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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

This has been quite a year for the Society. To recap briefly here are some key happenings between October 2007 and September 2008.

- Membership reached 1351
- Conveners began representing the Society in Alberta, IL, NH, MN and OR.
- Clan Crawford began making CWS material available at festivals where they have conveners but we do not. We have been doing that for Clan Crawford since 2007.
- In the category of good works the Society made significant donations to the National Trust for Scotland to assist in restoration of the Culloden Battlefield. By the way, the paver recognizing the CWS contribution is now in the walkway to the Visitor's Centre.
- In addition, the Society assisted, financially, in the restoration of the Robert Burns statue in Milwaukee in time for the 200th anniversary of The Bard's birth in 2009.
- Joanne Crawford and CWS member Rafif Jouejati teamed up to produce a first-class publication about the William Wallace-Crawford connection. The publication will soon be available on the Society web site.

Early in September I was privileged, along with other representatives of the designated honored clans for 2009, to lead the parade of clans through the streets of Estes Park. What a thrill to attend the Scottish/Irish Festival & Highland Games there! Members who attend the Society 2009 Gathering are in for a terrific experience.

During September the 2008 election of Directors was completed. Again, Thank You to all who volunteered to fill Society leadership positions and congratulations to the winners, Membership Chair Charles Wallace, Convener Chair Jean Wallace, Web Master Jim "Bowie" Wallace, and new Director Darrell Wallace who will fill the vacancy created by Jim Marcus Wallace's completion of service on the Board of Directors. New Director Donna Wallace will complete the term of Kay Cayler, who is resigning effective January 1, 2009. Donna will also assume the duties of Secretary.

I hope you read the special notice 1st page of this edition of *The Guardian*. Like you the CWS is doing its best to deal with increasing prices. Specifically, printing and mailing of newsletters and member correspondence are the largest expenses every year.

Norma and I and the members of the Board wish all of you a very joyous holiday season and a healthy and prosperous 2009.

Bill

CONVENOR'S CORNER

We are in the process of updating all Convenor addresses; phone numbers; emails and games convened every year. There are several areas that require this information, the newsletter editor, membership chairman, and convening. In order to stay in touch with you and so you continue to get special information, we need current information on all members, so please, please send your new street addresses and/or emails. Also, if a member registers at the games where you are convening and mentions oh, this is a new address, PLEASE send it to the groups listed above. It would be helpful if you could give us the web site (if there is one available) for the various games that you convene. New photos for the Clan Wallace web site would also be appreciated. Please email them to our Webmaster jpeg format so they can be added to the web page. We also need to update the "permission to publish" your name as Convenors. This can be done in an email confirmation.

It is that time again to look to the 2009 schedule and send in your list of games where you will convene next year. Please send me your list, and remember if there is a web site for those games, it would be a nice addition for our Webmaster; it really helps him save time in updating the information for the web site.

We have added new Convenors in New Hampshire, Illinois, Minnesota and Idaho and hope to have more next year. So anyone interested in convening please contact me and I will be happy to get you started on making new friends and sharing information about Clan Wallace with members and future members in your area.



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 ten individuals listed below to the fellowship of our Society.

Annual Members

Margaret Mascorro, Carrollton, TX
Kristin Bryant, Erie, CO
Sally Wallace Murray, North River, NY
Margaret Edelstein, Portland, OR
Coralee Nichols, Homosassa, FL
Jack Warrington, Albany, CA
Jason Wallace, Tucson, AZ

Council Member

Betty Wallace Luther, Charlotte, NC

Life Members

Joseph Wallace Austin, Essex Jct., VT
Sharon C. Steiger, Genesee, ID



47TH SALADO, TEXAS SCOTTISH GAMES AND GATHERING 2008

The 47th Annual Scottish Games and Gathering were held this past weekend on November 7-9, 2008. They were held in Pace Park in Salado. This was a new location for the games, having moved from the Robertson Ranch location where they have been held the past few years. The weather was a delight, especially after some of the "Scottish" weather we have experienced the past few years. Standing in mud up to your ankles is not my idea of fun but maybe I am just getting old. I set up on Friday afternoon with assistance from fellow member Frank Wallace Leslie. He set up for Clan Leslie in the space next to mine. I was assisted over the weekend by my daughter Donna Kay Wallace, also a Council Member of CWS. My brother William Wayne Wallace, of Canyon Lake, Texas, also a Council Member of CWS, visited and helped to provide coverage. Visitors to the tent included CWS Co-founder Anne Wallace of Salado, Texas and Lance Wallace of Houston, Texas. Lance was competing in heavy athletics. An annual visitor to the tent was Life Member June Wallace Hillman of Rockwall, Texas and her husband Don Hillman.



Pavilion at Pace Park. All Highland Dance Competition was held here.



Reuben Leslie, David Leslie White, Lynne Leslie and Frank Wallace Leslie

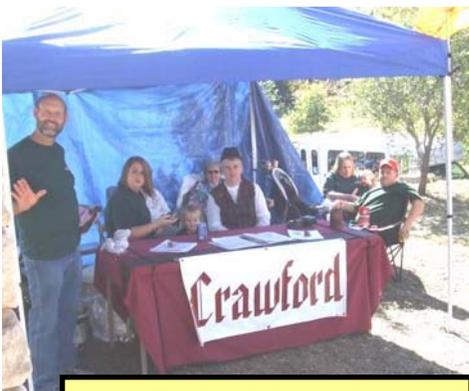


Clan Wallace Tent w/ Jim Wallace

Life Member Gail and Jeff Wallace of Plano, Texas came by and submitted a new snail mail address. They had been lost for some time and were looking forward to getting back on the newsletter mailing list. Also setting up a tent for the first time this year was Camilla Bollinger and her husband Kevin of Clan Crawford. She and her husband shared a tent with me last year as a way to get started and learn the ropes. This is part of our commitment to Clan Crawford to help them get started with convening. All in all it was a very good weekend. Many of you know that this location was the start of CWSW some 40 plus years ago. The games have been held in the vicinity of the Stagecoach Inn in Salado since the beginning.



Don and June Hillman; Donna Wallace



Clan Crawford Tent with Kevin and Camilla Bollinger as Convenors



Lance Wallace of Houston and friend Christi

HOW DOES JIM SCHMELTZER FOLLOW HONORED CLAN AND THE GATHERING AT WILLIAMSBURG GAMES? HE WINS BEST TENT DISPLAY

Team Schmeltzer won the Lord Dunmore award for Best Clan Display for 2008 at the Williamsburg Scottish Games. The Team was made up of Wayne and Cathy Jones, Jim "Bowie" Wallace, Lowell Wallace, Mary Anne Whiteside and Garret Whiteside. The award winning display was a full team effort. Jim led his team providing encouragement and inspiration to all. He also supplied great Scotch. The Wallace Tent had over 150 visitors, of which 24 completed the information page and took membership information. Many also took information on how to order the Book of Wallace. It was an outstandingly productive effort on the part of the team. Cathy and Wayne Jones provided a beautiful Tent display, Jim "Bowie" made sure the replica of the Wallace Sword and its partner sword were present. Mary Anne and Garret provided the "monkey work" as Mary Anne put it. They delivered, set up, manned the tent and tore down. Lowell worked the tent and was a HUGE help on the money brigade. Not saying they had such a good time they looked like happy little monkeys, but you can decide by looking at the picture. Just two who lifted a "wee dram" to Jim.

Team Schmeltzer thought you might like to see the awarding tent.



Our thanks go to Jim for providing the motivation and inspiration to do a tent of this quality to represent the Wallace Clan. Thanks also to Wayne Jones for not only mentoring a couple of upstarts like Garret and Mary Anne but also providing everything needed for an award winning display.



Mary Ann presented the new William Wallace award for Williamsburg convener Jim Schmeltzer to the "Most Improved Athlete" of the games.



Lowell Wallace, Mary Anne and Garret Whiteside



Lowell Wallace and Garret Whiteside

MEMBERS INFORMATION CHANGE FORM

Current Name _____

Current Address _____

Memb. No. (on mail label) _____

Phone Number _____

Old Email _____

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WRITE ONLY WHERE CHANGES APPLY

New Name _____

New Address _____

New Phone Number _____

New Email _____

Comments _____

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Cooking Corner ~ Holiday Fare

May you have warm words on a cool evening, a full moon on a dark night, and a smooth road all the way to your door.



Evergreen Punch

2 cups Sugar
2 quarts Warm Water
2 pkgs. Lemon Lime Kool-Aid
1 46 oz. can Pineapple Juice
1 2 ltr. Ginger ale

In large container, dissolve sugar in water. Cool. Add Kool-Aid & pineapple Juice. Mix and pour into two pitchers. Chill until ready to use. Can do individual servings by shaking mixture well before pouring over ice leaving room to top with ginger ale or serve in punch bowl by adding shaken mixture & ginger ale together with ice or ice ring. To

Jezebel Sauce

1 18 oz. jar Pineapple Preserves
1 small can Dry Mustard
1 Tbsp. course ground Pepper
1 18 oz. jar Apple Jelly
1 4-5 oz. jar Horseradish

Combine all ingredients mixing thoroughly on low. Store in jars in refrigerator. Perfect condiment for chicken, beef & pork or served over cream cheese crackers.

Rum Raisin Shortbread

½ cup Raisins
¼ cup Dark Rum
1 cup Butter
½ cup Powdered Sugar
2 cups Flour
¼ tsp. Salt
¼ tsp. Baking Powder

Soften butter to room temperature. Combine raisins and dark rum in small sauce pan and bring to boil (can also be done in microwave). Remove from heat and let stand for about an hour. Drain. Cream butter and sugar together until smooth. Combine flour, salt and baking powder and slowly blend into creamed mixture. Stir in drained raisins. Chill dough if necessary (about an hour). Roll out to 1/4" and cut out cookies with favorite cookie cutter. Place on un-greased (I use parchment paper) cookie sheet. Bake 325 for 15 minutes until lightly browned. Remove to a rack to cool completely. Store in airtight container.

Happy Holidays!

By North Carolina Convenor Nina Wallace



Carey Wallace-Johnson promoted to Ensign in her NJROTC unit and Honors Clan Wallace in design of her gown.

My niece, Carolyn (Carey) Wallace-Johnson, attended her annual Military Ball in January, 2008, where she received a special award for loyalty to God and Country. She was also promoted to ensign in her NJROTC Navy unit, one of 6 officers over 130+ students. In an unexpected departure from the usual formal wear required for this annual evening event, she asked me to design and sew her a gown that would show off her Wallace plaid drape. She stated that she wanted to feature her Wallace plaid as an important statement of her heritage and history. I was pleased to make her gown, and very pleased that she was so interested in representing Clan Wallace in this manner.

Carey is shown with Chief Richardson, of the AM Vets of Ramona, California, presenting her the Loyalty to God and Country award.

Carey's gown is made of white on white embossed satin. Her Clan Wallace Plaid is made from Wallace 100% cotton, with her Clan Wallace pin in the center of the Rosette. The representation of Clan Wallace in this manner was very well received at the Naval Military ball. Carey is the daughter of Carolyn Wallace, of Ramona, California, and the niece of Nina and David Wallace, Clan Wallace conveners in North Carolina.



WALLACE TRIVIA

From past Director Dick Wallace of Marysville, California comes another Town named Wallace, in this case California. If you have a Wallace named town or place, please submit the story and a picture. For instance I know there is a Wallace, Arkansas and if I can find it, I'll take a picture for sharing.

6TH CLAN WALLACE INTERNATIONAL GATHERING: SEPT 11-13, 2009

Mark your calendars now and plan to attend the 2009 Clan Wallace International Gathering to be held in Estes Park, Colorado September 11th – 13th in conjunction with the 33rd Longs Peak Scottish / Irish Highland Festival.

We're proud to announce that Clan Wallace has been chosen as one of the Honored Clans for the 2009 Festival.

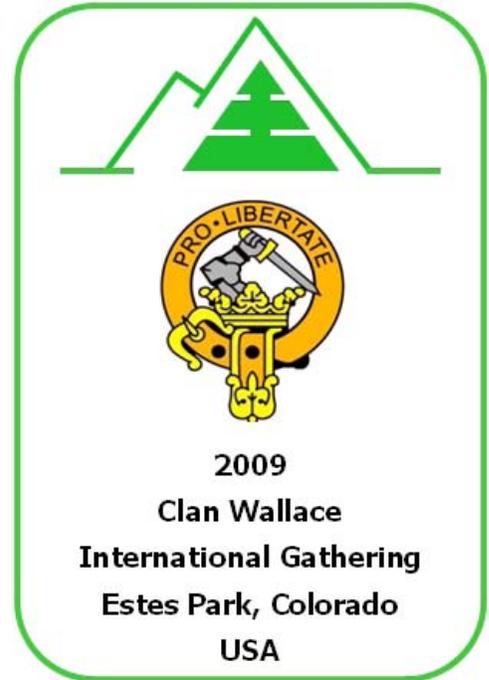
Over 75,000 are expected to attend the Festival, one of the largest in the United States. Over 50 events run throughout the weekend including a US / International Jousting Competition, Amateur & Professional Scottish Athletics Championships, Evening Tattoo's with Pipe Bands from around the country performing. Dancers, Food, Clan Exhibitions, Dog Competitions, 100+ Celtic Importers and Crafters, nightly Concerts and much, much more!

The cost of the Festival and their events are separate from the Gathering and its costs will be borne by those wanting to attend. Please check out their website at www.scotsfest.com for Festival structure and pricing.

We are currently in the process of securing hotel rooms for the Gathering and preparing a Gathering schedule. Format and pricing will be made available in the near future.

If you want to receive Hotel, Festival and other pertinent information, send your full name(s), ages if youth, address, phone numbers and e-mail addresses along with a non-refundable payment of **\$10 per person** made payable to CWSW and mail to Lisa Donant, CWSW Treasurer, 7454 Plum Rose Court, Mechanicsville, VA 23111.

Persons responding will be placed on a Priority List for the Gathering and provided with all required information for attendance to be mailed early 2009. Address any questions to Lisa Donant at lisa7454@verizon.net or 804-730-5580.



THE WALLACE MEN MAKE GREAT CALENDAR STARS

Yes, our Executive Vice-President, Bob Wallace, is Mr. January 2009. Bob's picture not only shows his Clan Wallace connection but also his interest in railroading in Northern Nevada. Bob also serves as a docent for the Dayton Museum. He and his wife Lois moved to Dayton, Nevada in 2006.

Two generations of Wallaces are shown wearing the Wallace tartan for June, Kevin Welsh and Keenan Peel. It's nice to see grandparents sharing their Scottish heritage.

The Nevada Society of Scottish Clans publishes a calendar annually as one of their fundraisers. CWS is proud to have representation for 2009. The Nevada Scots Society is an umbrella organization representing Scots of all Clans. The 2009 calendar is their third year of publishing a quality calendar in the Reno/Carson City/Dayton region, also reaching into Northern California in the Portola/Quincy area. The Nevada Scots can be found on the Internet at: <http://www.nvssc.org>.

A Men in Kilts calendar might be a good idea for other Scottish organizations.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE 2008 ANNUALBOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday, 25 September 2008

I. Opening

President Bill Wallace called the meeting to order at 3:32 PM. Present were the following Board members: Bill Wallace, Bob Wallace, John Wallace, Elmer Inman, Marcus Wallace, Wayne Jones and Jean Wallace. John Wallace held the proxies for Kay Cayler and Lisa Donant.

II. Reading of the 2007 Minutes.

The Minutes of the 2008 ADM were approved as read.

III. Treasurer's 2008 Financial Report

The Treasurer's Financial Report for the fiscal year ending 30 September 2008 was approved as read.

IV. Reports

The Election and Ballot Committee. Report deferred until ballots have been counted.

Membership Chairman Report. Charles Wallace reported that we have 55 new members this year: 41 Annual members, 11 Life members (one Honorary), and 4 Council members. Report approved.

Newsletter Manager Report. Elmer Inman reported mailings of approximately 560 Newsletters each quarter. Special and Winter Newsletters were combined last year. Elmer will check on cost-cutting measures for future mailings. Report approved.

Convener Affairs Report. Jean Wallace advised that Page 31 in the book The Clan Wallace will be "printed" color swatches in place of finding additional fabric swatches. Report approved.

Secretary Report. Bob Wallace reported for Kay Cayler that she had sent out 1,200 mailings in 2008 to Society members, receiving back some 65 incorrect addresses. Mailing labels are now being generated in ZIP code order to facilitate matching of multiple names at one address to save on postage expenses. Report approved.

Documents and Publications. Marcus Wallace advised that Raymond Morehead is still attempting to locate someone capable of translating the Wallace papers. Recommended reading list has been updated in the Convener Handbook and will be posted on the web site. Report approved.

Recognition Program. John Wallace advised that the Society presented two Certificates of Appreciation, two President's Awards, and three Certificates of Office. Revenue for this program is nearing \$20,000.00 at the end of FY 2008. The Rewards Program brochure will be revised before the next Games/Festivals season with an emphasis on its accomplishments. He will also advise Conveners of the importance of this program to the Society, asking for their assistance in promoting the program more aggressively at future Games / Festivals.

Special Projects. Wayne Jones advised that the Policy and Procedures Manual has been developed to assist the President and EVP to conduct the business of the Society. All Society policies and procedures can now be located in one central document, including and books, Job Descriptions, and Forms as appendices. Included is a Quick Reference Guide to facilitate locating specific infor-

mation. Any changes to handbooks require approval of President or EVP. Report approved.

Advisory Director for Canada. Bill Wallace presented for Dorothy Knight. Dorothy has recruited a new Convener and six new members in Canada. The new Convener has already convened at several Games. Dorothy has made several presentations in Canada and on Web-TV. Report approved.

V. Unfinished 2007 Business

Verification/Ratification of 2007 of CWSW Email Business. The Board approved expenditures of \$3,000 to the Culloden Battlefield Restoration Project, \$350 to the Milwaukee, Wisconsin Robert Burns Society, and a no-cost life membership to Ian Stiebar in Slovakia for his help in developing graphics used for the Culloden Project. Each was ratified by motion and vote.

Status of 2007 Action Items. Most Action items were completed in a timely manner. A report is attached to the Minutes. Position of a CWS Historian is tabled until a future date. Report accepted.

Survey of Members. Richard Wallace (Little Rock) conducted a member survey by telephone. Out of 100 random members, he contacted 18. Respondents suggested several ways of engaging young members to become involved in their heritage. Suggestions were also made to increase the visibility of CWS at Games/Festivals, and requested additional information about genealogy. Report accepted.

Friday, 26 September 2008

Continued discussion of Unfinished 2007 Business called to order by President Bill Wallace at 8:25 AM on Friday. Jim "Bowie" Wallace joined the Directors named above.

Special Presentation. Norma Wallace presented her idea for a handout booklet to be available at Clan tents, to anyone interested in CWS, or as reference material. Norma will have the booklet available to Conveners prior to the next Games/Festivals season.

Membership Promotions. Wayne Jones gave proposals on promotions to increase membership. Trend analysis of members prior to and following the January 2006 change in fees was presented. Incentives will be considered for 2009 implementing. Also discussed was the CWS Rewards Program and how to promote it. Report accepted.

Clan Wallace Mailings. Wayne Jones provided details on returned and duplicative mailings that are a major cost factor for the Society. Included are mailings to missing and deceased members, and to those who fail to update their address with the Society after relocating. Board approved changing the distribution of the Newsletter primarily to email and snail mail for those without computers. As part of this report, Darrell Wallace advised on generating snail mail labels using various queries within the member database. Report approved.

Clan Crawford Contacts. Wayne Jones and Marcus Wallace have been working with Clan Crawford at various Games. Clan Crawford is now assisting CWS by providing CWS information at Games where there may be no CWS Convener present. Conveners will be provided with the booklet titled "William Wallace and His Crawford Relations," written by Joanne Crawford and Kevan Crawford. Approved.

Friday, 28 September 2008**I. Opening**

President Bill Wallace opened the meeting at 11:42 AM. All Directors were present except Kay Cayler and Lisa Donant.

II. Certification of New Directors

Deferred until all ballots have been received and counted by the Election Committee headed by Jan Wallace.

III. New Business

The 2009 Annual Budget was accepted as amended. Newsletter costs will be reduced by sending printed copies only to those requesting them. Email will be the default. Special Edition and Winter Edition issues will be combined in Gathering years.

Nomination Committee. Report is deferred until election ballots have been received and counted.

Convener Handbook. Prior to the ADM, Bob Wallace reviewed both the Clan Wallace and Clan Young convener handbooks, which revealed that the CWS Convener Handbook was well written. Several minor additions were suggested and approved by the Board. A new Convener Handbook to be delivered by January 2009.

Annual Member Renewal Notice. A final post-card mailing to Annual members will be made requesting renewal of their membership with the Society. Approved.

Patriot Act Effect on CWS. Patriot Act requirements impact CWS Officers when change is made in Officers of the Society. Individual ID, bank account information, certified Minutes, and Articles of Incorporation must be presented to the bank's officer to change signatories on CWS accounts.

2009 ADM Site Selection and Gathering. Next year's ADM will be held on Thursday and Friday prior to the Longs Peak Games and Gathering. CWS is one of the honored Clans for this event.

CWS Projects – Scotland and CONUS. The Wallace Yew tree in Elderslie looks much better than it did in 2005. The Culloden Welcome Center project is nearing completion; the CWS stone will be put in place soon. Wallace 700 Association is having their ceremony annually; government financial assistance is being reduced.

Robroyston Monument sidewall has been repaired; parking has been added to the site. A CWS donation was made for the Robert Burns statue in Milwaukee. No new projects are contemplated currently. Report approved.

Newsletter Submission Dates. Submissions for the CWS Newsletter are due no later than the 24th of February, May, August and November.

Potential On-line Material. Jim "Bowie" Wallace displayed for the Board how various items might be made available to Board members via the CWS web site.

Making Member Data Available to Conveners. Darrell Wallace explained how membership data might be made available to Conveners by Zip Code, State or Region, giving Conveners the ability to contact area members.

Other Business. A picture of the Wallace Statue in Scotland will be used as a raffle item at the Estes Park Gathering. Reminder to Board members: send pictures to the Newsletter Editor in JPEG compressed format. Jean, Bob and Jim "Bowie" will serve as committee to research sites for the 2011 Gathering. It was suggested to look for a central location for ADMs in non-Gathering years. A Certificate of Appreciation awarded to Jim Schmeltzer.

Good of the Order. Wayne Jones commended Marcus Jim Wallace for service on the Board and as President of the Society.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean R. Wallace, Acting secretary
Clan Wallace Society Worldwide

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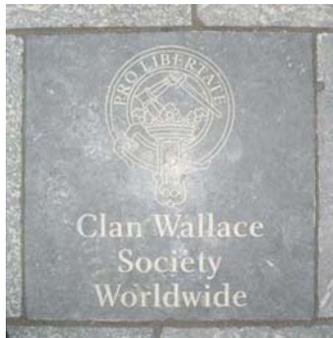


CWSW Rewards Program

Clan Wallace Society continues to support our International Projects from the generous donations received through the Rewards Program. The President and the Board of Directors of Clan Wallace Society Worldwide extends its most sincere "Appreciation and

Thanks" to the many donors who continue to support the Society with participation in this innovative program. Those who have earned the Rewards Medallions, Medals, and Pins are encouraged to wear them whenever possible so that you may be recognized for your loyalty and thus encourage others to join us. The program's success will only continue with your support. Highlighted for this newsletter is one of the recent International Projects completed using Rewards Donations.

Shown here is a photo recently provided by the National Trust of Scotland showing the Slate Walkway Stone for Clan Wallace with the Clan Badge; commemorating the contribution made by our Society to the Entrance Walk at the newly completed Visitors Center at the Historic Battlefield at Culloden, in Scotland. This project is just one of many that have been undertaken by your Board of Directors in pursuance of the goals and missions of our Charter.



All persons, whether members of the Society or not, may participate in this important Rewards Program and receive the uniquely designed pins, medals, and medallions that represent their tax-exempt donations. Information on how to get involved is found on the Website at www.clanwallace.org or by contacting the CWSW Rewards Program Coordinator at:

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CHARLESTON GAMES IN SOUTH CAROLINA

The 2008 Charleston Scottish Games and Highland Gathering was held this year at historic Boone Hall Plantation on September 19 through 21, 2008. This event has been held since 1973 and is one of the premier heritage festivals in the South Atlantic Region. The weekend started with a formal Sponsor's reception at Alhambra Hall in Mount Pleasant on Friday evening attended by several hundred representatives from the 40 plus Clans and Societies serving the Games followed by a tremendous Saturday of Ceremonies, Athletics, Scottish Dancing, Bag Piping, Entertainment, Heritage Clan Tents, Children's Events, and Vendors. This year the Honored Clan was Clan Gregor. The weather cooperated and it was a grand day for all who were present. Carole and Jack Leonard, Wallaces from Charleston, served as Clan Wallace Tent Convenors and hosted an excellent and colorful tent. During the weekend, the Games were visited by long time CWSW Members Larry and Judy Slight from Florida, Judy Wallace Moore from Richmond, Virginia, Board Member Charles M. Wallace and his wife Karen from Georgia, and Board Member and Past President John R. Wallace from South Carolina. Sunday's traditional Kirkin' o' the Tartans was held at First (Scots) Presbyterian Church, located in downtown Charleston, thus closing the 2008 Gathering. All in all it was a grand event, worthy of your consideration in 2009.



Wallace Clan Tent at Charleston Games

**Remember that no donation is too small!
Support of this Rewards Program for any
amount is your chance to be an important part
of our organization and to make a difference.**

Clan Wallace Honored at 2008 Treasure Valley Games



The Wallaces made a nice splash in Boise. Not only was the Annual Director's Meeting held in Boise immediately prior to the festival, but there was a CWS tent at the festival and the Society gained a new convener in Idaho. Kelly Wallace of Nampa, ID and her family members were excited to see the Pro Libertate banner over our tent. All joined the Society and Kelly agreed on the spot to convene at next year's festival. She received plenty of pointers from the Directors in attendance, all conveners.

Boise is a great place to visit. Probably most of the Directors put on a pound or two sampling the several good restaurants in downtown. The festival is held in a nice, grassy venue, partially shaded by huge old growth trees. Best of all the weather was terrific, sunny and mild, just the thing when one is wearing 8 yards of wool.

John McDade, leader of the festival organization and proprietor of "Wee Bit O' Scotland" in Boise made all of us feel like long lost friends as did everyone associated with the festival. If you can make it, a visit to the 2009 festival to support Kelly is highly recommended. The unique opening ceremony featured the City of Trees Pipes and Drums which includes Society member and piper Kendrick Wallace who joined the Society before taking the field. Incidentally, John McDade is the band's Pipe Major.



Wallace's on parade at Boise, ID

THE ROADS WE TRAVELED

By Bob Wallace

One of the ideas we incorporated into September's "Roads Less Traveled" was to actually travel the roads most tour companies, for whatever reasons, choose not to travel. In some instances, it has to do with the type of roads their routes would take them over, or parking lots too small for larger tour buses. While some of our stops included locations the Big Guys also visit, we did manage to get to a number of places most organized groups never visit.

Following arrival night in Glasgow, we boarded our 19-passenger coach for a ferry trip out of Gourock to Dunoon on the Kintyre Peninsula, then through the Argyll Forest Park, a stop at Inveraray Castle, drive by Kilchurn Castle (struck by lightning and abandoned in 1760) and over the hills to Oban, our two-night base for a visit to Mull and Iona the following day.

Back on the road out of Oban, we stopped at Killin to view the Falls of Dochart, the river running quite high with all the rain the Scots had put up with for much of the year. In fact, this river was carrying lots of topsoil along with it. We saw a similar situation later during our visit to New Lanark and the Falls of Clyde.

Of major interest to Clan Wallace would be the stop made in the Borders region to view the first monument erected in memory of Sir William Wallace, the 1814 statue placed in what is left of Ettrick Forest. The statue faces England across the hills to the south. Arlene Wallace Tomlin, Lois and Bob Wallace and others in the tour group walked about one-third of a mile from the parking lot to visit the site and take pictures of the red sandstone monument. This Wallace monument is in a location that requires use of a small tour bus or private motor car, given a parking lot with only a handful of spaces, and local roads that are relatively narrow.

Several stops were made in Lanark during our visit. St Kentigern's Church is located nearly a mile from the center of the burgh, is largely in ruins, and is surrounded by a churchyard cemetery. Nearby is the old cattle market. Near the center of Lanark is a site with a plaque noting that it used to be the home of Sir William Wallace when he lived in that area in the 1290s. Just across the street is a somewhat newer church that happens to have a statue of Wallace on its side. We were unable to get a view of the statue or usable photos of the church or statue due to wrap around the entire structure while work was being performed on the outside.

Other visits of a more general interest included Sir Walter Scott's home at Abbotsford, two of the four Abbeys begun under King David I in the 1100s (Melrose and Jedburgh), the burgh town of Peebles where we enjoyed their Games on Sunday without even the threat of rain for a day, and visits to sites related to Scotland's National Poet, Robert Burns, at Dumfries, Ellisland and Alloway. We were reminded on more than one occasion by both Burns guides that we were doing that part of the tour in reverse, seeing the Burns farm at Ellisland before we'd been to where he was born in 1759.

Given a small group of only 13, a small tour bus, we managed to go over roads most tour groups will never see. One reason for calling our 2008 tour the "Roads Less Traveled."

'SIR' WILLIAM HAMILTON WALLACE, SR. INDUCTED INTO THE ARIZONA VETERAN'S HALL OF FAME



Clan Wallace Council-member, William H. Wallace of Mesa, AZ was inducted into the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame (AVHOF) on October 24, 2008. The AVHOF recognizes Arizona veterans for significant post military contributions on a local, state and national level. Inductees are veterans who honorably served their country and continue to serve and inspire their fellow man throughout their life time. Bill was born in Tempe, AZ in 1922, graduated U.S. Coast Guard Academy in 1944, served in WWII, and was discharged as a Lieutenant (JG) in 1947. He is a former assistant Boy Scout leader. Bill supports and teaches Sunday School. He is a docent and fundraiser for the Tempe Historical Museum, a member of American Legion, and the Military Order of the World Wars. He is the convener for Clan Wallace Society Worldwide in Phoenix and Flagstaff and assists conveners in Prescott and Tucson. Congratulations Sir William from all of the Society members. (Sir William is the title used to differentiate Bill from all the other Bill Wallaces in Arizona and to show respect for his many accomplishments.)

Sir William Hamilton Wallace Sr.: A title to show respect to a gentleman who so deserves that respect



*Arlene Wallace Tomlin with
Lois and Bob Wallace*



*Sir William Wallace Statue
near Dryburgh*



Wallace's on Parade at Longs Peak Scottish/Irish Festival and Highland Games

Long's Peak Scottish/Irish Festival and Highland Games September 5-7, 2008

The venue for the Society's Gathering 2009 lives up to its reputation as an outstanding location with an excellent festival. From Richard, Deb and Ann Tomlin's CWS tent to the scenery, to the entertainment, to the parade through town, to the Celtic dog demonstrations, to the large number of vendors, to the elk in town, the 2008 festival was top notch. Members planning to attend the 2009 Society Gathering can expect to be warmly welcomed by the Tomlin's and to have a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Below are additional photos of Wallaces participating in the 2008 event.



Representatives of the honored clans for 2009 lead the parade of clans through the town of Estes Park. President Bill Wallace represented the Society.



Tomlins lead Wallace participation in festival opening