

THE FIERY CROSS



Award-Winning Newsletter For Clan An Cu, The Highland Independent Company of Darien



The Highland Independent Company of Darien holds the line against Spanish Infantry during the Battle of Bloody Marsh. Clan An Cu portrayed the Darien Highlanders during the Scottish Heritage Days event at Fort King George in March 2005. Clansmen pictured (L-R) are Mark Tippens, Larry Lynch, Ricky Ingram, Ed Lunderman (only bonnet & shoulder are visible behind Ingram), Neil Fitzgibbons, Steve Henderson, & Philip Boyd (the casualty on the ground).

THE LATEST NEWS

APPALACHIAN HIGHLAND GAMES COMING IN SEPTEMBER

The *Appalachian Highland Games* will be held on Saturday, September 10 in Andrews, North Carolina and *Clan An Cu* has been invited to attend. The one-day event will present us with a very good opportunity for us to rally new clansmen to our standard from an area we have not really tapped into as yet.

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Andrews is located about 36 miles north of Blairsville, Georgia off U.S. Highway 129. We have been told that we are welcome to set up camp on Friday and stay over until Sunday.

Please let Chief Britt Brinson know as soon as possible as to whether or not you will be able to attend so that final plans can be made.

HACKNEY WINS KILTIED MILE

J. P. Hackney has won yet another "kiltied mile" race. His latest victory occurred at the *Blairsville Highland Games & Gathering* back on June 11, 2005. The Blairsville win was no contest, as J. P. won by about a minute, despite a wardrobe malfunction.

Hackney was the only competitor wearing the traditional great kilt. A couple hundred yards from the finish line, it began to come loose from his belt. Despite this inconvenience, he continued on to the decisive win, trailing tartan behind him. Congratulations J. P.!



FOLK TALES OF THE RAILS

Clan An Cu has been invited to return for the *Folk Tales of the Rails* event in Kennesaw, GA. The event will be held on Saturday, **October 8, 2005** from 4-9 p.m. If you would like to attend, please notify Clansman **Neil Fitzgibbons** as soon as possible. He will make arrangements for any per diem offered by the hosts. Last year, people received \$35 to \$50, depending on the length of their trip.

Fitzgibbons, **James Heldreth** & **Ron Brimer** represented our clan last year and had nothing but good things to say about the festivities. **Scott Hodges** (aka General Oglethorpe) was also there and further bragged on the large time had by all. Each of you is strongly encouraged to attend.

Call Neil at one of the following numbers to let him know if you will be able to attend:
Direct: 770-321-4136 Cell: 404-432-6702 Fax: 770-321-5885

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TREKKER'S EVENT AT AMICALOLA FALLS

Chris Zagst sent the following information for each of you to consider.

The *Coalition of Historical Trekkers* (CoHT) is holding their *4th Annual Southeastern Territorial Gathering* this year in a beautiful location near Amicalola Falls/Dahlonge called "Talton Woods". We went to the first one, but have been unable to attend the past two years. I cannot stress enough the beauty of the location. It's great camaraderie. They usually have a woods walk shoot and assorted other activities, including a "Governor's Ball".

More details to follow, but here is what I have so far.

SET: The 4th Annual CoHT South Eastern Territorial Gathering is set for October 20-23, 2005. This is 4 days of food, friends, and fun at Talton Woods in the Beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains of North Georgia. Time period is 1750-1840. Period dress, gear and accouterments requested. This is a closed event for CoHT members only. Guests of CoHT members are welcome as long as they camp with that member. Non-members must join the CoHT if they wish to set up their own camp. Early registration is August 1-October 15 and the camp fee with early registration is \$15. At-camp registration camp fee is \$20.

Shoots and competitions will operate on the blanket prize system.

For details, directions and registration: See the registration form at [this link](#) OR Call, email or snail mail Tom Cissell, 108 Westwind Pkwy, Ball Ground, GA 30107, (770) 886-5153 or se-gov@coht.org or cissell1@adelphia.net, Or Ed Seeley, 530 Reynolds Rd., Fortson, GA 31808

Neil met a few of the CoHT members at Yargo in July. They're a great group. It's strictly a primitive affair. Drop off your gear, park, set up camp. Parking area is about 1/2 mile from the camp. They will have firewood and "hooters". This event gets bigger every year. Traders are welcome and encouraged. No trade fees.

NEWS FROM FORT KING GEORGE

The School's Day event, where the county schools bring their students to the fort for living history presentations, has been moved from Nov. 11 (Veterans Days when the schools are out) to Friday, October 14th. As of now the Fort by Candlelight tour is Saturday evening, the 15th, but this is also the evening of the BIG Brunswick Stewbilee Festival. Steve is considering moving the Candlelight tour to that Friday and seeing about setting up a tent for the Stewbilee, which has planned on having the B-52's and the Spin Doctors perform that evening.

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According to the folks here, what we now know as Brunswick stew originated with Oglethorpe's troops.

STEWBILEE PROMOTERS FIRE UP EARLY INTEREST TO CREATE SIGNATURE EVENT FOR BRUNSWICK, GEORGIA.

Several Local Organizations Combine Annual Events to Create One Big Festival Scheduled for October 15, 2005, called BRUNSWICK Rockin' Stewbilee.

Come enjoy an authentic taste of the Georgia coast as the Brunswick Kiwanis Club, the Brunswick-Golden Isles Chamber of Commerce, Southeast Georgia Health System, Koch Cellulose and The Brunswick News have banded together to form BRUNSWICK ROCKIN' STEWBILEE to be held October 15, 2005 at Mary Ross Park on the waterfront in downtown Brunswick.

A breathtaking expanse of marsh and rivers form the perfect backdrop for BRUNSWICK ROCKIN' STEWBILEE. "I'm thrilled that these organizers have come together to form BRUNSWICK ROCKIN' STEWBILEE," said Vance Leavy, executive vice-president, The Brunswick News. "By doing this, we have pulled together all the ingredients that make Georgia's port city so unique and have the momentum to create a top festival in the Southeast." Saturday's schedule of events begins at 9 a.m. with a 5K-road race, a March of Dimes walk and a Pooch Parade through Historic Brunswick.

Brunswick still maintains her small town charm, coupled with just the perfect dash of twenty-first century zest. Shrimp boats and ocean-going freighters docked along the waterfront mirror this contrast. The Old Town National Register District, an eclectic group of homes showcasing Victorian architecture, preserves yesteryear. And downtown Brunswick showcases renovated buildings and a growing commercial district.

After the road race awards ceremony, the Brunswick Stew Tasting Contest begins at 11:30 a.m. as more than 40 teams vie for top honors of the tastiest stew. "Brunswick stew started here and we're proud to continue the tradition," said Ron Adams last year's stew master and organizer. All visitors will need is a hearty appetite and a keen sense of what makes a top stew so they can cast their vote in the People's Choice portion of the Stewbilee judging. "We're pleased to be part of a larger festival because it only helps showcase the unique qualities of Brunswick," said Hubert Lang, President of the Kiwanis. "And since we are growing and trying to make this a signature event for the Golden Isles we hope more businesses in the community will form their own stew cooking teams."

Also throughout the day, visitors will have many activities to enjoy at the BRUNSWICK ROCKIN' STEWBILEE. Those include an antique car show, vendor browsing, kids' activities and a walking tour of historic Brunswick.

BRUNSWICK ROCKIN' STEWBILEE culminates from 4 until 10 p.m. with an outdoor live music concert on the waterfront. Several local bands hit the stage first before Brunswick and the Golden Isles welcomes the renown acts of the B-52s and Spin Doctors. "The sun setting on the river behind Mary Ross Waterfront Park combined with very talented bands like and the B-52s and Spin Doctors will make a spectacular finale for this awesome day of celebration in Brunswick," said Gary R. Colberg, President and CEO of Southeast Georgia Health System. "Having done community concerts the last few years, we are very proud to join this team effort and again facilitate an event that brings world class entertainment to our community."

Proceeds from the BRUNSWICK ROCKIN' STEWBILEE will go to Signature Squares, Brunswick Boys and Girls Club, Coastal Medical Access Program (CMAP) and Southeast Georgia Health System Foundation. For more information on reserving a vendor space, signing up for the Brunswick Stewbilee, the 5K race or concert information log on to www.brunswickstewbilee.com.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Appalachian Highland Games. September 10, 2005. Andrews, North Carolina.

Folk Tales of the Rails. October 8, 2005. Kennesaw, Georgia.

Foothills Highland Games. November 5, 2005. Hendersonville, North Carolina.

Frederica Festival. February 11, 2006. Fort Frederica, St. Simons Island, Georgia.

Northeast Florida Highland Games. February 25, 2006. Green Cove Springs, Florida.

Scottish Heritage Days. March 18, 2006. Fort King George, Darien, Georgia.

Coastal Heritage Week. March 2006. Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, Brunswick, Georgia.

Savannah Highland Games. April 2006. Richmond Hill, Georgia.

Culloden Highland Games. May 6-7, 2006. Culloden, Georgia.

Battle of Culloden. May 19-21, 2006. Fort Loudon, Pennsylvania.

Blairsville Highland Games. June 2006. Blairsville, Georgia.