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From the Desk of the President



Greetings Again Fellow Clan Society Members!

As you read this fall edition of the Society Newsletter, most of us are finishing up the 2004 Highland Games and Scottish Festival Season and now turn our thoughts to the Holiday Season which approaches rapidly. This was a busy year for your President. I was able to attend 13 Festivals and Games held all over the United States this year. Needless to say, I had a great time at each of them.

This past quarter has been very busy for your Board of Directors and Officers. At the Annual Directors Meeting in McPherson, Kansas, in September, we welcomed aboard a new Board Member, Robert Bruce Wallace, from California, who will be replacing longtime Director and good friend, Richard A. Wallace. Bob will be taking over the responsibilities of Treasurer in January 2005. Dick and his lovely wife, Janice, will, however, continue to serve the Society as Membership Chairs. It was decided at the ADM that Kay Cayler from California will remain our Secretary for the next year and that William J. Wallace from Arizona will take the Executive Vice President position, relieving Wayne Jones, who will soon fill the new position on the Board as Special Projects Director. I have the honor and privilege of continuing as your President for 2005.

During the Annual Director's Meeting in McPherson, KS, the Board finalized the plans for a new Recognition Program for the Society and is moving forward toward a new Annual Membership Category for the Society. The Society Council Members approved the By Laws Amendment during the September Balloting for the new membership changes. Specific infor-

mation on these two important new projects will be forth coming in early 2005. I am sure that you will all be excited about the projected benefits of their implementation.

Also at the ADM, I was privileged to be able to present to Past President Marcus J. Wallace and to Past President JoAnne Wallace McIntosh individual Lifetime Achievement Awards consisting of a Pewter Quaich and a framed Certificate. Both of these active Board Members are highly deserving of these awards. They have both contributed greatly to our Society over the past many years. Well Done, JoAnne and Marcus!

The most important item for the next month or so will be finalization of our plans for the "Clan Wallace Society Gathering" to Scotland in August 2005. I am informed that we have almost filled the first busload on the tour. Time is getting short, so if any of you are interested, you need to contact Bay World Travel very soon. This is going to be an opportunity of a lifetime. I hope to see you there.

I have unfortunately had to terminate the Wallace Merchandise Mail Order Project that was previously announced in the Clan Newsletter. I never have received orders for the minimums required to make an order. No further orders will be accepted. Sorry, we tried.

As I finish my letter to you, let me send along my Very Best Wishes for a Wonderful Holiday Season to all of you and your families. I look forward to seeing many of you in 2005 in my travels and on the tour.

Pro Libertate!
John R. Wallace
President, Clan Wallace Society

Two Special Evenings in the Company of the CWS' Own Randall Wallace



Randall Wallace (center) at dinner with CWS friends. Photo: Michelle Campbell/Norma Wallace.

On the 19th and 22nd August 2004, CWS members from Arizona and Nevada had a quite a treat. Randall Wallace, who wrote the screen plays for *Braveheart*, *We Were Soldiers*, *Pearl Harbor* and *The Man in The Iron Mask*, visited the Phoenix area. He wrote, produced and directed the last three titles. On Thursday evening (August 19th), Randall hosted two CWS members, two members of Post 48, Scottish American Military Society (SAMS) and the Phoenix Director of USVETS, a national organization that assists homeless vets return to society, to a casual dinner. Randall is a humble and down-to-earth Wallace who made it a point to have private conversations with everyone. He had great stories to tell concerning his moving experience at the Wallace Monument atop Abbey Craig outside of Stirling and his humorous encounter with the ticket seller at the entrance to Edinburgh Castle. The photo above is of Bill Redpath (A Wallace), Commander of SAMS Post 48, CWS members Norma & Bill Wallace of Mesa, AZ, and Ben & Cathy Howard of Gilbert, AZ after dinner.

On Sunday Randall had a special showing of his own copy of *Braveheart* at a local theater. The event was a sell out with some folks turned away by the theater management because there were no seats left. Rick Pawlowski and Mike Steele drove all the way from Las

Vegas, NV, leaving at 0300 hours to make the 1100 hours event. Howard Sloane drove up from Tucson, AZ and was joined by his daughter Rana. William H. Wallace and Almeda came from Mesa, AZ. After the showing of *Braveheart*, Randall had a question and answer session for the audience. Again, he was sincere and humble, not at all the stereotypical Hollywood citizen.

The event closed with Randall spending well over an hour graciously autographing his new book *Love and Honor*, a historical novel about an American of Scots descent who is sent by Benjamin Franklin to the court of Catherine The Great to prevent Russian troops from assisting the British Army defeat the American Revolution. A local book store sold more than 400 copies at the event.

Between the movie and the question and answer session, Ben Howard did a wonderful job representing CWS when he presented Randall with a copy of *The Book of Wallace* and a new CWS life membership certificate. But Ben couldn't convince him that Ben should play the lead when *Love and Honor* is made into a movie. SAMS Post 48 presented Randall with a SAMS medal and certificate. Afterwards, several CWS members went to dinner (photo below).

Ben Wallace summed up the CWS experience with Randall Wallace in AZ in a note to our president with, "A true and honest gentleman of the highest order. It was an honor and pleasure to meet him."

*Submitted by Bill J. Wallace
Director and Convenor, CWS
Mesa, AZ*



(L to R) Bill J. Wallace of Mesa, AZ; Cathy & Ben Wallace of Gilbert, AZ; Rick Pawlowski and Mike Steele, both of Las Vegas, NV; and Bill H. & Almeda Wallace, also of Mesa, AZ.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Tom:

Thank you very much for my first issue of *Am fear-gléidhidh!* I am enjoying the colorful clan Wallace Society membership certificate and information that you sent. It was wonderful to read more about the upcoming trip. I was in most of those locations last September or I would surely sign up. I would dearly love to return and see them all again, but do not think it will be possible to schedule two trips of a lifetime so close together!

I was interested in the the nettlecloth article. Wish I had known; I could have shipped some to Lochcarron! I just took a pickup truck load of nettles to the County dump earlier this week (after rendering them dead and, hopefully, sterile, with Roundup before cutting them. I sure didn't want to put them in my mulch pile! Sorry to tell you that in the same truckload I had a bunch of absolutely gorgeous Scottish Thistles,

as I can't afford to let them grow rampant on my land either. The thistles are so beautiful -- I do enjoy them before they have to go, though!

It was fun to see the relay team in kilts. Every year for the past 3 years I have participated in the "Great Kilted Run" in Seattle. It is a young festival, growing each year, and wearing a kilt is required, although standards for the kilt are lenient. There are booths and food and dancers and music. It is great fun to be piped off as we cross the start line, and run in over the finish line with waving bystanders and kilted pipers piping us in!

Thanks again for getting me on board so quickly.

Sincerely,
Nancy Lovell
Issaquah, WA

New Members

On behalf of Ian Francis Wallace of that ilk, 35th Chief of Clan Wallace, the President and the Board of Directors welcome the **forty-three** individuals listed below to the Clan Council and to our Society, respectively. *Ciad mile failte!*

LIFE TO COUNCIL UPGRADE

Joanne Elizabeth Wallace,
Yankee Hill, CA
Donald E. Wallace, Yorba Linda, CA

COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP:

Gregor James McFarland, Salida, CO
William Edward Wallace,
Grand Junction, CO
Joshua Wallace Hamilton, Etna, NH

LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP:

Timothy A. Powell, Huntsville, AL
William Leslie Redpath, Surprise, AZ
Dixie L. Hall, Fairfield, CA
Jennifer L. Hall, Fairfield, CA
Leslie A. Hall, Fairfield, CA
Abigail G. Mungle, Fairfield, CA
Lee Ander Foster V, Marysville, CA
James Edward Wallace III,
Sacramento, CA
Stephen L. Wallace, Menlo Park, CA
Stephen H. Wallace, Palisade, CO
Gary S. Brinkworth, Tallahassee, FL
Susan Bailey Simons, Winston, GA
Tricia Wallace, Epworth, GA
Vic Wallace, Atlanta, GA
Lindsey Lovic Wallace, Marietta, GA
Christine Wallace Reilly, W Frankfort, IL
Etta Wallace Allender, Gypsum, KS
June D. Wallace, Louisville, KY
Robin Lynn Wallace, Louisville, KY
Bret W. Bennett, Crofton, MD
Michael J. Jackson, Boyds, MD
Joshua J. Rockwell, Grand Rapids, MI
Dr. David O'Dell Clevenger, Glendive, MT
Charles Robert Wood, Lexington, NC
Michael D. Rusk, Tulsa, OK
Sherry Sherer, The Dalles, OR
Susan Ripley Leppard, Mechanicsburg, PA
Dale J. Leppard, Mechanicsburg, PA
Richard W. Wallace, Sr., Liverpool, PA
Dr. Bernard L. Allen, Conway, SC
Patricia Crocker, Houston, TX
Kelly R. Wallace, Wharton, TX
Pamela "Red" Hughes, Austin, TX
Ramsey Jouejati Wallace, McLean, VA
Adam Jouejati Wallace, McLean, VA
Kim Raat, Richmond, VA
Michael E. Raat, Richmond, VA
Kathryn R. Raat, Richmond, VA

2004 ADM Is Declared "A Success"

The Annual Directors Meeting was held 25 & 26 September 2004 at McPherson, Kansas. Past President Marcus "Jim" Wallace reports that "the weather was beautiful with a hint of fall. The site was a city park in downtown McPherson with large spreading trees and a small lake. The CWS site was next to the tent for competitive dancing and was under a very large tree, so large that the Society's two tents side by side did not extend all the way from the trunk to the edge of the tree. It was cool and shaded and could not have been in a better location. The local committee had arranged for us to meet in the Lakeside cabin on the grounds. Dennis Clark and the rest of the local committee were accommodating and responsive. These are not large games and so there were only eight people who signed the book. Etta Wallace Allender of Gypsum, KS, who became a member on the spot. There was also one existing member, Linda Wallace, who visited the tent with her children, Danielle, Jacob, Nathan, and Sarah. The members of the Board in attendance and their spouses had dinner together on Friday and Saturday evening at Montana Mike's Restaurant and they enjoyed each other's

company, visiting together and renewing old friendships. Newly-elected Director Robert "Bob" Bruce Wallace and his wife, Lois, were made welcome by the Board. A refreshing surprise was the number of pipe and drum bands that participated in these games. The companionship was outstanding, the weather cooperative and the work accomplished impressive. All in all, it was a very successful meeting.



(L to R): Dick A. Wallace (CA), Treasurer
Robert "Bob" Bruce Wallace (CA), President
John R. Wallace (VA), EVP Bill J. Wallace
(AZ) holding Sierra, Secretary Kay Cayler
(CA), Marcus "Jim" Wallace (TX), Charles M.
Wallace (GA), Jean R. Wallace (AR), Wayne
Jones (WV), and JoAnne McIntosh (TX).

There are presently 1,022
members of the Clan Wallace.

“All Things Wallace” — Convenors’ News and Members’ Contributions



1st Place Winners: The High Desert Pipes and Drums, official band of the CWS, posing with Miss Albuquerque at Rio Rancho (NM)

Rio Rancho Highland Games and Scottish/Irish Festival

Bill J. and Norma Wallace of Mesa, AZ, attended the Rio Rancho (AZ) Highland Games & Scottish/Irish Festival on the weekend of 26-27 June 2004. Bill writes, “In 2002, then president Jim Wallace proclaimed the HDPD as the official CWS Pipe Band. Several members have been individual contributors to the band for several years. The HDPD won the Grad IVB world championship in Glasgow at the 1999 competition. In 2004 the band will again compete in Glasgow during August in addition to its schedule of Western U.S Pipe Band Competition schedule. At the Rio Rancho (NM) Highland Games and Scottish/Irish Festival on 26-27 June, 2004 the band continued its winning ways and its tradition of supporting the CWS. The band placed first in Grade IV competition and played at the CWS tent, not once but twice. Actually two of the youngest band members played for CWS initially. Later the entire band played. Even more exciting than hearing the entire band was the piping by Shawnee and Joseph Kanteena. This brother/sister team have only played their pipes for one year but wowed the crowd near the CWS tent. We assume they wowed the judges during competition. They train with the band and practice at home where they are home schooled by their mom. Pipe Major Bill Horn and his musicians are reaching out to local communities to attract and train other budding musicians. On Sunday afternoon when all competition was complete the entire band drew quite a crowd when it played a medley at the CWS tent. While there, the band received its first place trophy and was photographed for the media with Miss Albuquerque. For those who would like to learn more about the band their web site is at [http:// www.hdpd.org](http://www.hdpd.org). Consider becoming a band sponsor or

contributor to help them return to Glasgow for another win. The band is an IRS 501 (c)(3) non-profit foundation and donations can be tax deductible.”

49th Grandfather Mountain Highland Games and Gathering of Scottish Clans

President John Wallace announces that Clan Wallace returned to the field at Grandfather Mountain on 8-11 July 2004 to join 100 other Clans and 18 Societies for a beautiful weekend in the North Carolina Mountains. He writes, “New Clan Convenors Russ and Marcia Harper represented the Clan Society well and signed up



CWS Member Destin Fritz

7 new Members during the event from the 68 Wallace Family groups that visited the Tent. As usual the Festivities were filled with beautiful highland music, exciting competitions, and ceremony. New Member Destin Fritz, a young Wallace high school student from Fairview, Kentucky, was present as a guest of his grandmother, who promised Destin that she would bring him to Grandfather Mountain and sponsor his CWS Membership, if he got “Straight A’s” on his school Grade Card. Destin did and is now a Life Member. Welcome, Destin!”

New Wallace Book Published

Member Doug Wallace of Fort Wayne, IN, writes “My father, C. Robert Wolfe, and I have recently published a genealogy of the Wallace Family. The title is *Beyond Braveheart: Wallace Family Roots, 1076-2003*. The book has some 10,000 names. The book focuses on our own direct ancestors but does branch out occasionally. Besides Sir William Wallace, we have found ties to General Lew Wallace author of “Ben-Hur”, Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry, Commodore Matthew Galbreath Perry, and one signer of the Declaration of Independence - George Wyeth of Virginia. Since the publication I have

discovered a tie to Elizabeth Virginia Wallace - better known as Bess Truman. The book has taken 25 years of research, but does not pretend to be all inclusive or the final word on the Clan and Family.” For more information, please contact Doug directly at aetnawolfe@netzero.com.

6th Annual Triad Highland Games

This year’s Triad Games was sited at beautiful Bryan Park just North of Greensboro, North Carolina on 20-21 August 2004. President John Wallace submits that “This moderate sized Festival hosted 5 Pipe Bands and a complete set of heavy athletic events, a



Clan Wallace on the field at the 6th Triad HG

solo piping competition, as well as Scottish Dancing and a Golf Tournament. Co-Convenors, Russ and Marcia Harper and Ron and Terri Heacock, were visited by 17 Wallaces during the weekend, including Clan Society President Captain John Wallace. One of the highlights of the Saturday activities at the Festival was the Veterans March, which brought hundreds of US Military Veterans onto the center field to march with their Service Flags.” An interesting note was that Clan Wallace is credited with being one of the Founding Clans of this nice Highland Games, which began back in 1999.

McLain Celtic Festival

Convenor Richard Wallis, Jr., attended the McLain Celtic Festival at Carlisle, PA, on 04 September 2004. He submits that “Clan Wallace was represented well with Director Wayne Jones, Convenor Richard Wallis, and CWS Webmaster Jim “Bowie” Wallace (nearby with the Knights Templar) at the McLain Celtic Festival this past Labor Day Week-



President John Wallace (3rd from L) leads the official re-establishment of a CWS presence at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games.

some of us that weekend is given over to holding down a tent in the clan area, one of dozens of clan tents at what is advertised as being one of the largest Highland Gathering and Games anywhere in the world. Kay and Russ Cayler hosted the Clan Wallace Tent. For others, the weekend is given over to running one of the numerous concessions at this major event, or showing up to

Flowers of the Forest

Florence C. Wallace, 1905-2004

Florence C. Wallace of Tucson, AZ, passed away in the early morning of Friday, 01 October 2004. She was 99 years old. Mrs. Wallace resided with her son, Charles T. Wallace, longtime council member of the Clan Wallace Society. Mrs. Wallace was a delightful person to meet and know. The family has requested that in lieu of flowers that anyone wishing to donate a memorial instead make a contribution to their local chapter of the Make-A-Wish Foundation as it was one of Mrs. Wallace's favorite charities. The funeral was a private ceremony per the family's request. The Society extends its heartfelt sympathies to Charles T. and his family.

Two LAA's Conferred

The President and Board of Directors took the opportunity to recognize two CWS past presidents with the Society's Lifetime Achievement Award. Marcus "Jim" Wallace and JoAnne Wallace McIntosh have been instrumental in managing the Society's 300% growth since 1999. Jim Wallace now resides in Corinth, TX, while JoAnne resides in Austin, TX. Both sport the newly inaugurated "President's Medallion of Office."

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end. The festival is held in a wooded area with rocky ground giving it a Scottish feel. There were approximately 15-20 Clans represented which looked like a whole army of Scots in the parade of Clans. The McLain Festival includes highland games, song & dance, good food, vendors a plenty, and a display of Scottish cattle that the children really enjoy. Larry Slight brought a replica of Sir William's sword that garnered much attention from visitors to the Clan Wallace tent. Jim "Bowie" did a masterful job demonstrating the great size of the sword and showed how big a man Sir William was to wield such a weapon. There was grand news in terms of memberships. Three new members of Clan Wallace were completed and another 3-5 promising visitors could raise that total. It was a great day and I invite all members near or passing thru the area to stop by next year at the McLain Celtic Festival.

perform at one of the several stages around the grounds. Featured performers at this year's event included the Pipes and Drums of The King's Own Scottish Borderers and the U.S. Marine Corps Band from San Diego performing selections individually, and marching as a combined band playing a handful of tunes. Add to this musical treat the likes of Kinship, Tempest, Wicked Tinkers



Clan Wallace Tent at San Francisco Games

San Francisco Highland Gathering

Newly-elected Society Treasure Robert "Bob" Bruce Wallace sends the following report: "Labor Day weekend in Northern California is set aside for the Caledonian Club of San Francisco's Scottish Highland Gathering and Games at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton, about one hour east of San Francisco. Opening the gates for this annual event -- this year's marked the 139th -- opens the floodgates for up to 50,000 visitors to the Gathering and Games over Saturday and Sunday for everything from heavy events to piping competitions and massed bands. For

and Wolfstone performing at several locations around the grounds and you can easily imagine the crowds moving from one venue to another as the hours of each day progressed. Closing ceremonies each day placed over 300 Pipers and Drummers on the main track in front of the grandstand along with the combined Pipes and Drums of The King's Own Scottish Borderers and U.S. Marine Corps Band, all performing selections appropriate to the occasion. They continued to play as the gates closed on the last stragglers.

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Marcus "Jim" Wallace and JoAnne Wallace McIntosh smile as each is presented with their Lifetime Achievement Awards at the Annual Director's Meeting at McPherson, KS.

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4th Sycamore Shoals Celtic Festival

This 4th Annual event located at Sycamore Shoals State Park in Elizabethton, Tennessee, and sponsored by the Upper East Tennessee Celtic Society was held



President John Wallace is presented with the Honored Clan plaque at the Sycamore Shoals Celtic Festival

on 9-12 September 2004. Clan Wallace Society President John R. Wallace was the Honored Clan Guest for this year's event and was present for the opening ceremonies and the weekend festivities. 21 Clans and Societies were represented this year to participate in the wide range of entertainment and cultural

heritage exchanges scheduled during the beautiful mountain event. Russ and Marcia Harper from North Carolina were present to help host the Wallace Tent where 14 Wallaces signed the log and the Clan Society got one new member. During the 3 days of this Festival over 3,000 guests attended and all had a great time.

Recognition for Academic Excellence

Member Andrew Wallace Wrenn, age 16 and in the 11th Grade at St. Mary's Ryken Catholic High School, scored 1400 on the SAT last year. He has been approached by over 100 colleges. The University of Virginia wishes to place Andy in the Eccles Honors Program for Arts and Sciences or in the Rodham Honors Program for Engineering. UVA produces more Rhodes Scholars than any other public college in the U.S. The University of Southern California recently contacted him to accept a position in their early admissions program, skipping his senior year of high school. He has declined, however, adding that "senior year is too much fun." His brother and fellow CWS Member Jeremy Ryan Wrenn, age 10 and in the 5th Grade at St. John the Evangelist Catholic School has a "straight-A" report card with glowing comments from his teachers. He received a certificate for the Principal's Honor Roll. Andy and Jeremy are the sons of Miriam and Charles "Kip" Wrenn, and the grandsons of former Director and past EVP Charlie Wrenn and Barb Wrenn (both retired convenors), all of Temple Hills, MD. The Society is duly and very proud of the

academic achievements of these fine young men.

25th Tulsa (OK) Scottish Games and Gathering

Clan Wallace Society (Worldwide) was represented by past President Marcus J. Wallace. He writes, "The weather was clear although about 10 degrees warmer than average for this time of year with temperatures ranging from 94 to 96 degrees F. There were about 40 clans represented and as usual the games were held in beautiful Chandler Park. One enthusiastic lad bought a Wallace kilt at the games. His parents expressed an interest in becoming convenors and I gave them copies of the convenors handbook in addition to the regular material I hand out. They took applications for the whole family. A convenor for the Buchanan Clan, Mike Rusk recently discovered a Wallace ancestor and became a Life member on the spot. Mike and his wife Kathryn also won the best tent award for these games. Congratulations! This was the 25th Anniversary for these games and among other things they honored all of the past Directors of the games. The special Honor Guard was made up of Native Americans representing several tribes including Creek, Cherokee and Delaware. "The Honored Guest of the Games was Chenubie McIntosh. He is a descendent of the 16th Chief of the Clan McIntosh in the Highlands of Invernesshire, Scotland. These Scots intermarried into the Creek Indian Nation and were elected principal Chiefs of the prestigious and aristocratic Wind Clan of the Muskogee Indian Nation of Georgia. Chenubie has equal recognition with principal families on both sides of his family heritage. Chenubie travels to Scottish and Creek Indian Festivals all over the United States, patrons will find him wearing his eagle feather war-bonnet, ribbon shirt, beadwork, and the only Muskogee or Creek Nation Tartan ever made. This tartan was designed by Chenubie's father, Chief Dode McIntosh in the 1960's, and was registered in 1973. His Scottish ancestry is also honored through his service as the President of the Clan MacKintosh Society of North America, and he currently serves as one of three trustees of the Society." Incidentally, Chenubie McIntosh is a first cousin of Alta Bearman, wife of CWS Past President Chuck Bearman.

43rd Salado (TX) Scottish Clan



Native American Honor Guard at Tulsa

Gathering and Highland Games

Past President Marcus "Jim" Wallace set up Friday with his daughter, Donna Kay Wallace, and with retired Convenor Mark Wallace of Austin assisting. Jim comments that The weather was cool and cloudy turning to rain for most of the weekend. Members William Wayne and Mary Jo Wallace, Anne Wallace, her daughter Director JoAnne Wallace McIntosh, and JoAnne's husband Jim and son Ian Francis, visited the tent on Saturday. June and Don Hillman and Frank Wallace Leslie also dropped by. In spite of the weather, two visitors became members on the spot. The crowd remained fairly good until the rain started. There were approximately 25 clans represented. We fielded several inquiries concerning the trip to Scotland in 2005." Jim concludes, "Finally, at noon on Sunday, the games were cancelled because of the weather. Heavy athlete Lance



Mark Wallace and William Wayne Wallace

Wallace of Houston was present competing in the games. When asked about his performance, he replied that he 'was doing about as well as anyone who needed more practice.' His results were not immediately available."

CWS at RAF Memorial

During World War II hundreds of Royal Air Force (RAF) cadets learned to fly at Falcon Field in Mesa, Arizona. They were taught by civilian flight instructors alongside U.S. Army Air Corps cadets. Twenty-three RAF cadets lost their lives in training accidents while flying from Falcon Field. All are interred in the Mesa City Cemetery.

On the Sunday closest to Armistice Day/Veteran's Day, their sacrifice is honored. On 14 November 2004, the moving ceremony was opened by the Mesa Caledonian Pipe Band and color guard presentation of the U.S. and U.K. colors. Reverend Jack May, himself an RAF Falcon Field graduate, gave the invocation which proceeded a fly over by AT-6



Bill Redpath (R) presents the SAMS wreath.

World War II training aircraft, a 21-gun salute by Airmen of Luke AFB, Taps and Amazing Grace played by Chris Hossak, P/M of the Mesa Caledonian Pipe Band. After moving poetry readings, organizations presented wreaths at the RAF monument located adjacent to the RAF graves. Members of the Scottish American Military Society (SAMS) Post 48 assisted presenters representing HM Queen Elizabeth II, The Falcon Filed Association, DBE, The Military Order of World Wars and the Caledonian Society of Arizona. The final wreath was presented in behalf of SAMS by Bill Redpath, Commander of SAMS Post 48, and also a Wallace. CWS members Norma and Bill Wallace represented CWS at the ceremony.

Ross' March Inspires "Wallace Heritage Center"



David R. Ross speaking at the Kincardine (ON) Scottish Festival & Highland Games, July 2004.

In fact, Scotland's South Lanarkshire Council has plans to construct a £2 million William Wallace Heritage center in an effort to bring tourism to the area.

David R. Ross is walking from Glasgow to London - to bring home Wallace's body. The East Kilbride man is convenor of the Society of William Wallace and has planned his historic trek to mark the 700th anniversary of the Scots hero's death next year.

It was on 03 August 1305, that Wallace was betrayed by fellow Scot Sir John Menteith who was in the service of England's Edward I. He was captured at Robroyston, near Glasgow and 19 days later arrived in London, where he was taken to Westminster Hall to be tried. Condemned for treason against a king to whom he claimed no allegiance, Wallace was tied to the tails of horses to be dragged six miles through the city to his brutal execution.

After his death, Wallace's torso was cut into pieces and his ashes scattered to the winds. So how does David Ross plan to reassemble the body to bring it home? Symbolically of course! David will recreate Wallace's journey, walking approximately 450 miles from Robroyston to London from 3-22 August 2005. When he returns, he will be carrying Wallace's "body" - but the coffin will contain notes bearing the thoughts of the Scots on their feelings at the freedom fighter's return to his homeland. It will be laid to rest with pomp and ceremony, in a specially prepared mausoleum at St Kentigern's Church in Lanark, where Wallace was married and spent the happiest days of his life.

David hopes the mausoleum will form the first phase of a William Wallace Heritage Center. The author and historian currently

Celebrations to mark next year's 700th anniversary of the execution of William Wallace are in process. Two 'funerals' will be staged, one in London and a second in Lanark, with the aim of drawing 40,000 people.

is in training for the grueling walk, which he insists on doing alone as his own personal tribute to Wallace. But he is inviting Scots to join him when he walks the final six-mile route to Smithfield, where Wallace was executed outside the Church of Bartholomew the Greater, the oldest church in London.

At the church there will be an exclusive commemoration (invitation-only), similar to a funeral service. David said, "I've always been a patriot and I'd hate to think the 700th anniversary of Wallace's death would come and go without any attention. I decided a while back to walk the six miles from Westminster hall to the site of his murder and the whole thing has grown arms and legs. Lots of people wrote to me saying it was a great idea so I decided to walk the entire distance from Robroyston to London. William Wallace is our national hero and the remembrance service will be a serious occasion. When Wallace died, he was a long way from home and there was no one there for him. Hopefully this service will go some way towards making up for that. His body, of course, was completely destroyed after his death but he lives on in the hearts and minds of Scots all over the world. It will be a proper remembrance service with pallbearers speaker and hopefully a few celebrities saying a few words. The church only holds 300, so it'll be invitation only. Members of the Society of William Wallace will be given first refusal."

Mr. Ross concedes that the 450-mile walk will be demanding - but David says the thought of what William Wallace had to endure in London will keep him going. "I keep reminding myself that when Wallace made the same journey he was hung, drawn and quartered at the end of it. The worst I'll need is a band-aid and a few pints of beer. You can tell what he means to the people of Scotland by the number of visitors who flock to the Wallace Monument in Stirling each year. I really hope that once we bring his coffin back to Lanark, it'll signal the start of a proper heritage centre in William Wallace's honour."

Scotland Tour Update

By Lois Wallace

Interest in our Scotland 2005 Tour and Gathering to commemorate the life of Sir William Wallace has been vigorous. Deposits for the tour and requests for information are coming in on a regular basis, keeping our travel agent Wendy Pine of Bay World Travel quite busy. At this writing there is still space available on both the main tour and the pre-tour. Do not hesitate to send your deposits in if you are interested.

When the first bus is filled, a waiting list will be set up with ranking on a basis of the date your deposit is received. When the numbers indicate a second motor coach will be required, a second coach

will be reserved for our group. To experience Scotland with fellow Society members and participate in exclusive events arranged specifically for the members of our group will make this the trip of a lifetime!

To contact Wendy Pine at Bay World Travel, call 1-800-351-8728, or via e-mail at wendy@bayworldtravel.com. (Bay World Travel CST #2034794-10)

ADM 2005 Announced

The 2005 Annual Director's Meeting has been scheduled to coincide with the 44th Salado (TX) Scottish Clan Gathering & Highland Games, 11-13 November 2005.

RSVP with JoAnne Wallace McIntosh by email JMCINTOSH@canteyhanger.com or call 512-391-3429.

Salado is located on Interstate 35, about eight miles south of Belton and about 50 miles north of Austin. The Central Texas Area Museum and College Hill are behind the Stagecoach Inn to the East of I-35 while the Robertson Ranch, site of the Scottish Gathering and Highland Games is on the service road on the West side of I-35, across the highway from the Stagecoach Inn. The Ceilidh and the Tattoo will be held on College Hill.

Additional information on the Village of Salado is available at <http://www.touringtexas.com/salado/>

Additional information on the Salado Scottish Clan Gathering and Highland Games is available at <http://www.ctam-salado.org/scottish-games/>

2005 Clan Wallace Society International Gathering in

SCOTLAND

Pre-tour: 9 - 15 August 2005

Tour: 15 - 23 August 2005

Commemorating the 700th Anniversary of William Wallace's Death.



A unique, customized itinerary is being planned for members and friends of the Clan Wallace Society to visit Scotland in August 2005.

Pre-Tour Highlights: 9 August - 15 August 2005.

US \$1,275.00

- ▶ Glasgow, Loch Lomond
- ▶ Glencoe, the Glen of Weeping
- ▶ The Great Glen, Loch Ness, Urquhart Castle
- ▶ Inverness, Abernethy Highland Games
- ▶ Isle of Skye, Fort William and Ben Nevis
- ▶ The Trossachs, Scone Palace and Edinburgh

Tour Highlights: 15 August - 23 August 2005.

US \$1,869.00

- ▶ Elderslie, Wallace's birthplace
- ▶ Aberdeen, the Granite City
- ▶ Social event with the Wallace 700 Group and the Lord Mayor of Aberdeen
- ▶ Stirling Bridge, Falkirk and Bannockburn
- ▶ Imposing Stirling Castle, Highlands Gateway
- ▶ Edinburgh, Scotland's Magnificent Capital: Pageantry of the Edinburgh Military Tattoo, Old Town, New Town, The Royal Mile and Mighty Edinburgh Castle
- ▶ Robroyston, site of Wallace's capture
- ▶ William Wallace Commemoration at Aberdeen
- ▶ Social Event in Edinburgh
- ▶ The Wallace National Monument at Abbey Craig
- ▶ The Wallace Portrait at Smith's Gallery, Stirling
- ▶ Deeside and its famous castles, including a private tour of Drum Castle led by Laird David Irvine of Drum