



Hunters' Halloo

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Dear Clansfolk,

The very best to every one of you for 2011.

Our next International Gathering will be held over the weekend of the 20th, 21st and 22nd of July 2012. This will be the weekend before the official opening of the Olympics in London. Any of you planning to come over for the Olympics will be able to join us the weekend before at Hunterston, which will be a great start to your visit



We can all be proud of our achievements this year for the Hunter Clan. We have gone from strength to strength in 2010.

My thoughts have been with the Clan members in New Zealand and the very bad time they have had with the earthquake. Hugh Hunter – Weston, Clan Officer for New Zealand and our cousin, has written that they have had their house damaged and so have several of their family and many of their friends.

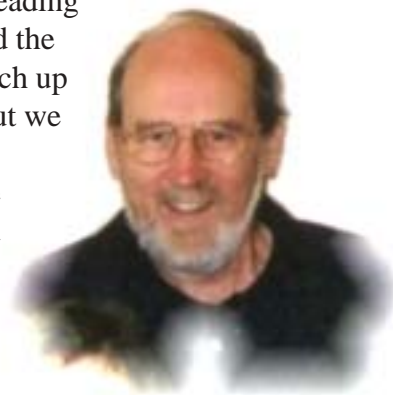
Tom Hunter, Clan Officer for Canada, and his wife Christine, their daughter Lizz, husband Andrew and their two children travelled right across Canada to visit Clan members on the west coast of Canada - the first time for a Hunter Clan Officer. Thank you Tom for your travels and for representing the Hunters and visiting Clan members on the west coast. Thank you to Lizz Thibodeau, Tom Hunter's daughter for helping with the newsletter and researches in genealogy.

Mel Hunter is our new Clan President for the Clan Association in the USA and Pat his wife has taken on Secretary to the Hunter Clan Association in the USA. Mel and Pat arranged for the Clan to get together at the Highland Games at Stone Mountain and a thank you Brad for continuing to carry out the role of Treasurer, a valuable person for any Clan Association.

The UK Clan Association met again at Hunterston Castle in April for the AGM where we finalised plans for the Gathering. Thanks to Rosie who has kindly taken over as Secretary for the Clan Association. Peter has been assisting the New Zealand Clan Association with their website. Please check out our Hunter Clan website, Peter is always adding new information and Bill has been taking photos of happenings at Hunterston.

Madam Pauline Hunter of Hunterston

Hello friends, Christine and I along with Lizz and Andrew and the 2 girls are heading off to Scotland again in just one weeks time. Oh don't worry you haven't missed the Clan Gathering, that's happening next year in July 2012. We are just off to catch up with Family again. It means we won't be attending as many Highland Games but we will still be back in time for Montreal, Maxville and Fergus. We did attend the Georgetown Games this month and met up with Bill and Joan Jones, but on the whole it was a very quiet Games with not much activity at the tent, other than a couple of thunder storms.



Membership News July 2011

The time for another newsletter has rolled around again – and we have two new members to introduce to you:

Jonathan James Hunter joins us from Bowmanville, Ontario and is particularly interested in genealogy. Jonathan is a firefighter but is also a member of our Canadian Military.

James Alexander Hunter also found us on the web – and lives in Surrey, B.C. James too is interested in his family history and has been browsing the genealogy pages in our website.

We welcome these two new members to our Association – and wish them

happy linking on the Hunter Family Genealogy.

It saddens me to have to tell you that we lost a faithful member recently. **Arnold Falconer** was a member of our Clan Hunter Association since I first started keeping records in 1997. Arnold passed away on February 7th. We sincerely thank Dorothy Falconer for giving us this information. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Arnold's family.

Payment of Association dues:

Just a little reminder that it is “that time of year again” when you need to sign a check for \$30.00, put it in an envelope – and send it to Don Hunter, 138 Sweeney Drive, Toronto. M4A 1T9 Please do this right away, so that we don't need to send reminders - nobody likes getting (or sending) reminders.

Christine Hunter
Membership Secretary

Connections Corner



Lizz Thibodeau

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Last month, I shared the first part of Jim & Ruby Hunter's genealogy story. As promised, here is part 2.

After Jim shared his memories of strolling through a graveyard in the rain, he continued by sharing a story from his wife, Ruby.

"Due to the demands of my work, I had only been home for our wedding anniversary once during the previous 30 years of marriage. [I was a Research Scientist with the Agriculture Canada, and always organized an annual one to two week bus tour of all of the research facilities in Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, including the Peace River District of Alberta/British Columbia and up into the North West Territories. The ideal time for the tour of course always coincided with our wedding anniversary on July 15.] When I retired from the Federal Government Services in 1997, I was invited by the United States Department of Agriculture to conduct a speaking tour of the northern states, which as you have probably already guessed; it also overlapped with our anniversary. I thought, Hey!! This is just made to order, I will take Ruby on an extended 'honeymoon the second', to celebrate our 30th anniversary. I was speaking at East

 **We are Family, I've got all my cousins with me!**



Grand Forks, Minnesota, after which I was very busy answering questions and visiting with hundreds of agricultural producers from three states, so Ruby was on her own all day. Ruby met the wife of another researcher from the US who as she put it 'was used to being left on her own at such gatherings', and they spent an enjoyable afternoon together. During their conversations they discussed the history of the local area, and believe it or not, the site where the railway from the east ended at the Red River in 1875, and settlers had to switch to riverboats to travel farther west into North Dakota, or north to Emerson Manitoba, was only a few miles from where we were. How excited I was when Ruby had the directions to what was left of the old river landing, Fishers Landing, where my ancestors made the switch from train to riverboat and arrived in Emerson, Manitoba on May 3, 1875. After spending an enjoyable evening at a plush hotel in Grand Forks and a leisurely breakfast the next morning, rather than the usual grab a bite and rush to the next meeting, we leisurely drove north,

taking time to appreciate the lay of the land and noting the landscape from an agricultural perspective. After all this was our 30th wedding anniversary. When we arrived at Drayton, North Dakota I suggested we visit several of the old churches, then the local newspaper office, and as you will have guessed, family history was my intent. After visiting the local undertaker and talking to the graveyard grounds person, who when asked if he knew if any Hunters were buried in the graveyard, looked at us as though we were 'completely crazy', but he did point out where the oldest part of the Protestant section was located, and then promptly left. So here we were celebrating our 30th wedding anniversary by wandering through a cemetery, but on a beautiful sunny afternoon. My Great Grandfather's brother had farmed near Drayton N.D. and I suspected he might be buried there, but we did not find his gravestone. However, you can imagine my excitement when Ruby called me over to look at a gravestone for a James Hunter, 1882. Ruby had found my Great, Great Grandfather, whom we had assumed had died in Ontario, and we had never been able to locate. It was indeed the best anniversary present Ruby could have given to me. However, she still reminds me that on our anniversary, 'we were tromping through a cemetery looking for gravestones'.

Thank you so much to Jim & Ruby for sharing these stories with me and allowing me to share them with everyone else. It is comforting indeed to know that it is not only my family who "tromps through a cemetery looking for gravestones" in any type of weather!



Hello fellow Clan members,
 Well it took me long enough to become a member & although I'm not close enough to join in on the clan gatherings in southern Ontario, I do enjoy hearing about all that is happening in the newsletter.

I've recently returned from my first visit to Scotland, travelling with my sister, daughter and neice. We spent 2 wonderful weeks researching family, exploring and touring the sights in Ayrshire as well as Glasgow and Edinburgh. Of course we included a visit to Hunterston Castle and enjoyed the tour with our knowledgeable guide Bill Hunter. I'm happy to report the bluebells are in full bloom now under those trees having replaced the earlier snow drops and daffodils. For those of you

travelling there for the clan gathering next year, I can highly recommend The Ploughman's Rest in Crosbie Mains, just outside of West Kilbride and a very short car ride to Hunterston. We found this 3 bedroom, 3 bath self catering accomodations very spacious and clean and it has a fabulous view of the Isle of Arran. Unfortunately we weren't quite high enough to see Hunterston as the views of the rolling hills with sheep and lambs and all that yellow gorse were in the way!

The village of West Kilbride does have shops to stock your kitchen, with a Co-operative grocery, a butcher and of course a bakery as well as some fantastic craft shops for you to pick up some unique gifts! For those who love to

walk you can even walk to the village



from The Ploughman's Rest. Ayr was just a short commute away and if I can manage all those roundabouts, anyone can! We found the ladies in the upstairs family history section of the library on Main St. in Ayr extremely helpful. They even helped me plot out the best route to get to the locked Newton Green Burial Ground which is located in an industrial area. The cemetery staff were very pleasant to deal with on the phone when I called to make arrangements for them to unlock the cemetery for us. This allowed us to visit the grave of our 3X great grandfather, John Hunter, who was a slater and glazier in Ayr.

Spring time in Scotland is a wonderful time, so green and colourful! I know I will be going back!



Sheila and her sister Linda, sitting, after signing the guest book.

Sheila (Hunter)
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 Thunder Bay

Tentative Programme for the 2012 Clan Hunter International Gathering

Friday 20th July 2012

Castle Open All Day

Afternoon- Story Telling by a professional Scottish Storyteller

Buffet Supper

Welcome Speech by Madam Pauline, Clan Chief

Saturday 21st July

Mary, Queen of Scots comes to Hunterston

Re-enactments and displays All Day

Buffet Lunch

Evening Dinner at the Masonic Hall, West Kilbride village

Entertainment by our Clan favourites- Something Scottish

Sunday 22nd July

Church Service at local church – times will be posted

Buffet Lunch

Pipe Band Isle of Cumbrae RBLs Pipe Band

Clan Officers meeting



Day Trip to the Isle of Arran

Monday 23rd July 2012

It has been suggested that we arrange a day trip to Isle of Arran on Monday 23rd July 2012 if you could let your Clan Secretary know if you are interested so that a suitable sized bus can be booked.

This will be a full days outing, leaving Hunterston Castle at 8.am and taking the bus to Ardrossan then a sail "courtesy Caledonian Mc Brayne" over the Firth of Clyde to Arran .Once ashore your tour of the island with visits to places of interest will commence: there will of course be a stop for lunch.

The cost cannot be finalised until we know how many of our guests are

interested in this trip to view "Scotland in miniature".

The cost will be approx: £20 per person including Ferry Fare (Meals are not included).

Glen Sannox Isle of Arran

The Isle of Arran sits in the Forth of Clyde between Ayrshire and Kintyre. Arran is 19 miles long by 10 miles wide but has a remarkable diversity of landscapes and Seascapes The pretty villages on Arran's beautiful coastline are complimented by a rugged and Mountainous interior in the north and green rolling hills and woodlands in the south.

I was first introduced to Arran in the year of 1953, as a member of an R.A.F. Mountain Rescue Team based at RAF West Freugh (Stranraer) we sailed from Fairlie to Brodick on a Friday afternoon in the month of May.

We pitched our tent in Glen Rosa on the Friday, Saturday morning we played the local football team (do not remember result) in the afternoon I entered a two mile race at the sports event (3rd place) Sunday we went a walk over the ridges in Picture at Glen Sannox then on Monday we ran in the Goat fell (2867 ft) Race 13 Km Tuesday back to camp, I was rather fit in those days. Takes me all my time to climb the stair at Hunterston now.

Since 1953 I have visited Arran many times, Janet and I purchased a timeshare at Auchrannie and had it for 15 years although the Island is quite small I have not yet visited every nook and crannies

I now live in West Kilbride and look over to Arran from my lounge window and if I can see Arran I know its' going to rain and if I cannot see it" IT IS RAINING"

Hope those that are going to visit Arran on the organised tour in July 2012 enjoy their short time there.

Bill Hunter o.r.h.

Booking Form for Clan Hunter International Gathering 2012

All payments to be made to 'The Hunter Clan' in Sterling (£UK) and sent to:

Madam Pauline Hunter of Hunterston
Plovers Ridge
Lon Crecrist
Treaddur Bay
Anglesey LL65 2AZ
UK

EVENTS

Friday 20th July 2012	Storytelling in the afternoon
Saturday 21st July	Re-enacting Group Mary Queen of Scots ALL DAY
Saturday Evening	Entertainment at the Masonic Hall
Sunday 22nd July	Isle of Cumbrae RBLs Pipe Band

	Price	Number	£ Total
Each Adult	£30.00		
Children under 16 –Meals only	0.00		

Meals per person Friday, Saturday & Sunday

Friday Evening Buffet	£ 7.00
Saturday Lunch Buffet	£ 6.00
Optional extra- Baked Potato	£ 0.50
Saturday Evening Dinner	£ 9.00
At the Masonic Hall West Kilbride	
Sunday Lunch	£11.50.

Monday 23rd July

Coach trip round Arran price per person £20.00
Meals not included

Grand Total

SCOTTISH Sailing Cruise



The Scottish Studies Foundation
presents its
20th Annual Tall Ship Cruise
Sunday, September 4th, 2011
Lake Ontario
Boarding at Spadina Pier
Lower Spadina Avenue &
Queen's Quay West, Toronto
Morning cruise boarding: 11-11:20 a.m.
Afternoon cruise boarding 2-2:20 p.m.
Each cruise lasts over two hours
All Welcome!



This is a unique opportunity for you to share the experience of a voyage on a Tall Ship under full sail and recapture the spirit of Canada's pioneers!

SAVE ON ADVANCE TICKETS:
Adults: \$20; Children 15 & under: \$5

TICKETS ON DAY OF SAIL:
Adults: \$25; Children 15 & under: \$8

Food & Drinks available for purchase on board

For tickets: cheques, payable to the Scottish Studies Society, should be mailed to Maggie McEwan, 2333 Woking Crescent, Mississauga, ON L5K 1Z5.

Email: magmcewan@gmail.com
Tel: 905-301-5475

Your support is very much appreciated. Proceeds go to the Scottish Studies Foundation, supporting the Scottish Studies Programme at the University of Guelph.



2011 Annual General Meeting - Fergus

The AGM will be held as usual at the **Holiday Inn 601 Scottsdale Dr., Guelph**. Those wishing to stay over at the Holiday Inn will receive a special rate of \$119.99 CAD. Indicate that you are part of Clan Hunter on booking to receive the discount. Full details of times and places are included in page 8. Please fill out the tearaway strip on page 8 to let us know if you will be attending any or all of the activities.

The most important information as far as numbers are concerned is - will you be attending the dinner?

- as you can imagine we need to know numbers for the catering group. We hope you will consider joining us and meeting old friends and maybe some new friends. Take our word for it... it is never a stuffy evening and a good time is had by all.



Tartan Day April 6th

In our last newsletter we included the official announcement that from this day on Tartan Day would be officially celebrated on 6th April. Shown left are photographs of the CASSOC Ceilidh held in Toronto on 9th April to celebrate the event. Our own Don Hunter (Clan Hunter Treasurer) and CASSOC treasurer is obviously delighted to cut the commemorative cake

Clan Hunter Association - Canada

Fergus Scottish Festival & Highland Games

Aug 12 - 14 2011

Preliminary plans include

- Fergus Tattoo & Lighting 6.45pm Friday 12 Aug 2011 Fergus
- Fergus Highland games 7.00am Saturday 13 Aug 2011 Fergus

- *Clan Hunter AGM* 5.00pm Saturday 13 Aug 2011 Holiday Inn 601 Scottsdale Dr., Guelph
- *Supper* 6.00pm Saturday 13 Aug 2011 Holiday Inn 601 Scottsdale Dr., Guelph
[\$30.00 Adult \$10.00 children (5-12) 4 and under free]

*After supper entertainment by our own Scottish folk group "The Gaels"
with Highland Dancing by Crissy Ball and special "Tam O' Shanter" presentation*

- Kirkin' o' the Tartan 10.00am Sunday 14 Aug 2011 St Andrew's Presb. Fergus
- Fergus Highland games 12 noon Sunday 14 Aug 2011 Fergus

Why not plan to attend this special gathering

Stay over in the Fergus area

Enjoy the Games - Hang out at the Clan Tent

Join in with other Hunters in the Clan Parade - 11.30 am on 13th

Enjoy the fabulous Celtic Music

Meet some old and new Clan friends

Attend the Kirkin' of the Tartan

in St Andrews Presbyterian Church, Fergus

10 am Sunday morning

Share your genealogy with other clan members

Check out the Fergus Highland Games website

for up to date information

<http://www.fergusscottishfestival.com>



Clan Hunter Association - Canada

Annual Clan Gathering 12-14th August 2011

- Yes I/we will be attending the Tattoo & Lighting on Friday 12th August Number in Party _____
- Yes I/we will be taking part in the parade on Saturday 13th August Number in Party _____
- Yes I/we will be attending the dinner on Saturday 13th August Number in Party _____
- Yes I/we will be attending the Kirkin' o' the Tartan on Sunday 14th August Number in Party _____

Name: _____

Address: _____