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EDITORIAL

by Harry Guthrie, President of Clan Guthrie, U.S.A.

It should be gratifying to those of you who read my last editorial to hear that Clan Guthrie - USA, is evidently, not "a dead horse." The "call-to-arms" appeal for more membership participation has been answered during the course of the year by a host of new leaders, as well as many of the old reliables, stepping forward to enthusiastically offer their services. At the annual membership meeting and election of officers, held at the grand father mountain highland games in July, three new names were elected to major posts in the Clan Guthrie -USA organization. These included Dr. Jim Guthrie of New Canaan, CT as Vice President, Blaine Guthrie of Middletown, KY as Director of Catalog Sales, and Robert Guthrie of Birmingham, AL as chairman of the Genealogy Committee. All three of these gentlemen assumed their new posts January 1, 1985. Let's all extend them a hardy welcome and wish them good luck in their new positions.

Planning for 1985 is still underway. Certain major objectives have been established, however, that will influence the planning process and the budget to support it. These objectives can be stated as follows:

1. To increase our membership to 500.
2. To implement a computerized membership database.
3. To issue a new Guthrie Merchandise Catalog.
4. To increase catalog gross annual sales volume to \$5,000.
5. To implement a computerized genealogy database service for the clan's membership.
6. To publish four quarterly newsletters.
7. To incorporate the clan.
8. To obtain a 501a tax exempt status.
9. To support Friends of Guthrie Castle, Inc., both morally and financially.
10. To sponsor Clan Guthrie participation in at least six local or regional highland games.
11. To locate or support the formation of a Clan Guthrie Piper or Piper Corps.

The formal Guthrie Family Reunion at Torosay Castle last summer had to be cancelled. The informal Guthrie Family Reunion at Torosay Castle went on as scheduled, however, by those die-hards who were committed to the trip to the land of their heritage, regardless. The event was such a success that it has been proposed that the last week of June be set aside every year as the unofficial annual Torosay Castle Reunion date. David Guthrie James of Torosay has welcomed this proposal. If you plan a trip to Scotland, why not schedule it during the last week of June? That way you are almost certain to run into other Guthries from around the world who are just as interested in meeting you as you are in meeting them. Thank you Tex Guthrie for making this possible!

There are still many openings for volunteers to support the Clan Guthrie - USA organization. We need everything from District and State Clan Commissioners to those willing to assist in tending a Guthrie tent at one of the local highland games. Please indicate your interest when sending in your membership or contact me directly. (H.L. Guthrie, 2419 Perwinkle Dr., Bellbrook, OH.)

The Granddaddy of these games, of course, is the Grandfather Mountain Games (GMHG) held each July at Linville, NC. The annual membership meeting and election of officers for Clan Guthrie - USA was held at GMHG in 1984 and it was decided that this would be repeated in 1985.

YOUR DUES FOR 1985 ARE NOW DUE!!!

Membership dues for 1985 are \$18.00. Of this amount, \$6.00 may be claimed on you tax return as a contribution to charity. This will also entitle you to associate membership in Friends of Guthrie Castle, Inc. The rest of your dues go toward sponsorship of clan activities, such as catalog sales, genealogy research, Scottish highland game sponsorship, periodic newsletters, general postage, and miscellaneous supplies.

Your membership in Clan Guthrie - USA is a bargain and the best way to support the Guthrie name in the Scottish family of clans and societies all over the world.

Mail in your 1985 membership renewal now. Dues paying members get a 10 per-cent discount on all catalog orders. Use the membership application in this newsletter.

The Reunion That Wasn't . .

Despite announcements to the contrary, the Guthrie Clan reunion that wasn't, was. And those that were there unanimously declared it a roaring success. Further, the consensus by most was: big is not necessarily better and small was, indeed, fun. And . . . all present agreed that leaderless, mini-clan reunions should take place the last weekend in June, henceforth.

Hosts, David Guthrie-James, M.B.E., D.S.C. of Torosay and Jack Dalgety from Forfar, Angus, strongly seconded the notion that an annual, informal clan reunion on a fixed date would very well work to everybody's benefit because it would put no planning and organizing burden on a single person or committee and no one would have to make long-term, future commitments unless, that is, they wanted to be sure of their room reservations.

Accordingly, we are pleased to announce that the second annual, leaderless Clan Guthrie reunion is scheduled for June 27 through June 30, 1985 in Oban and Mull followed by an optional, Jack Dalgety-led, two or three day motor trip to Angus.

Those that wish may follow the below described itinerary in order to get to Oban: fly to London (Gatwick) from Oakland, Los Angeles, Kansas City, Baltimore via World Airways. Mention Guthrie to Lulu and she'll be happy to work with you. Since fares change like the weather, we'll quote no numbers but, rather, highly recommend World Airways, not only for good service but unbeatable fares.

Previous to departing you'll probably want to purchase a Britrail Pass. 1984 prices amounted to \$155 for 7 days or \$230 for 14 days, a bargain at twice the price which you'll immediately recognize when you start comparing point-to-point fares vs. Britrail Passes. Order same at least two weeks in advance and remember they are only available for purchase OUTSIDE Great Britain.

Arrive in London as far in advance as you wish to Wednesday, June 26 which is the day you should depart London for Oban from Euston Station. The train departs mid-morning but you should check timetables when you arrive in London.

The best way from Gatwick Airport to Central London is Britrail to Victoria Station, departing every few minutes. *Note:* You may or may not want to "trigger" your Britrail Pass for this (inexpensive) trip as pass holders determine the starting date of their pass the first time it is used by having same dated by the stationmaster. Some careful planning is in order here.

At Victoria Station take a cab (approximately £3.50, \$4.90 @ \$1.40 — who knows in June of '85) to the Park Court Hotel. You will want to write or phone the Park Court in advance for reservations.

Clare agrees with me that the Park Court's attraction largely revolves around its price appeal — about £27 per person, per night including full English breakfast. Frankly we're still looking for a really comfortable, *affordable*, London hotel. The Park Court seems to be the closest we've come to that illusive goal.



The group of Guthries on the ferry to the Isle of Mull

Sandy Bennett and John R. Dalgety



Daisy Guthrie joins distant cousins for dinner as Jean Guthrie Ryon and Frances O'Donnell stop in Kansas City on their way to Scotland.

We won't go into where to go and what to do in London, other than share a few of our favorites; 1. jog through Hyde Park, 2. lunch at the Brown Hotel, 3. lunch or dinner at The Ritz, a must, expensive but worth it, 4. learn to use the Underground, it's easy, fast, clean and inexpensive, 5. try the Victoria and Albert Museum — maybe easier than the British Museum, 6. get an overview of the City with a one hour double-deck bus tour departing from near Marble Arch, 7. be elegant — rent a chauffeur-driven Daimler for a few hours, have the driver take you around on a previously negotiated sightseeing itinerary. It's not as expensive as you think if seven of you share the cost as we did. See the concierge at the Park Court, he'll help you make arrangements, 8. walk through the St. James Arcade, an historic, enclosed shopping area (near the Ritz). Obviously we've left out many of London's marvels — these are just a few of our favorites.

Once you get to Oban, Wednesday night, June 26 head for the Park Hotel and look around (try the bar for funny chins and you'll probably find a Guthrie).

Thursday, June 27, relax, shop for incredible wool and cashmere bargains (Edinburgh Woolen Mills seems to have the best prices, but try them all). For an

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by Henry (Tex) Guthrie

Scotland 1984

On behalf of
Friends of
Guthrie Castle,
Barbara Bennett
(left) presents a
baby gift to Mr.
and Mrs. Smoor
of Gagic Castle



Barbara, Mr. Rey
(then owner of
Guthrie Castle)



Guthrie
Dove's Cove



adventure, have a seafood snack at Smokey Joe's on the wharf next to the train station — smoked trout (not salmon) is heavenly. You can leisurely walk and see the whole town — try Jay's for lunch or dinner — also you shouldn't miss the dinner show — upstairs at McTavish's kitchen. For a real evening ceilidh get a thirsty bunch together and make reservations (kiosk in the train station) at the Barn on the edge of town — don't be surprised, their barbecue is a hamburger party on a bun with catsup.

So far we've lucked out and not suffered rainfall or cold which can and often does occur in Oban in June, so take clothes accordingly or better still, buy cold weather gear locally on an as needed basis.

Friday, June 28, take the early (8:00 a.m.) ferry to Mull where you'll be met by tour coached which will take you on a tour of the island including a ferry ride to the Isle of Iona (cradle of Christianity in the British Isles). After lunch on the island, you'll return to the present mecca, the beautiful Torosay Castle where you'll be received by David Guthrie-James, M.B.E., D.S.C. of Torosay and his charming wife, Quetta and enjoy a sumptuous tea in the Scottish tradition. You'll return to Oban on the 5:00 p.m. ferry — having only whetted your appetite with a quick look at Torosay

and its treasure trove of Guthrie books, artifacts and art.

Saturday, June 29, you'll take the 10:00 a.m. ferry and proceed straight to Torosay by way of David Guthrie-James' narrow gauge railroad — or enjoy a pleasant 20 minute walk which might help prepare you for the incredible lunch you'll be enjoying in the early afternoon. Browse through the Castle, don't miss the many formal and informal gardens, flora and fauna and the marvelous statue walk.

Enjoy Quetta and David's hospitality, meet and take pictures of fellow Guthries, enjoy the camaraderie of the Clan and take comfort in the fact that your fun-nychin is not the only funny chin present. This might be a good time to conduct any Clan business that might arise, make announcements and/or future plans. You'll be charged a nominal sum to cover the cost of tea, lunch and entry to the Castle.

After saying goodbye to Quetta and David, find your way to the 5:00 p.m. ferry and you can return to Oban just in time for a quick shower (more likely a bath) and the evening show upstairs at McTavish's Kitchen.

At this point if you've had a tenth of the fun and satisfaction enjoyed by the 1984 group you can count your blessings.

With regard to Jack Dalgety's tour to Angus (including Gagic to see our Guthrie portraits) you'll have to contact Jack well in advance to see what he has cooked up.

And with regard to forward planning, for David Guthrie-James' benefit you should let him know probable intentions as far in advance as is practical for purposes of coach reservations and planning the Friday tea and Saturday lunch.

Having visited Scotland for four of the last five summers, Clare and I are unsure as to whether or not we will be joining the group in '85. However, we will be happy to answer whatever questions you might have. Call us at (602) 993-2888 or 840-4040, office and home, respectively.

In considering whether or not to participate in this reunion, strong consideration should be given to the unqualified endorsement by those twenty odd Guthries who pioneered the leaderless approach to a highly workable, very worthwhile and extremely satisfying Clan gathering.

We are authorized on behalf of David Guthrie-James and Jack Dalgety to bid you welcome, annually, the last weekend in June henceforth.

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Pacific News -by Ernie and Mary Guthrie

The 119th Annual Scottish gathering and games of the San Francisco Caledonia Club are now history.

Guthries were represented at the games again this year. In fact, Guthries are gaining in strength at the Santa Rosa Games. Several "new" Guthries dropped by the tent and signed our register Labor Day Weekend, and a lot of our old faithful repeaters were on hand, as well.

This is the third year we have participated in this event. We appreciate your support and enthusiasm, and we hope more of you will get involved as we go along.

Special thanks to Jim and Linda (San Jose), Jean and Carl (San Mateo), Phil and Linda (Santa Rosa) and Liz and Mary (Saratoga) for setting up and staffing the clan tent in such fine fashion. Thanks to our gaelic coach, Charlie (Arleta) who, true to his word, brought his better half this year, Eileen, and also prevailed upon his sister Pearl and husband, Trent (Vallejo) to come to visit us. And thanks to Bernie and Sue (Orange) and Ernie and Del (Newport Beach) who took a turn hosting the tent so some others could visit other clan tents. Bernie says he has ordered a kilt to wear in next year's parade, and we'll be looking forward to that. We really need to be more visible, to get out there where other clans and games officials can see us and know who we are. As we command more attention, there will be more interest among Guthries in sharing the fun and excitement.

Thanks, too, to all who visited us to share something of your family connections, Guthrie or otherwise. Unfortunately, we can't all be Guthries, but everybody knows one, and we appreciate your interest.

Visitors frequently ask "Do you know where *our* tent is"? Often, we can give direction, but sometimes their clan is not represented, or they registered, but failed to show. Everybody wants to belong, to be a part of this wonderful craziness. We are glad to do what we can to help it along — do what you can!

See you in Santa Rosa next Labor Day Weekend!



CLAN GUTHRIE REUNION AT OBAN June, 1984

We'll remember
Oban's cloud streaked gloaming
And how hearts warmed true
In reunion
Of our ancient clan

Across the way was Torosay
Gracing velvet braes of Mull
Its spires lofting welcoming arms
With David Guthrie-James
And his lady
Offering the gift of hospitality

Long happy days
And Ceilidh filled nights
For all to know the beauty
Of our proud heritage
And raise many a toast
To the joy of belonging

GUTHRIES ALL!!

When finally t'was time
For Auld Lang Syne—
Then came farewells with
Tears welling unseen

We'll remember

-Paul R. Guthrie
California, '84



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