the days of hot type.

Later on, I studied a very long time and was made (with an A+ examination) a Certified Radio Marketing Consultant by the National Association of Broadcasters - a very prized thing to be. I am

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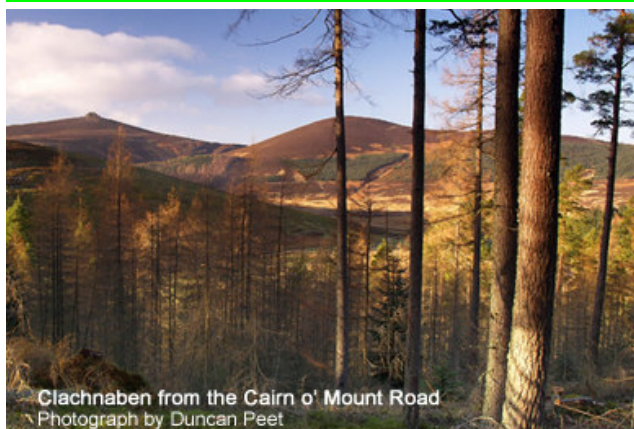
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Flowers of the Forest

Martha W. Jackson of Scottsville KY died Feb. 19, 2008, at a Scottsville nursing home. She was 79 years old. Her parents were the late Jasper Lewis Werst and Lillie Lyon. Survivors include her husband, Ralton W. Jackson Sr., a daughter, three siblings, and three grandchildren.

Mrs. Jackson was a professional genealogist. She served the Lyon Family Association for many years as historian and editor of this newsletter. She had been active in many organizations, including the local Historical Society and the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Victor Howard
“Mickey” Lyon, age 86, died June 20, 2008, in Yakima, WA. He was the only child of the late Richard Victor Lyon and Gertrude Alice Isherwood Lyon, and had been married twice, to the late Georgiabelle Partch Lyon (d. 2003) and to the late Vivian Brown (d. 2007). He is survived by four children, two stepchildren, their spouses, five grandchildren, and six greatgrandchildren, as well as many friends and a large extended family.

Robert Scott Lyon: Funeral services for Robert Scott Lyon, 50, of Cullman AL were held Tuesday, July 22, 2008 at 1 p.m. at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home Chapel with interment at Cullman City Cemetery.

Mr. Lyon died Friday, July 18, 2008 in Evergreen, Ala. He was born Sept. 3, 1957 in Pulaski County, Ark. to William A. “Bert” Lyon and Darlene Phillips Miller. He was preceded in death

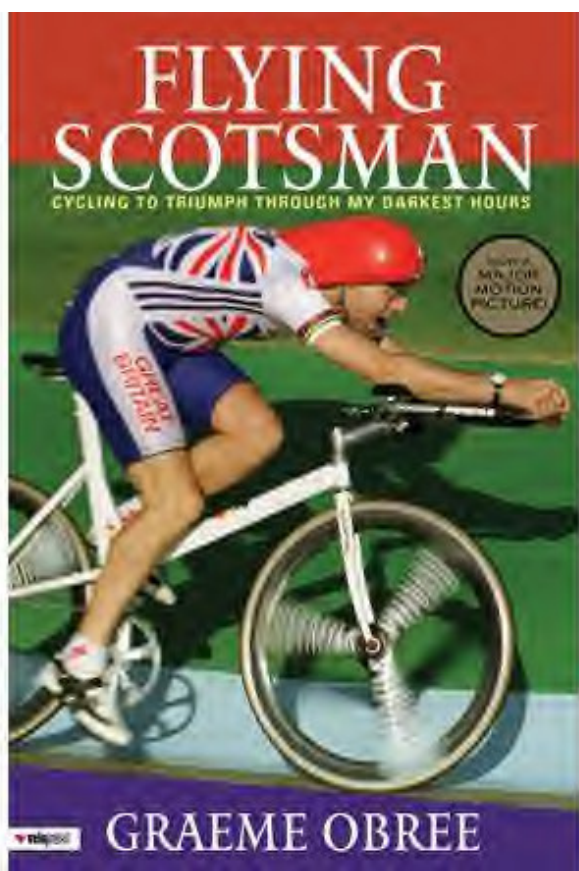
by his father. He was employed as a foreman at Topre and served in the U.S. Marines. Survivors include his mother and stepfather Dewitt Miller, Sr. of Cullman; uncle Mike (Sara) Phillips of Cullman; aunt Kheva (Bob) Johnson of Checotah, OK.; 3 cousins and many good and dear friends.



Elizabeth Reeves Lyon, age 91, died July 12, 2008 at the Salemtowne Retirement Community in Winston-Salem NC. Interment is at Maplewood Cemetery in Durham. She was born in Mount Airy on February 19, 1917, the daughter of Marvin Coke and Myrtle Spough Reeves.

Elizabeth grew up in Sanford and married Robert L. Lyon of Durham. She was an artist, teacher, and active supporter of the arts, as well as an active volunteer in the Durham community. Elizabeth is survived by two daughters, four grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Jack Lewis Scott Lyon died June 8, 2008, in Hudson FL. He was born in St. Petersburg on July 12, 1930. He is survived by Marcia, his wife of 57 years; son, Mark (Dianne) Lyon of Hudson; two daughters, Teresa (Jim) Prose of Keystone Heights, and Lisa (Gene) Obenreder of Hudson; eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild; two brothers, George (Burnetta) Lyon of Silver City NM, and Robert (Sherry) Lyon of Brandon; and a sister, Sue Johnson of Tarpon Springs. A son, Mike Lyon, died in 1981. Burial is in Grace Memorial Garden, Hudson.



DVD Review: *The Flying Scotsman*

We thank *Dubh Ghlas* from Clan Douglas for this review:

The Flying Scotsman is a delightful, feel-good movie about a young Scotsman, Graeme Obree, who is determined to break the world's speed record for one-hour endurance cycling.

The sport of speed cycling has traditionally been dominated by well-financed European cyclists who ride state-of-the-art bicycles. Obree has neither resources nor a fancy bike. What he does have is plenty of good Scot's determination and ingenuity. He trains hard in all kinds of Scottish weather (rain, lots of rain). He can't afford a custom built racer so he designs and builds his own. His bike consists mainly of scrounged up parts,

including parts taken from a washing machine.

The ingenious Graeme builds of number of innovations into his bike that help reduce wind resistance and increase pedaling power.

His longtime friend and (unpaid) manager, "Malkie," has managed to scrape together enough sponsors, so that on July 17, 1993 - together with Graeme's supportive wife, Anne - they journey to the Hamar velodrome in Norway where Graeme will mount an assault on the world's one-hour speed record. Unfortunately, he doesn't succeed in breaking the record on his first attempt, but he then shocks race officials by announcing that he plans to have another go at 9:00 the next morning. This is highly unprecedented behavior because it normally requires a racer's body weeks to recover from

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George Norman Perrett passed away in July

Australian member of the P*rr*tt Society, diagnosed with lung cancer in April, passed away 29th July 2008. His funeral took place in Bendigo, Victoria, on 5th August.

Mr. Perrett was always involved with helping with the society organization. He helped to design and print the Australian branch notepaper and renewal forms for some years. He was on the Australian Planning Committee and attended, with his computer and records, both Australian "Get Togethers" in Geelong in 1997 and Melbourne in 2006.

George was Australian Data Contact for the society. He is survived by his widow, Marilyn, his daughter, two sons and 3 grandsons.

Free genealogical event set for October 11, in Jacksonville, Florida

We are delighted to invite you to attend a full day seminar On October 11th, 2008 in the city of Jacksonville, Florida at the downtown Public Library.

The Southern Genealogist's Exchange Society, Inc. in conjunction with The Jacksonville Public Library, Genealogy Department, will co-host an event featuring cream of the crop speakers from the SGES society. The conference, in recognition of Family History Month, will focus on "Celebrating Family History."

In times of rising costs we are pleased to offer you this occasion at NO CHARGE.

Four well known speakers for the day: Dick Cardell presents: "Documentation, Proving your lineage and Your family Stories." Jon Ferguson, "Where Might My Family Be Hiding in the Courthouse?" Karen Rhodes, "Quirks of the 1945 Florida Census"; and Jim Vearil, "The War and Its Hardship: The Effects of the Civil War on an East Florida Farm Family".



Optional tours of the Genealogy Department are offered at 12:00 PM and 4:00 PM by Laura Minor.

Registration begins at 9:00 AM and program commences at 9:30 AM. Program ends 4:00 PM. Lunch on your own at nearby eateries.

Call (904)778-1000 for questions, more information or registration. You may also register online at: www.sgesjax.com

Free parking in the parking garage on Duval Street is provided. Bring your parking ticket into the library for validation.

Register soon to reserve your spot as we expect a large crowd.

Don't miss this excellent day provided by the City of Jacksonville, through the Public Libraries, Genealogy Department Downtown & The Southern Genealogist's Exchange Society.

Separately, to recognize Family History Month in October, we have elected Tuesday, October 21st, 2008 as a night to "Share Your Family History at Home". Please contact your newspapers and local broadcasting to suggest they publicize this evening.

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The Other 70%

A look at the Lochaber District

Lew Bowlby, Maine Convener, Scottish District Families Association

Lochaber is an ancient territory located in the west central highlands of Scotland and contains some of the most breath taking vistas in this country renowned for its magnificent scenery.

Its Northern border falls just below the city of Fort Augustus on Loch Ness. To the south it encompasses both sides of the Great Glen. The quaint working waterfront city of Mallaig anchors the western frontier. While the east is mostly highland mountains including Ben Nevis, the highest point in Scotland.

Its principal settlement is Fort William nestled on the shore of Loch Linne.

In fact the scenery is so stunning and so typically 'Scottish' that portions of three famous movies have been filmed there: *Braveheart*, *Rob Roy* and the *Highlander* series. In addition three Harry Potter films have been filmed in Glencoe and the surrounding area. Finally, Potter movie buffs will remember the train crossing the long high stone trestle, which is actually on the Fort William to Mallaig run of the regular Scottish railways line.

Lochaber also figures prominently in Scottish History. When you take "The Road to the Isles" from Fort William to Mallaig (itself one of the great rides in Scotland) you'll pass through the small hamlet of Glenfinnan. Here a tall stone monument topped by a statue of a Highlander marks the spot where in 1745 Prince Charlie raised his standard

to rally the Clans in the Second Jacobite rebellion, the romantic but ill fated quest for the crown which ended so tragically at Culloden the next year.

The story, which began in Lochaber, also ended there. Following the battle of Culloden Prince Charlie took refuge in the rugged hills and glens of the district, protected and sheltered by loyal clans until he was successfully smuggled over to the Isle of Skye and then to France to live out the remainder of his life in exile.

Despite the tragedy of Culloden, the mis-handled rebellion and the terrible slaughter of so many innocents by the English no Highlander betrayed his Prince to claim the 30,000 pound (a monumental fortune in those days) reward offered by King Edward.

Mention Glencoe and Scots are immediately reminded of the premeditated annihilation of the Macdonald Clan who inhabited the surrounding glen. The attack occurred

on February 13, 1692 and was planned by the government and the treachery caused shockwaves of disgust then and now.

Many blame the Campbell clan as a whole for its part in the slaughter of 38 MacDonald's. History records, however, that it was British soldiers from all over the UK led by an officer in charge named Campbell acting under the direct

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Beautiful Lochaber 2005

The Other 70%, *continued from page 9*

order of King William III who did the deed.

Even to this day 300 years later each February 13th members of the Macdonald clan gather at the Celtic Cross at the Bridge of Coe in memory of the event. A wonderful visitor's center at Glencoe has a terrific display of further information about this (in)famous event.

One of the most awe inspiring sights in Scotland is found on the A82 road just beyond the quaint hamlet of Spean Bridge. The road comes over a rise and suddenly before you is a monument with statues of three British Commandos which was put there in 1952 as a memorial to the troops who trained in the rugged hills of Lochaber during the second world war. The monument sits atop a high hill looking down in a glen spotted with lakes and surrounded by the great Highlands of Scotland. It will bring tears to your eyes as it did to ours.

The small village of Strontian in Lochaber was founded in 1724 to provide lodging for the men working the lead mines in the area. Even though the mines declined over the years they were still being worked in 1790 by French prisoners of war who were working the mines to provide lead for shot for the British army when they found something else. It turned out to be a completely new element, which was named Strontium after the village.

Today alloys of the metal are used in cancer treatments and to coat television tubes to prevent the leaking of X-rays. We hope you enjoyed this hop, skip and jump through the scenery, history and communities which are part of the Lochaber District.

Rosemary and I have visited several times and plan to return. Should you have any questions, please contact us at: lewcolby@maine.rr.com.

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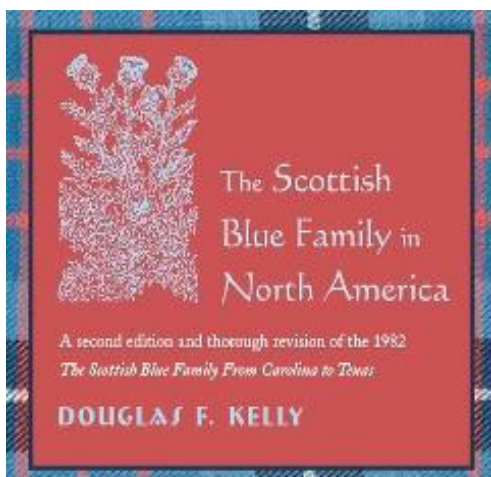
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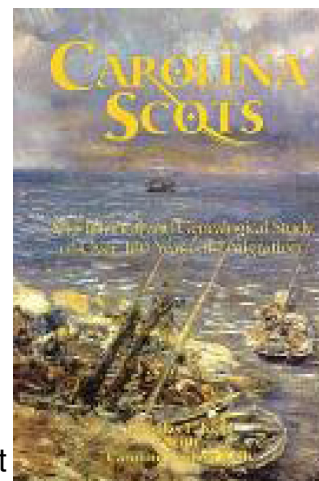
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proud to say I was always a top salesperson at any radio station where I was employed.

Later still, I sold advertising for my earlier version of this paper....and still do a little bit of sales for BNFT. I'm told, I sold more than four million dollars worth of advertising for that early paper - over the course of a lot of years.

This is all to explain to you that most of my life has been devoted to the science of advertising.

I am sometimes amazed at things people say. "Oh, last year you told us that we could recoup the

costs of our newsletter with advertising. I put a little notice in the newsletter...but nobody called me to tell me they wanted an ad," was one thing I've heard.

Folks. Ads do not arrive on your doorstep. You must go out and get them by calling and visiting and returning on certain dates at certain times and making many, many calls. (We'll do a column on clan newsletters sometimes and talk more about this.)

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I've been told, "Oh, everybody knows what we do. We don't need to advertise."

My inner response, "Ha." My outer response, "Mumble, mumble polite polite."

I think that there are many - especially smaller - Highland Games which have gone the way of the Dodo Bird - extinct - because they did not have an effective and knowledgeable person in charge of advertising. I'm sure that's the reason for the demise of a few that I know of.

I can hear you all - "But, we don't have large advertising budgets!"

That just means you have to be creative. It means somebody is going to have to work hard.

Here are a few ideas to get the word to your local people: **Call all of your schools** and ask if a piper or a dancer or someone who can speak may come and do a free program. It might be fun to have a poster contest amongst the art departments. It might be fun to have an essay contest amongst the English classes on most any subject you think of - kilts, tartan, bagpipes, Highland dancing or even on My Scottish Ancestry.

You might think of offering free admission to students on the slower of your two day games or just free admission to students at your one day games. (Mama and Daddy will come and buy tickets!) Be sure to offer something like the passport collection to the students...or have in your children's area lots of things for them to do. Bar none, the Northern Arizona Celtic Heritage Society who puts on the Arizona Highland Celtic Festival has the best children's event anywhere - from the Oatmeal Toss to the Pirate Ship with Pirate Sing-A-Longs to many wonderful (inexpensive to do) events. Go to their website to see: <www.nachs.info/flagstafffestival.asp>

Call each and every one of the radio stations and television stations in your area to see if

they have locally oriented programs where your games representatives may visit and tell everyone about your event. Be sure the TV guests are fully kilted and "gussied" for the occasion. Take a piper and/or a dancer if it is possible. If your games are nonprofit, the FCC requires that the stations present "PSA" announcements...those are free Public Service Announcements about the things nonprofit groups do - so be sure and take advantage of these! Most media people are delighted to help you.

Press releases may be sent to your local and area newspapers, shoppers, magazines for months before your event. You may begin with the planning stages with the dates and place of the event -

and then as entertainers are booked or competitions are planned send more press releases. These cost nothing - not even stamps today - as you may research their email addresses and send them that way.

Posters are fun.

This might be something that the art departments at your local

school will do. You can give some kind of prize to the students who have the best ones - but almost all are wonderful to post around town. If you want to design your own poster - with desktop publishing programs galore, the most art-impaired person can create a nice, neat and attractive poster! Make gazillions of them and have crews of volunteers go about your town - and nearby towns - who will ask permission from store owners to tape the posters in their business windows.

A favorite ploy of mine is to make posters on 11 x 17 paper. You can find colored paper this size - or plain white paper will do. Make gazillions of them - and give them to local restaurants. This paper is the perfect size for place mats. The restaurant owners are delighted with **free place mats** and the diners may take them home as a reminder of all of the information they need to come to the event.

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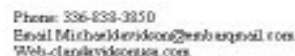
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Alastair McIntyre on Electric Scotland

Alastair McIntyre, electricscotland.com

Wells, Trees and Sacred Groves

Stuart McHardy

Stuart McHardy has sent us an excellent article on the ancient wells, trees and sacred groves of Scotland. We'll have just a "taste" of it here, but you may visit electricscotland.com to find the rest of it.

In case you don't know, Electric Scotland is the largest historical Internet site. The largest. You can find something about most anything Scottish. You might wish to subscribe to our weekly newsletter that keeps you up to date with what's new on the site and what's going on in Scotland.

Here's Mr. McHardy's article:

Water is basic. It is necessary to all forms of life on our planet.

It is also in some countries, like Scotland, extremely common. We have lochs, riv-

ers, wells and springs and in all our seasons - rain.

Yet water is the bearer of sanctity and is involved in the rituals of many religions.

The Christians use water for baptism and christening - sanctifying the person involved.

Water was also at the very heart of what was the ancient religion. It has been suggested that we all respond particularly to water because in our mothers' wombs we float in the amniotic

fluid as if it were water and some psychologically driven people see the idea of the Flood as being derived from a memory of the time in the womb.

Be that as it may there can be no doubt that water was absolutely central to the belief patterns of our ancestors.

The importance of wells and the association of goddess-type figures with our rivers attest to this. It would seem fair to say that in pagan times that water was seen in some way as the blood of the Goddess.

Wells and springs erupting from the earth were seen as being particularly beneficial and the term well-worship has been widely used to describe that happened at many locations.

In Scotland the survival of many well-rituals

into the 19th and 20th centuries have been commented upon, giving us glimpses of how our ancestors saw themselves in the world. Many of these wells have been, and some continue to be, associated with healing, sometimes in a general sense and at others with specific complaints.

You can read the rest of this account at http://www.electricscotland.com/history/articles/wells_trees.htm



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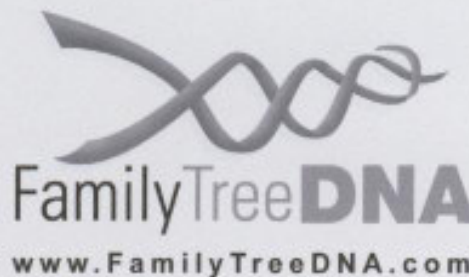
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Have kilted or kilt skirted folks pass out fliers at the local supermarket or downtown in your city and those nearby. The fliers may be simple sheets of paper with the event name, place, date, time, ticket prices.

Maybe have your local pipe band - or single pipers - go to malls and downtown to play. Be sure and have volunteers to pass out posters and maybe even sell tickets!

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meetings and propose they have a special event around the time of your games.

There are thousands of great ideas that will help bring people to your event. We've just scratched the surface here, but maybe this has given you a few things to think about.

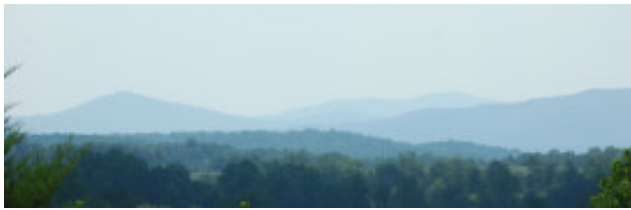
Oh. Please use your advertising budget to place ads in the Scottish publications that we all get. It's a better use of your funds to place smaller ads in more publications...and do begin at least two or three months before your event, so

those who wish to come may plan their trip.

If you have questions, please just email me at bethscribble@aol.com



Do you have clan news that you would like to be published here? Just email to bethscribble@aol.com



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With many thanks to *The Lyons Tale*. For more information on this family organization, please contact Robin Chambers, 907 Fifth Avenue, Iowa City IA 52240-6403. You may call 319-688-2789 or email: LyonsTaleEd@aol.com



Jacksonville (FL) Genealogical Society invites you...

The Jacksonville Genealogical Society monthly meeting will be held at 1:30 p.m., October 11, 2008, vice the 18th, at the Webb-Wesconnett Library, 6889 103rd Street, Jacksonville, FL.

Our speaker this month is Mr. Gregory W. Parsons, Curator, Camp Blanding, whose presentation will cover Camp Blanding's establishment, expansion, federal control during World War II, training, operations and the German POW camp.

Please plan to attend. For additional information please contact Mary Chauncey at (904) 781-9300.

Clan Forrester invites you to The Stone Mountain Highland Games on Saturday, October 18th and Sunday, October 19th

Clan Forrester Society will have a tent at the Stone Mountain Highland Games, Stone Mountain, GA. Our tent will be open from 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM on Saturday and Sunday.

Our **annual business meeting** will be held at our tent at **NOON** on Saturday, October 18, 2008. The meeting will be followed by our annual picnic lunch. Bring enough food & drinks for your family plus two (extra for "cousins" who might stop by). Please make your plans to attend.

After the events on Saturday, we will be getting together for our annual Ceilidh at the Newman home. (1588 Rivermist Dr., Lilburn, GA) The Newmans will be furnishing the main course and everyone else needs to bring the extras. (A covered dish, salad, drinks, dessert.....pick up from KFC, Deli, homemade, etc.....anything that you would like to bring to add to the meal.) This is a wonderful fellowship time with everyone.....a great way to relax with other Clan members after a long day!!



scotlandontv.tv at the Cowal Highland Gathering

Michael MacLennan

Well, after the fantastic demand that we received for our coverage of Piping Live! and the World Pipe Band Championships, there was no way that we could possibly stay away from the Cowal Highland Gathering this year!

The biggest Highland games in the world, it's one of the most eclectic and electrifying events taking place in Scotland, so for the last weekend in August we were on hand in an overcast Dunoon to try and capture as much of the festivities as we possibly could.

As one of the five major Pipe Band championships, and the last of the 2008 season, we made sure to get lots of footage of the Grade 1 pipe band competition at Cowal. All of the top acts were filmed performing their marvellous medley sets in the main arena, which means that you can decide for yourself whether the judges got it right this year!

It was Field Marshal Montgomery Pipe Band from Ulster who triumphed this year, thanks to a near-flawless performance, and we were in the midst of the results announcement to talk to the delighted winners (well, when they weren't too busy throwing their hats in the air in celebration). There was also the great sight of the annual March Past, when more than 130 bands pipe into Cowal's stadium to salute the Chieftain of the Games.

Extremely different from that more traditional

routine, the Red Hot Chilli Pipers are taking bagpipes to the masses, touring internationally with an amazing show which sees the full-throttle act taking on modern classics such as Queen's We Will Rock You. They came to Cowal to headline a packed-out Ceilidh Tent on the Saturday, and we managed to have a chat with their leader Stuart Cassells beforehand, asking him why the gathering means so much to him, and why it's so important to Scotland.

Of course, it's not all about the bagpipes, as organiser Malcolm Barclay explained earlier in the day in an interview. There's a variety of wonderful events going on, including the World Highland Dancing

Championships, which provided some breath-taking displays of prowess. The adult winner was David Wilton again; when we interviewed him about his amazing victory he was almost unable to talk, little wonder considering how overjoyed he so obviously was to pick up the title again.

Then there was the heavy athletes, taking part in the Highland Games, always something that has to be seen to be believed. Events included throwing the infamous Cowal Stone, which weighs a massive 32 lbs, and tossing the caber. We talked to the previous year's winner Jason Young about his preparations for the event, and how things were

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Armigerous Clans? What are they?

My friend, Bob Douglass from Lilburn, Georgia, recently sent me some information about Armigerous Clans - that is, clans who have no chief.

He said that recent articles in the Clan Douglas newsletter, *Dubh Ghlas*, had explained that The Duke of Hamilton and the Duke of Buccleuch could have both been the Chief of Clan Douglas had they not held titles as Chiefs of Clan Hamilton and Clan Scott, respectively.

Bob Douglass said he thought folks would be just as surprised as he was, when they learn how many clans there are who don't have any chief.

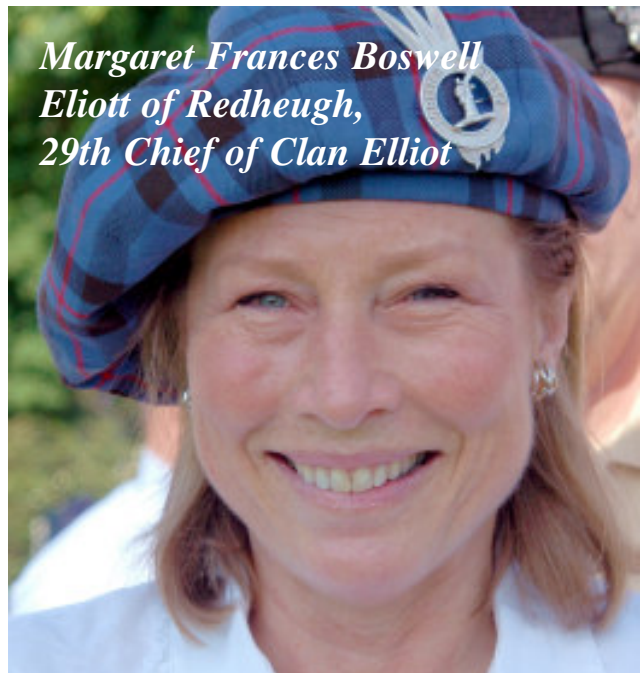
He also said that The Earl of Morton has petitioned the Lord Lyon to be Chief of Clan Douglas.

It develops that there are now over 200 Armigerous Clans - clans or families without a chief with matriculated arms.

Some of the larger clans without Chiefs include: Anderson, Armstrong, Baird, Bell, Blackstock, Blair, Boswell, Caldwell, Carruthers, Cockburn, Craig, Crawford, Cunningham, Douglas, Dunlop, Fleming, Fletcher, Galbraith, Galloway, Hall, Houston, Kelly, Kincaid, Kirkpatrick, Little, MacAulay, MacDuff, MacFarland, MacFie, McGhee, MacGillivray, Mackie, MacLellan, MacRae, MacCullouch, Maxwell, Melville, Middleton, Muir, Muirhead, Newton, Paisley, Pollock, Porterfield, Preston, Pringle, Rutherford, Somerville, Spalding, Strachan, Tennant, Troup, Turnbull, Wardlaw, Watson, Weir, Whitelaw, Wishart, Wood and Young.

There are many reasons why a clan may have no chief today.

After the 1745 Jacobite Rising and the destruction of the clan system, many of the chiefly



lines of clans and families were lost. Because of gaps in the genealogical evidence, they have thus far been unable to prove a direct descent to current claimants.

Over time too, some smaller clans were simply absorbed and became a sept of the larger clan. The smaller clan retains a clan crest, it owes allegiance to the chief of the larger clan. Now, some of the smaller clans wish to be identified separately from the larger clan. It has been proven that a genealogical link to the chiefs before the absorption is very difficult.

Scots law and English and Welsh law differ over inheritance. So, some individuals are barred from being matriculated by Lyon Court as chief.

Once, as punishment for acts against the monarch, it was possible for chiefs to be stripped of their land and titles. Sometimes the land and titles were restored to later generations of the family, but this was not always the case. If you'd like to contact Bob Douglass, write Robert E. Douglass, 4085 Shady Circle, Lilburn, GA 30047.

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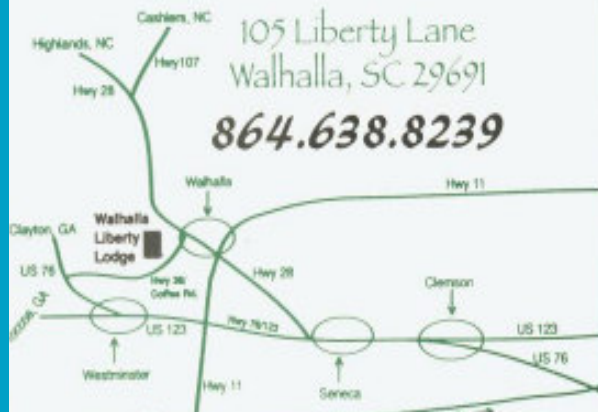
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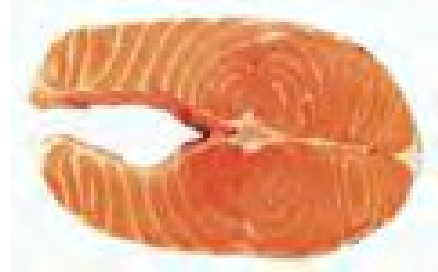
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A recipe for Salmon Cakes from our friends at ElectricScotland.com

Ingredients:

212 gram tin salmon, drained and flaked;
3 medium potatoes, cooked and mashed;
2 spring onions finely chopped;
1 egg beaten;
15 ml olive oil;
salt and pepper to taste



Method: Preheat oven 375° F, 190 degrees C. Mix together the salmon, egg, mashed potato, olive oil, green onions to form a stiff mixture. Season to taste. Roll into a sausage, then cut off sections and form into patties about 1 inch thick. Coat these with milk and roll in breadcrumbs. Bake for 10 minutes or until golden brown. Serves 4.

Scotland on TV at Cowal Games, *continued from page 23*



going on this occasion. It was also very interesting to talk to the female competitors, who take the event just as seriously as their male counterparts and rightfully stand as equals with their highly charged competition.

And on the subject of strongmen, this year there were some very special guests in the sizeable shape of the Pumphrey Brothers. Brothers Craig and Paul are from America and were over filming their own show on superhuman strength for the National Geographic Channel, in which they test their own might against the best the world has to offer.

They were lovely guys in person, and it was

nice to hear how much they enjoyed coming to Cowal to have a go at some of the events. However, we couldn't help but feel a little intimidated after seeing them breaking concrete slabs with their heads during the stage show...

Anyway, you can find all these videos over at our brand new website stv.tv/video. Once there just click on the Scotland on TV part of the main menu, then select the Cowal 2008 section which should appear below it. Or, you can go straight to the videos by clicking here: <http://video.stv.tv/bc/Scotland+on+TV/scotland-cowal-2008/>

We really hope you enjoy what we have to offer, and return to visit us as soon as possible.

Interesting Orcadians

Six Degrees of Orkney?

Pat Long of buyOrkney.com

There is a game called *Six Degrees of Kevin Bacon*, in which students try to link other actors to Kevin Bacon through actors they have both acted with.

I'd suggest an interesting variant is linking actors to Scotland and for a more challenging variant, a particular part of Scotland.

Scotland is perhaps a little too easy, as we not only have Sean Connery, but David Duchovny's mother comes from Aberdeen and many other actors are proud to claim Scottish ancestry.

Orkney's Hollywood connections take a little more hunting out.

In Orkney, the best known connection is Robert Shaw. His father was the doctor in Stromness (he removed my mother's tonsils when she was five) and Robert spent his early years there, until the family left when he was eight. He is still remembered for having broken all his toes in an accident on a swing and being wheeled around in a pushchair.

Another film star with very direct Orkney connections was Greer Garson. Her father came from Sandwick, a parish on the west side of the main island. She was very aware of her Orkney connections and imported cattle from Orkney for her American herd. She is also said to have planned a trip to Orkney until it was discovered that her nearest relative in Orkney was an eccentric who papered her sitting room with pages of the local newspaper, which she nailed in place.

We now have to start working a bit harder at

the connections but this is one of my favourites. I read in a copy of the *Orkney Herald* from the 1950s that a film I had never heard of had been set in Orkney, *The Man from Planet X*.

I turned, of course, to the internet and found a multitude of references to this B-Movie that has become a minor cult classic. They all just said that the movie was set on a small Scottish island but one site invited emails, so I wrote to them, asking if the webmaster knew of any Orkney connections. I got a very prompt reply, saying that all he knew was that the visitor from Outer Space arrives on the island of Burra. This was the only clue I needed and I tracked down a reference that said the film was indeed set on the island of Burray, one



of the four islands that are now joined to the Orkney mainland by the wartime defences known as the Churchill Barriers.

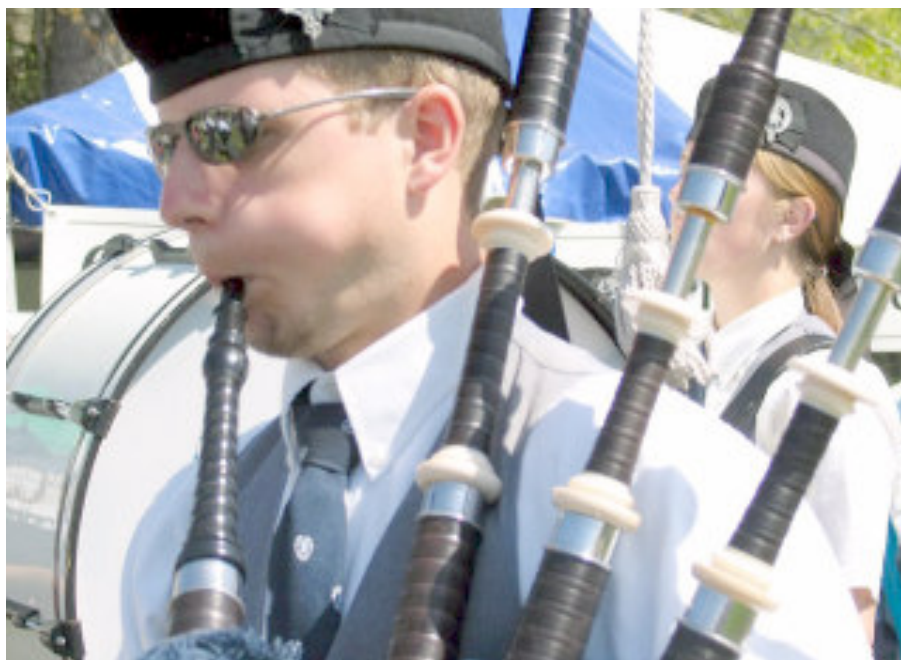
As you would expect in a 50s B-movie, realism wasn't a priority; the film was shot in six days using the set from Ingrid Bergman's *Joan of Arc*. However, it is credited with being one of the very first films to feature visitors from other planets, so I think I may suggest to the local Tourist Board that they could use a new angle for their advertising.

A considerably more up-market film set in Orkney was Powell and Pressburger's first film together, *The Spy in Black*, starring Conrad Veidt and Valerie Hobson. Some scenes were even filmed in Orkney, though showing Conrad Veidt being

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What is the major difference between chopping up a sweet Vidalia onion and chopping up most any kind of bagpipe?

Nobody much cares if you chop up a bagpipe.



Six Degrees of Orkney? *Continued from page 26*

landed from a U-boat near our famous rock stack, the Old Man of Hoy and wheeling his motorbike up the nearby cliffs caused much entertainment locally.

St John's Head is the highest vertical sea-cliff in Britain.

Now we come to the wonderfully obscure connections. Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., served as a Liaison Officer when American ships were stationed in Scapa Flow during WWII.

I remember being told many years ago that the animator of the *Wicked Queen* had an Orcadian auntie but even Google hasn't been able to help me here. If anyone out there has any information, I'd love to be able to check it out.

Alexander Carrick was the son of Elizabeth Leith from South Ronaldsay, the island next to Burray. He became head of Sculpture at the Edinburgh College of Art and was an enormous influence on Scottish sculpture. After WWI he carved many of Scotland's war memorials and then, in the late 1920s, he won a competition to

design one of the two statues that stand in niches on either side of the entrance to Edinburgh Castle.

Several years ago, an American visitor asked about this statue and, never having heard of William Wallace, was intrigued to find a hero with whom he shared a surname. Randall Wallace then went home and wrote the script for *Braveheart*.

I'll end with Orkney's most important contributor to American movies, although I'm sure you've never heard of him, James Petrie Chalmers. He emigrated to New York and, in 1907,

co-founded and edited the first film magazine, *The Moving Picture World*. He has been described as one of the most important pioneers in the history of cinema. Through his editorials, he helped steer the new industry towards becoming a means of entertainment and art, rather than a sideshow attraction. He was also a very important figure in the successful fight against Edison's restrictive patents. So who knows? Without Orkney, Hollywood might not exist in its present form at all.



Arizona Irish Festival needs Volunteers

The Annual Arizona Irish Festival will be held Saturday, October 4, 2008, at Margaret Hance Park located at 1106 North Central Avenue in Phoenix, Arizona.

We are looking for Community Service Volunteers for the Irish Festival. The Festival is a fun and entertaining cultural event. We are asking for a four hour commitment of your time on Thursday, Friday, Saturday or Sunday and in exchange, you will receive a cool free T-shirt, free admission to the Festival and a

sense of personal satisfaction in serving your community. If you volunteer for 8 hours, coupons for lunch will be provided. There are several shifts to choose from.



Please let us know if you would like to work with a group of friends or a family member. If you are interested, please email Anne at stpatsvolunteers@gmail.com or phone 480 946-5008. Thank you

Sister Cities in Mexico and Cornwall

Since so many Cornish miners ended up working and settling in Mexico, two Cornish towns have now twinned with Mexican cities: Cambourne with Pachuca, the state capital of Hidalgo, providing them with a town clock that chimes to the tune of Big Ben. Add to that leftover Cornish engine houses, a Methodist church and lots of Cornish surnames. Also, Redruth is twinning with Real del Monte and developing links with Magattzi School at Real del Monte. Why not? After all, where do you think the empanada (ahem, pasty) came from?

Arizona Irish Festival, Saturday, October 4, celebrates both modern and ancient Ireland!

The Eighth Annual Arizona Irish Festival is coming to the Irish Center in Phoenix, Arizona on Saturday, October 4, 2008 10am to 9pm.

The event takes place at Margaret T. Hance Park where visitors can enjoy a celebration of Irish culture through music, dance, food & live entertainment!

Shoppers will enjoy an array of Irish gifts, souvenirs and merchandise!

Do you love meat pies, corned beef & cabbage and fish & chips? Visit the food court for a selection of fine Irish grub that's sure to please any palate.

A silent auction will offer unique prizes to the bold bidder with good timing, and the winner of the raffle at the end of the day will find tickets to Ireland in his or her hand.

Children (of all ages!) are welcome to wear Halloween costumes in honor of the October 31 holiday that once marked the end of summer for the ancient Celts.

Tickets are \$10.00 per adult. Children 6-12 are only \$1 and under 6 are free!

The Flying Scotsman, continued from page 6

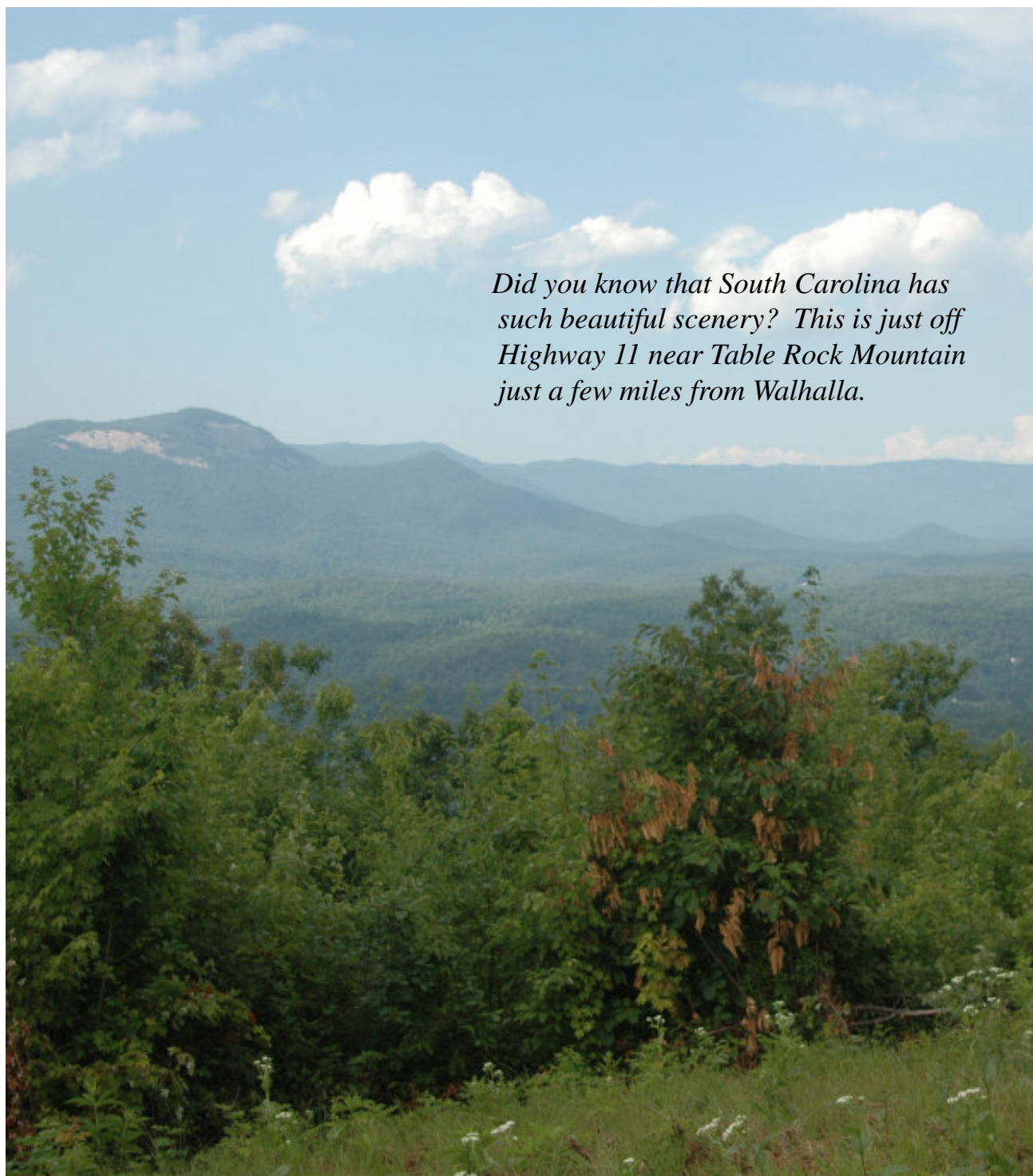
such an enduring event. Happily, after much haggling, he allowed to make a second run and is successful in breaking the world's record. He bolts around the track covering 52.7 kilometers in 60 minutes - a real Flying Scotsman!

One of the movie's great moments comes when Graeme has announced that he plans to race

again the next day. Shocked, one of the European officials says to Graeme, "You English are mad!"

As Graeme is walking away, he turns and replies sternly, You want to know what MAD is, try calling me English again!"

The official protests, "But, I'm from Bavaria...and I don't mind being called German."



Did you know that South Carolina has such beautiful scenery? This is just off Highway 11 near Table Rock Mountain just a few miles from Walhalla.

Some October 2008 events in our Scottish community

3-4 October - Hartwell, GA

Loch Hartwell Highland
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Hartwell Games Site
<http://www.lochhartwell.org>

3-5 October - Lanexa, VA

Williamsburg Scottish Festival
Rockahock Campgrounds
<http://www.wsfonline.org>

4 October - Ben Lomond, CA

Loch Lomond Highland Games & Gathering
Highlands Park
<http://www.lochlomondceltic.org>

4 October - Goshen, CT

St. Andrew's Society of CT Scottish Festival
Goshen Fairgrounds
<http://www.sasct.org/festival.html>

4-5 October - Snow Hill, MD

Chesapeake Celtic Festival
Furnace Town Living Heritage Museum
<http://www.celticfest.net>

4-5 October - Reno, NV

Reno Celtic Celebration
Bartley Ranch Regional Park
<http://www.renoceltic.org>

10-11 October - Radford, VA

Radford Highlanders Festival
Downtown Radford & Radford University
<http://www.runet.edu/festival>

10-12 October - Ventura County, CA

Seaside Highland Games
Seaside Park
<http://seaside-games.com>

10-12 October - Lake Charles, LA

Celtic Nations Festival
Lake Charles Civic Center
<http://www.celticnations.org>

11 October - Crownsville, MD

Anne Arundel Scottish Festival
Anne Arundel Fairgrounds
<http://www.aasfi.org>

11-12 October - Bedford, TX

Celtic Heritage Festival
Bedford Boys Ranch City Park
<http://www.celticheritagefestival.org>

12 October - Scotland, CT

Scotland Connecticut Highland Games
Edward Waldo Homestead
<http://www.scotlandgames.org>

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