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Inc.  
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David C. Ross of Ross, Chief

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An Cirean Ceann Cinnidh



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Loch Shiel and Glenfinnan Monument

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**Motto:** *Spem successus alit* (Success nourishes hope)  
**Gaelic name:** Clann Aindrias (Clan Andrew)  
**Crest:** A hand holding a garland of juniper, proper  
**Badge:** Juniper  
**Pipe Music:** The Earl of Ross March

**Names and Families:** (according to Scottish Kith and Kin/Chief of Clan Ross)

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Andison	Denune	Gillanders	MacLulich	Tullo
Andrew/s	Dingwall	Hagart	MacTaggart	Tulloch
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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, SPRING NEWSLETTER, 2012

### Summer Plans

My mom and I have booked our tickets and I am about to mail my registration to our National Gathering in Winnipeg. Please consider joining us for a fun and interesting weekend! This will be my 4<sup>th</sup> gathering and my mom's 3<sup>rd</sup> and we have always enjoyed ourselves. (My wife and children will be with my Clan Hunter in-laws at the Maxville Games that weekend.)

I also confirmed my plans for the Fergus Scottish Festival, August 10-12. If you plan on attending, consider the Holiday Inn in Guelph that has offered a special rate for Clan members: Phone 1-800-465-4329. Join us on the Saturday evening for their amazing dinner buffet! Contact me if you plan on attending.

I will be blessed to make my 8<sup>th</sup> trip to Scotland this July. A highlight will be participating in the World Wide Gathering of Clan Hunter at Hunterston Castle. At their last gathering in 2007, they celebrated 900 years of owning the land on which the castle currently stands! William the Conqueror's grandson gave it to the Hunter family. In fact their first Laird attained his last name from being the Royal Huntsman to William.

### I Never Knew That About Scotland.

This is the title of amazing reference book I got 4 years ago, compiled by Christopher Winn. As a frequent traveler to Scotland to visit my wife's family, it has pointed us towards several unique trips and discoveries.

One happened last summer. We were in Perthshire visiting Chief David and Lady Eileen and took a detour to see the Meikleour Beech Hedge, on the A93 Highway. This is the world's TALLEST hedge. Reading this, I thought, "Really, this is worth writing about. A TALL hedge?" So, we had to go and see it. Well, it was surprising how awe inducing this was. It is one HUGE hedge. Sure, most of us have seen BIG trees, but to see a plant that from the ground to its top is covered with dense leaves to the height of 120 feet (37 metres) is pretty amazing. It's also half a kilometre long! It is so big that taking a picture was difficult and failed to capture its true size. Planted in 1745 by Robert and Jean Mercer, it was left to grow wild after Robert was killed at the battle of Culloden. It is now maintained by a local trust that cuts and measures it every 10 years in an operation that take four men six WEEKS to complete!

Scotland's first capital, Dunadd, was founded by Fergus Mhor around AD 500 and is Located on the A816 south of Oban. While nothing remains of this Dark Age fort, its location atop a stunning rock hill offers a gorgeous view of the area. Of particular note is the 1500 year old footprint carved into the rock at the summit, believed to have been part of an inauguration ceremony of early Scottish kings. My wife was proud to say her foot fit perfectly, confirming her royalty. My size 11 did not fit and showed my true peasant past ...



Dunadd Hill

ART



Dunadd with the Royal Lizz

ART

Andrew Ross Thibodeau, President

## A BEIJING DREAM COME TRUE

By - Ian Mackay Ross

Six years ago, Jacquie and I realized a retirement dream by becoming drummers (*Jacquie on tenor, and me on bass*) in a Winnipeg pipe band. Some of you will remember our first year tale: when I fell over the top of the drum (!), stopped the band at exactly the wrong time, and had a most marvelous time ... especially watching the entranced faces of the children lining our parade routes. How could life get any better? Here's how.

In 2010 we heard the Prince Albert Highlanders Pipe Band was organizing a Canadian massed band to go to the 13<sup>th</sup> Beijing International Tourism Festival. About a dozen players, spouses and friends from the Pipes & Drums of Manitoba were interested. So, on September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2011, unable to convince Air Canada that my bass drum would fit as a carry-on, I dragged it to the oversize counter (me **and** the drum) where a helpful Air Canada lady winked, looked the other way, and whispered "no surcharge for pipe bands". We were off to the mysterious east!

Our Manitoba contingent joined the 60-player massed band in Vancouver and, countless hours and containers of noodles later, landed amidst the smog of the Beijing airport (*you can actually see little smog clouds indoors*). Their oversize luggage process was a bit different. It took several cartons of cigarettes for the officials to release our drums (!).

The next day, after catching up on sleep, our troupe headed out to a beautiful park behind our hotel for our very first practice together. I was delighted to find a total of five bass drummers (*we normally lead a lonely life ... one to a band*). We elected a bass lead (*the fellow who wasn't paying attention*) and settled in to our playing. Now, in Chinese cities, homes are so small for the majority that cooking is done on sidewalks and living is done outdoors in parks. There was a large crowd of Chinese to gape at us ... amazed at the strange sounds issuing from the pipes and drums. We soon befriended them by letting them take turns on our bass drums. Smiles all around!

The Chinese Government then started us off on relentless touring of Beijing: museums, palaces, temples, restaurants, the Forbidden City, Tiananmen Square (*where I openly purchased a watch sporting a benevolent Chairman Mao waving on its face, a la Mickey Mouse. Twenty years earlier I could have been shot.*) The Beijing Tourism Festival is really a big cultural exchange. It is NOT for foreign tourists. The government brings performers from around the world for their citizens to see, without the cost of leaving the country. In return, once we pay our airfare, performers get heavily subsidized hotels, meals, and tours ... plus a better understanding of China and its people.



Ian, singing Frere Jacques with erhu player in Temple of Heaven Park

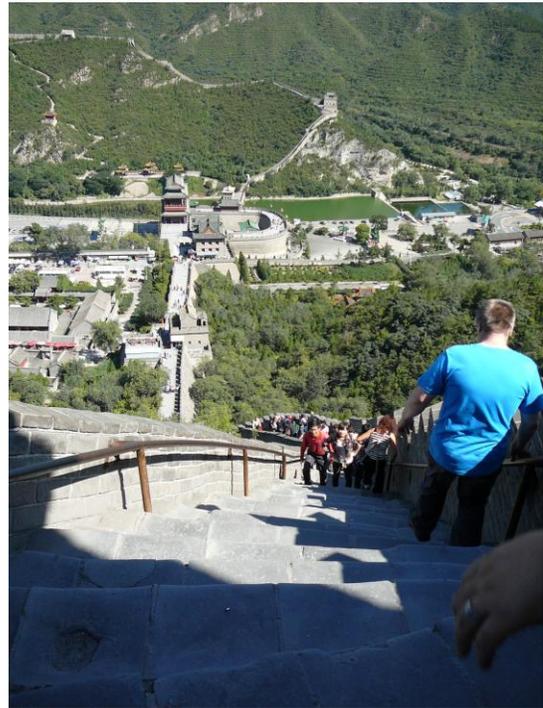
One lovely example: while touring the grounds of the Temple of Heaven (*replete with crowds of Chinese and their outdoor living style*) we came across an erhu (2-string Chinese violin) player. He recognized the Canadian flag our tour leader held and broke into Frere Jacques. I'm a fiddler myself and couldn't resist joining in. I sang the verses and he joined in on the *din, dan, dons*. The Chinese folks in Beijing are very warm and welcoming (*but not the hotel clerks!*).

Then it was time for the dress rehearsal, with all the performing groups strutting their stuff in preparation for the big televised parade in central Beijing. It was really a huge all-day audition ... and our Canadian massed band won the right to lead the parade! I don't know who was more pleased: the band members, or our Chinese tour guides who doubled as political commissars. Next day, security was high. Entry

to the parade route ... for performers AND spectators ... was by invitation/pass only, enforced by four layers of security, including the Beijing SWAT team and very fit men wearing sunglasses, earphones and bulges in their dark suit-jacket pockets. No Tibet protests on live TV here! Amidst a burst of confetti cannons, our band marched out onto a red carpet before a multi-tiered stand of dignitaries, and then counter-marched down an (*artificial, built 2 years ago*) historic avenue before a hand-picked crowd of cheer-leader-led spectators.



(Left) Wearing the Manitoba tartan, Jacquie and Ian Ross after dream concert on China's Great Wall



(Right) The Great Wall slopes down steeply to the castle courtyard where the concert took place

It was thrilling! On the tour bus we exclaimed: “How could we top that?” “Well”, the lead Pipe Major suggested, “How about playing on the Great Wall of China?” Our tour guides were consulted, but we were dismayed to find that the long list of regulations included a complete ban on the playing of musical instruments. But the P/M did not give up. Phone calls were made, a collection was taken, and \$300 CDN changed hands.

Later that week, our tour buses wound up side-roads north of Beijing to a castle forming part of the Great Wall, which snaked up the mountains on either side. Our Canadian massed band marched into the castle courtyard in full uniform and formed the circle, five bass drummers in the centre. The P/M announced, “This is the moment you’ve all been waiting for. The playlist is ... every tune you’ve ever learned!” The sun shone down from a clear blue sky. There were the two familiar 3-beat rolls. We launched into 40 minutes of glorious Scottish tunes reverberating off the mountain peaks. Jacquie and I will never forget it.

## COME “AWA” THE “STAGGIES”: “FITBA” fever in the Highlands!!

By – Jim Turnbull

Founded In 1929, in the wee town of Dingwall, (just north of Inverness) Ross County Football Club played their first games as a team in Scotland’s Highland League. Sixty-five years later (1994) the Scottish Football League re-structured to include more teams and, based on past performance, Ross County F.C. was given status in the third division of the newly expanded Scottish Leagues. For the next 15 years the team battled their way up and down, up and down the lower leagues, but not without winning some silverware, on a few occasions, along the way.

At this point I want to take a moment to reflect back to 1994 to explain how I, a life-long Glaswegian Celtic supporter came to care about the history and future of a little known highland football team. Perusing the Scottish Football League standings one Sunday morning, I noticed a new entry in the Third Division. It was Ross County F.C.. I immediately brought this to the attention of darling wife Chris (through whom my involvement with Clan Ross Manitoba had just recently begun), proclaiming that Ross County F.C. was now our sentimental favorite and subsequently began to follow the team’s exploits.

Over the last few seasons the team’s success has seen them promoted up the tables to the First Division which is one below the Scottish Premier League (S.P.L.). I am delighted to report that, this season, Ross County F.C. have been crowned champions of the First Division which catapults the team up to the S.P.L. for the 2012/13 season beginning in August. This will see Ross County F.C. competing against the likes of Glasgow Celtic and Glasgow Rangers and the rest of Scotland’s best teams. They are not without success against these bigger clubs, so there is room for optimism.

On April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010 7,000 of the “Staggies” faithful descended on Hampden Park in Glasgow and witnessed their team stun 45,000 Celtic supporters (including myself) by dispatching Glasgow Celtic 2-0 in the Scottish Cup semi-final. Unfortunately they lost to Dundee United in the Scottish Cup Final to which 17,000 fans made the trip to Hampden. It must have been very quiet in Dingwall that day.  
The promotion into the S.P.L. also re-ignites the team’s old rivalry against Inverness- Caledonia Thistle who made it through to the S.P.L a few years back.

In closing I invite all Clan Ross members to join Chris and myself on the band wagon. You can follow all the action on the clubs website at [www.rosscountyfootballclub.co.uk](http://www.rosscountyfootballclub.co.uk) .  
UP the STAGGIES!!

### **CLAN ROSS IN AMERICA: 1910 – 2008**

By - Gloria Ross, F.S.A..Scot

This is a banner year for Clan Ross on both sides of the border. One hundred and two years ago, in 1910, a group of influential men of both Canada and the U. S. Met together in New York City to form a Clan Ross Society in America. Sir George Ross, Premier of Ontario, was elected president, Commodore James Ross was elected Vice-President, Alexander Ross MacMahon of Devon, Pennsylvania, was elected Secretary and Historian, Raymond S. Ross of Elizabeth, new Jersey, was made Treasurer and there were no fewer than six vice-presidents.

The second meeting was held in 1912 with Sir George presiding. His death in 1914 brought the presidency to the Hon. Leonard Ross of Massachusetts. Sadly, many of the early leaders died between 1912 and 1914.

In 1914, the secretary published a yearbook outlining a history of the clan in Scotland and also giving brief accounts of the genealogy and profiles of the members of the new organization of both countries. Included in the membership list are the father of Donaldson Ross, Dr. John Ross, and the great-uncle and father of R. F. Sandy Ross, Victor Ross, and Bruce Ross. It is not known how many other descendents of that early group are now members of our modern clan groups.

Clan Ross in America planned a third ceilidh to be held in Toronto, but due to the outbreak of war in Europe, the meeting was cancelled and the organization became dormant for some time.

In 1960, a large group from Canada, including Dr. John R. Ross and several Americans, business woman Margaret D. Ross of New Jersey and Col. Hardin Ross (from his U. S. Air Force unit in England), went to Tain in Scotland to celebrate the 90<sup>th</sup> birthday of Miss Rosa Williamson Ross the 28<sup>th</sup> Chief of Clan Ross. The group was introduced to Miss Rosa by Sheriff Charles Ross, Miss Rosa’s heir designate. The chief encouraged them to start a Ross organization in their own countries. This message caused the Canadian Rosses to take action, for in 1961, the Clan Ross Association of Canada was reinstated with Major James J. Ross of Montreal as president and Dr. John Ross of Toronto as Vice-president.

In 1965, due to his failing health, Major Ross appointed Dr. John president. This happened at the time that Dr. Ross was working on his monumental work “The Great Clan Ross” which was published the following year. Thus, his Association activities had to take a back seat for a while.

Several happenings in the 1970’s gave new life to the Scottish clans in Canada. The Council for Scottish Clans (CASSOC) was formed. Tattoos drawing immense crowds were held at the CNE bringing pipe bands and entertainers from Scotland and. The CNE provided a booth for Scottish clans to greet Scottish attendees and Dr. Ross met many of the people who were to become the nucleus of Clan Ross Canada. Sandy Ross who became the first commissioner in 1977; Margaret Ross Montgomery who became secretary-treasurer and later, newsletter editor; and Ron Ross who became vice-president. Sandy manned the booth for Dr. Ross beginning in 1977 and the register from those days lists many of the people who were a vital part of this young group: Hugh and Frances Ross, Gertrude Teskey, Ron and Helen Ross, Margaret and Duncan Montgomery, and Eldred Cook and Ed Swinton.

In 1977, the first International Gathering of the Clans was held in Scotland. Clansmen met their chiefs, premier entertainers performed, trips to different clan areas were taken, and people met clansmen from around the world. The fledgling Clan Ross Association of the U.S., that had just been activated the year before, was well represented and lasting friendships were formed. Sandy Ross attended the gathering as representative of Clan Ross Association of Canada and met Chief David Ross of Ross and Shadwick as well as Americans Hardin and Tabitha Ross, Matt and Nancy Ross, Dr. Rick Ross and a McDonald from Virginia and Gloria Vaden, who was to become his bride in 1979.

Clan Ross Canada has always been active in CASSOC with many delegates, starting with Dr. John. Other delegates were Sandy Ross, Ron Ross, Margaret Montgomery, and others. Serving on the executive were Donaldson Ross and Gloria Ross. CASSOC Balls usually found tables of Rosses that had gathered beforehand at a Ross cocktail party.

In 1980, during the second International Gathering of the Clans, CASSOC president, Sylvia McPhee, led the official Canadian delegation, which included Commissioner Sandy Ross and his wife. Ms. McPhee proudly took the salute on the esplanade of Edinburgh Castle. A reception held at the historic Signet's Library followed.

Having attended many Scottish Games in the U. S., the Commissioners realized that having a Ross tent at games was a wonderful recruiting means. It also provided clan and Scottish information to tent visitors. Canadian Clan Ross tents were sponsored at Fergus, Embro, Speyside, Georgetown, Humber College, Orillia, and other games. Membership grew and this continues to be one of the main recruiting means for the Association. Clan Ross led the way by having some of the first clan tents in Canada. The growth of the Canadian organization spread from Ontario east to Nova Scotia and west to Winnipeg and the west coast.

Strong leadership emerged in Manitoba. Included in this group were MacKay Ross, Edith Denoon, Eldon and Carol Ross, Bill McCulloch, Ian and Jacquie Ross, Barbara and Dennis Fletcher, Christine Ross, Sheila Ross, and many others. This enthusiastic group has increased the Canadian Ross presence and remains much of the strength of the organization.

In the east, Macgregor Ross leads the Ross group with help from Grant Ross, David Ross, Marilyn Ross in Nova Scotia, while in Prince Edward Island, Howard Ross leads an active group of members. In the far west, Clan Ross members are under the leadership of Dorothy O'Donnell.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

From: <http://www.greatclanross.org>

**May 19 - 20, 2012: VICTORIA, BC.** 149th Victoria Highland Games & Celtic Fest, Bullen Park in Esquimalt Website: <http://www.victoriahighlandgames.com/>

**May 19, 2012:** Courtenay, BC. 17th Annual Comox Valley Highland Games at Lewis Park. Info: (250)338-0363. Website: <http://www.cvhg.org/>

**May 26 - 29, 2012:** Perth-Andover, NB. Gathering of the Scots Festival at Baird's Memorial Campground. (506)273-6710. Website: <http://www.gatheringofthescots.com/>

**June 09, 2012:** Georgetown, ON. 37th Georgetown Highland Games at the Fairgrounds. (905)584-5440. Website: [http://www.georgetownhighlandgames.com/index.php?title=Main\\_Page](http://www.georgetownhighlandgames.com/index.php?title=Main_Page)

**June 09, 2012:** Grande Prairie, AB. 26th Grande Prairie Highland Games at Macklin Field. Website: <http://www.gphighlandgames.com/>

**June 16, 2012:** Squamish, BC. BC Legion Highland Gathering. For further information visit: <http://www.highlandgathering.ca/>

**June 16, 2012:** Jackson's Point, ON. Georgina Highland Gathering. Website: <http://www.georginahighlandgathering.com/>

**June 22 - 24, 2012:** Summerside, PE. Summerside Highland Gathering & Celtic Festival. College of Piping. (902)436-5377. Website: <http://www.collegeofpiping.com/>

**June 23, 2012:** Cobourg, ON. 49th Annual Cobourg Highland Games Festival. Donegan Park, D'Arcy Street South. Website: <http://www.cobourghighlandgames.ca/>

**June 23, 2012:** Red Deer, AB. 65th Annual Red Deer Highland Games. Westerner Exposition Park. (403)343-6418. Website: <http://reddeerhighlandgames.ca/>

**June 23, 2012:** Coquitlam, BC. 80th British Columbia Highland Games and Scottish Festival. Percy Perry Stadium (formerly Coquitlam Town Centre Stadium). Held on last Saturday every June. Phone: 604-263-9111. Website: <http://www.bchighlandgames.com/>

**June 23 - 24, 2012:** Hamilton, ON. 21st Annual International Military Tattoo 7:30 PM & 2:30 PM respectively at Copps Coliseum (905)523-1753. Website: <http://www.canadianmilitarytattoo.ca/>

**July 1, 2012:** Embro, ON (near Woodstock). Zorra Caledonia Highland Games. Community Centre. Website: [www.embrohighlandgames.ca](http://www.embrohighlandgames.ca)

**July 6 - 8, 2012:** Kincardine, ON. 11th annual Kincardine Scottish Festival & Highland Games. Victoria Park. Toll Free: 888-232-7952. Website: <http://kincardinescottishfestival.ca/>

**July 1 - 8, 2012:** Halifax, NS. The Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo. Halifax Metro Centre. Tickets: Phone 902-451-1221. Website: <http://www.nstatattoo.ca/>

**July 6 - 8, 2012:** Almonte, ON. 15th annual Almonte Celtfest. Gemmill Park. Website: <http://almonteceltfest.com/>

**July 8 - 15, 2012:** Antigonish, NS. - 149th Antigonish Highland Games. Columbus Field. Website: <http://www.antigonishhighlandgames.com/>

**July 14, 2012:** Haliburton Village, ON. 23rd Annual Haliburton Highland Games at Head Lake Park. Website: <http://www.haliburtonhighlandgames.com/>

**July 20 - 21, 2012:** Cambridge, ON. 36th Annual Cambridge Highland Games at Churchill Park. Phone: 519-241-4906. Website: <http://www.cambridgehighlandgames.org/>

**July 20 - 22, 2012:** Orillia, ON. The 35th Annual Orillia Scottish Festival. Couchiching Beach Park. Friday night Ceilidh at the Legion. Saturday parade to the Park. Website: <http://www.orillialegion.com/festival.html>

**July 27 - 29, 2012:** Fredericton, NB. 31<sup>st</sup> Annual New Brunswick Highland Games and Scottish Festival. Old Government House. Website: <http://www.highlandgames.ca/hg/news.html>

**July 27 - 29, 2012:** Uxbridge, ON. 17th Annual Highlands of Durham Games. Elgin Park in Uxbridge. (905)852-0112. Website: <http://www.highlandsofdurhamgames.com/>

**July? - August?, 2012:** Winnipeg, MB. Pavilion of Scotland . . . Folklorama. New Location: Glenwood Community Centre. Please check website: <http://www.pavilionofscotland.ca/> (Website not updated at this time.)

**August 4 - 6, 2012: Winnipeg, MB. The 21st Annual Meeting of Clan Ross Association of Canada since incorporation. Register now so that you will be able to participate in all exciting events. For complete information, including registration, please visit our website: <http://www.greatclanross.org/2012AGM-Winnipeg.html>**

**August 5, 2012:** Montréal, QC. Montréal Highland Games and Festival. George Springate Sports Centre. Website: <http://www.montrealhighlandgames.qc.ca/>

**August 10 - 12, 2012:** Goderich, ON. 20th Annual Celtic Roots Festival. Lion's Harbour Park, West Street? Website: [http://www.celticfestival.ca/fr\\_home.cfm](http://www.celticfestival.ca/fr_home.cfm)

**August 10 - 12, 2012:** Fergus, ON. 66th Fergus Scottish Festival and Premier North American Highland Games. Fergus Community Centre. The Scottish Studies Foundation will sponsor the highly successful Clan Passport "Treasure Hunt" for the youngsters once again. Website: <http://www.fergusscottishfestival.com>

**August 17 - 19, 2012:** Peterborough, ON. Peterborough Celtic Festival. Website: <http://peterboroughcelticfestival.com/>

**August 25, 2012:** Almonte, ON. 26th North Lanark Highland Games at the North Lanark Agricultural Society fairgrounds. (613)256-2064 ext. 221. <http://www.almontehighlandgames.com/>

**Editor's note:** Two years ago, I gave notice that my position as newsletter as editor would end with the Spring, 2012 issue. That time has arrived. I thank all those who contributed articles, photographs, comments, and ideas for the newsletter. Your participation has made the newsletter possible. I wish your new newsletter editor every success and hope that whoever it is will enjoy the position as much as I have. – Patricia D. Ross

**ACT NOW TO JOIN THE FUN!**  
**2012 Annual General Meeting (AGM) Weekend in Winnipeg**  
By - Ian Ross

*The Manitoba Chapter warmly invites you to the 2012 AGM weekend in Winnipeg, August 4-6 inclusive. (There is a Clan Ross-Canada business meeting every year, run by your National Executive... but in even years it is accompanied by a whole weekend of interesting activities.) Our committee is working hard to make this one especially memorable. Clan Ross members and their friends from across Canada (and we often get a few from Clan Ross – USA) are encouraged to attend. **Make your summer vacation a “Clan Ross vacation”!***

In the past three newsletters we outlined how we would introduce you to your “Inner Viking” at Gimli’s Icelandic Festival (*the Vikings were one of 6 groups which eventually coalesced into the Scots*) ... to a late 19<sup>th</sup> century farmhouse built by descendants of the Red River Colony’s Selkirk Settlers (*for our AGM and BBQ lunch*) ... to the “mysteries of the ancients” on a private Hermetic Code Tour of the classic Manitoba Legislative Building (*if you are a Mason, are fascinated with the occult, or know someone who is, you MUST experience this*) ... and fill you up with great food, drink and entertainment at Gasthaus Gutenberger (*an upscale German schnitzelhaus*), Jane & Walter’s Restaurant (*Lake Winnipeg pickerel fry*) and Hunt’s Country Roadhouse (*Western BBQ beef*).

This combination of Red River valley history and western hospitality is proving popular. We have received registrations or commitments from Clan Ross members in Saskatchewan, Manitoba (*of course!*), Ontario and Nova Scotia! Why don't you join us? **Send in your Registration Form (attached) and cheque right now!!**

Here's the weekend program in detail:

### **Saturday, August 4, 2012**

Attendees arrive in Winnipeg during the course of the day.

7:00-10:00 pm ... registration and informal reception at the Norwood Hotel, on the edge of St. Boniface's historical "French Quarter", featuring:

\* snack foods, hotel cash bar

\* meet & greet ... mingle with fellow Clan members from across Canada

\* Celtic fiddle player and guitar duo playing Scottish, Irish and Red River valley "old-time" music

(NOTE: in previous articles we advertised an entire fiddle group ... but we've had to scale the number of musicians back due to the size of the reception room)

\* drawing & quartering of a Wild Western Haggis from the Clan Ross Corral

### **Sunday, August 5**

On your own for breakfast at the Norwood Hotel's breakfast buffet

9:30 Group transportation to McBeth House, an authentic late 19<sup>th</sup> century farm house built by direct descendants of Lord Selkirk's Highland settlers of the Red River Colony (*which became the Province of Manitoba*). There will be stops along the way to view the almost-complete National Human Rights Museum exterior and the recently erected Scottish Pioneer Monument, one of only 10 in the world.

11:00-12:30 AGM business meeting at McBeth House, conducted by the executive

12:30-2:30 Wild West BBQ on the grounds of McBeth House. How do hamburgers, hotdogs, BBQ beans and all the fixings sound? We'll run our own cash bar, at cost. Jeans recommended ... cowboy hats if you have them. *AND ... the Manitoba Chapter is planning a bit of surprise Scottish entertainment.*

Group transport back to the Norwood Hotel for a brief rest/change of clothes, then:

5:00 Group transportation to the Manitoba Legislature for:

5:30 – 7:00 our private Hermetic Code Tour, followed by:

7:30-9:00 dinner at Gasthaus Gutenberger, followed by return to the Norwood Hotel.

### **Monday, August 6**

To explore our Viking roots, we will spend a day at the Islendigadagurinn (*Icelandic Festival*) in the town of Gimli ... about 100 km north of Winnipeg, including:

On your own for breakfast at the Norwood Hotel

8:00 group transportation to Gimli

10:00 watch the big hour-long parade (*Vikings, pipe bands and Shriners on motorcycles*). You may recognize a Clan Ross member or two!

12:00 group transportation to Sandy Hook for fish-fry lunch at Jane & Walter's Restaurant in Sandy Hook ... then, 1:30, back to Gimli for:

2:00 tour of the authentic Viking village on the lakeshore, complete with experienced re-enactors who literally camp there on a hilltop for the entire weekend festival

3:00 thrilling Viking attack and mass warfare re-enactment ... followed by free time in the vendor's market and the unique old Torgeson's country general store

5:30 Group transportation to Petersfield (*Metis community*) for 6-8:00 group dinner, collectibles museum and then Alex Lamoureux (*B.C. provincial champion fiddler in 2008 and 2009*) and friend will raise the roof with some real old-style western, Metis and barn dance tunes ... all at Hunt's Roadhouse. We will run our own cash bar, at cost.

Back to the Norwood Hotel by 9:30 pm or so.

Attendees should plan their departure from Winnipeg no earlier than Tuesday, August 7.

Send in your Registration Form (*elsewhere in this newsletter*) and cheque for the prepaid events/meals today.

**DEADLINE: Registrations must be received by July 1<sup>st</sup>. We hope to see you there!**

**REGISTRATION FORM (one per family)**  
 Clan Ross – Canada Annual General Meeting Weekend August 4-6, 2012  
**DEADLINE: MUST BE RECEIVED AT ADDRESS BELOW BY JULY 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012**

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Postal Code:

Phone: (     )     -

eMail:

Additional names of people being registered in a family group:

**Accommodations** check one only:

\_\_\_ I am booking directly with The Norwood Hotel, 112 Marion Street, 1-(204)-233-4475 or TOLL-FREE 1-888-888-1878 quoting special Clan Ross AGM rate of \$114.00/night (*plus taxes*)

\_\_\_ I am staying at alternate accommodations, and can be phoned at: \_\_\_\_\_

*(NOTE: group transportation provided ONLY to/from the Norwood Hotel for all events)*

**Number of people attending each event:**

**Adults & Teens**  
**13 and over)**

**Children**  
**(up to 12)**

**Saturday, August 4, 2012**

7:00 pm -10:00 pm ... registration/reception at Norwood Hotel, snack foods, haggis and entertainment included ... hotel cash bar

\_\_\_ (qty)

\_\_\_ (qty)

**Sunday, August 5**

9:30 group transportation to historic McBeth House

\_\_\_ (qty)

\_\_\_ (qty)

11:00-12:30 AGM business meeting at McBeth House

\_\_\_ (qty)

*no children, please*

12:30-2:30 burger/hot dog BBQ at McBeth House (cost incl., with cheap cash bar)

\_\_\_ (qty)

\_\_\_ (qty)

5:00 group transportation to the Manitoba Legislature:

\_\_\_ (qty)

\_\_\_ (qty)

5:30-7:00 Hermetic Code Tour, at \$21.00 p.p. (GST incl.)

\_\_\_ (qty)

\_\_\_ (qty)

7:30-9:00 schnitzel dinner at Gasthaus Gutenberger, \$31.75 p.p. (tip and taxes incl., drinks/dessert extra)

\_\_\_ (qty)

\_\_\_ (qty)

**Monday, August 6**

8:00 group transportation to Gimli area & Petersfield

\_\_\_ (qty)

\_\_\_ (qty)

12:30-1:30 pickerel fry lunch at Jane & Walter's Restaurant in Sandy Hook, \$16 (tip and taxes included, drinks extra)

\_\_\_ (qty)

\_\_\_ (qty)

6:00-8:00 Western BBQ beef dinner at Hunt's Country Roadhouse & Museum, Petersfield, with champion fiddler Alex Lamoureux \$35.50 (tip and taxes incl., cheap cash bar)

\_\_\_ (qty)

\_\_\_ (qty)

**I am enclosing a cheque made out to "Clan Ross-Manitoba Chapter" for:**

**Registration Fee** (which covers Sat. reception, Sunday BBQ lunch, meeting room, group transportation Saturday and Sunday, and all entertainment)

\_\_\_ (qty) adults (18 and over) @ \$24.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ (qty) teens (13-17 years) @ \$20.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ (qty) children (up to 12) @ \$ 5.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

**Sub-total registration fees**

**Hermetic Code Tour** \_\_\_ (qty) @ \$21.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

**Schnitzel Dinner** \_\_\_ (qty) @ \$31.75 = \_\_\_\_\_

**Pickerel Lunch in Sandy Hook** \_\_\_ (qty) @ \$16.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

**Western Beef Dinner & show in Petersfield** \_\_\_ (qty) @ \$35.50 = \_\_\_\_\_

**GRAND TOTAL CHEQUE**

**COMPLETE FORM, ATTACH CHEQUE AND MAIL TO:**

**Treasurer Ian Ross, Clan Ross-Manitoba, 273 Stradford Street, Winnipeg, MB R2Y 2E1**

**DEADLINE: MUST BE RECEIVED AT THIS ADDRESS BY JULY 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012**