



Rare Wild Hairy Haggis – Not Scottish?

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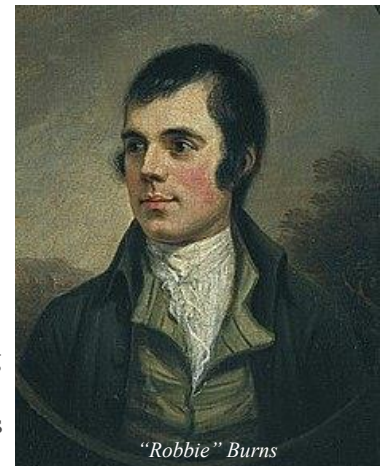
HAGGIS – NOT INVENTED BY THE SCOTS!?

Haggis first appeared in a cookbook published in England! Well, there goes another belief. Historian Catherine Brown says a recipe for haggis was published in an English book almost two hundred years before any evidence of the dish was found in Scotland. Brown said she found references to the dish inside a 1615 book called *The English Hus-Wife*. The title would predate by at least 171 years Robert Burns' poem *To A Haggis*, which brought fame to the delicacy. The first



Haggis "en croute"

mention she could find of Scottish haggis was 1747. Ms. Brown reports "It was popular in England until the middle of the 18th Century. Whatever happened in that period, the English decided they didn't like it and the Scots decided they did." We had Robert Burns come along who saw in it a very practical dish using up the odds and ends and making something good out of them. "Obviously the English turned up their noses at it and ate their roast beef, and



"Robbie" Burns

the Scots for 350 years have been making it their own." Ms. Brown's findings are due to be broadcast in a documentary on STV in Scotland. Mr. Patrick, Haggis maker, said the idea haggis originated in England was akin to claims by the Dutch and Chinese to have invented golf. He added: "Anything that's to do with Scotland, everybody wants to get a part of. "We've nurtured the thing for all these years, we've developed it, so I think very much it is a Scottish product. "It's one of the mainstays of my business's economy so we'd never give it up."

James Macsween, whose Edinburgh-based company makes haggis, said it would remain a Scottish icon whatever its origin. He said even if the haggis was eaten in England long before Burns made it famous, Scotland had done a better job of looking after it. And he added: "I didn't hear of Shakespeare writing a poem about it!"

For the bbc news story, visit http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/8180791.stm.

Our Trip to Stone Mountain Highland Games in Georgia

It was a cold and rainy day, when the bagpipes began to play! We traveled to Stone Mountain Georgia for the 46th annual games there. Although the weather did not cooperate on Saturday, we had a glorious day on Sunday! We met many new fellow Scots and signed up those who were traveling to Scotland so they could partake of our fabulous benefits!

We were also lucky enough to be able to see the hand-fasting of Haley & Thomas Kolb. It was a delightful ceremony and we send the bride and groom our best wishes as well as a gift membership in Scottish Heritage USA!

Thank you to all our volunteers who braved the cold and rain to help out in our tent!



Player McPhaul and Anne Groves were some of the volunteers who helped at the tent this year.



Hand-fasting Ceremony



Chapel where handfasting took place

Scottish Heritage Board Member, William Caudill Receives Honors

At the beginning of the Scotland County Highland Games on Oct. 6, Scotland County Commissioner Carol McCall read a letter announcing that St. Andrews Piper and SAU graduate, Bill Caudill '89, had been awarded North Carolina's Governor's honor of "The Order of the Long Leaf Pine." Among the honors and awards that the Governor of North Carolina can bestow, none is more valued than this. Since its creation in 1963, it has been presented to honor persons who have a proven record of service to the State of North Carolina.

In 1989, a group in Fayetteville organized the Scottish Heritage Symposium to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the establishment in 1739 of the Argyle colony from Scotland. Bill Caudill was on that committee and when the committee decided not to commit to the continuation of the symposium, 22-year-old Bill Caudill moved the idea to Laurinburg where it has been an annual event in Scotland County since then. The symposium brings visitors to our county from many states and several foreign nations. In 2007 when



Bill & Commissioner McCall

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SCOTLAND COUNTY HIGHLAND GAMES



Once again, we traveled to Laurinburg to attend the Tenth Annual Scotland County Highland Games. The day dawned somewhat misty and we thought we would have a repeat of the “Scottish” weather we had at Grandfather, but the sun came and we had a lovely day for the festivities.

Our own Bill Caudill was presented with the Governor’s award of the Long Leaf Pine and the local governments appreciation award (*see Board Member Bill Caudill story page two*).

We were graced with the appearance of Princess Merida of “Brave” fame. She charmed attendees with her lovely Scottish brogue and her archery skills. A great hit with the kids.

Another draw for the children (and adults) was the John Blue Cotton Blossom Railroad that encircled the field providing great views of the activities taking place.



John Blue Cotton Blossom Railroad



Princess Merida

Caudill (Cont’ from Page Two)

Red Springs decided to cease holding the Flora McDonald Highland Games, Bill and other citizens initiated the Scotland County Highland Games of which Bill is the

chair. No other event attracts more visitors to our area, and the games provide a strong economic impact to the county.

Bill graduated from St. Andrews University in 1989. Before he graduated, he was already an award-winning piper. While in high school he was a member of the Grandfather Mountain Pipe Band and became the college piper at St. Andrews. He started the St. Andrews Pipe Band. Upon his graduation, Bill established the Scottish Heritage Center at St. Andrews and has served as its Director since its establishment. He personally raised the funds to construct the building in which the Heritage Center is located.

Bill came to Scotland County from Waxhaw, NC, and essentially never left. He has helped forge bonds between the college and the community by including community pipers and drummers in the St Andrews Band and by teaching local high school students to play the pipes. Bill Caudill has made Laurinburg and Scotland County known nationally for our Scottish heritage and our reverence for that heritage. He has promoted North Carolina throughout Great Britain and the Scandinavian countries as a place that values its heritage, its culture, and its roots. Bill always exhibits a healthy respect for others and attempts to be inclusive of all cultures. His service has strengthened the State of North Carolina by illuminating important aspects of our past and expanding the foundation of our human understanding.

He is a leader, a coordinator, a perfectionist and most consistently a doer.

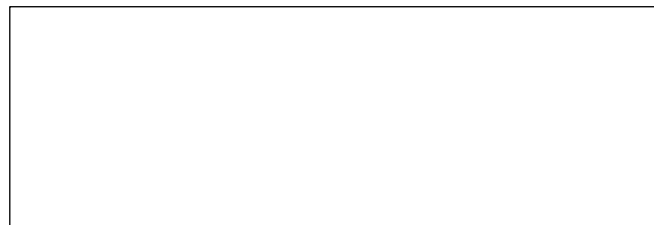
The honoree receives a certificate by which the Governor confers upon the recipient “the rank of Ambassador Extraordinary, privileged to enjoy fully all rights granted to members of this order among which is the special privilege to propose the North Carolina Toast in select company anywhere in the free world.”

CONGRATULATIONS BILL!



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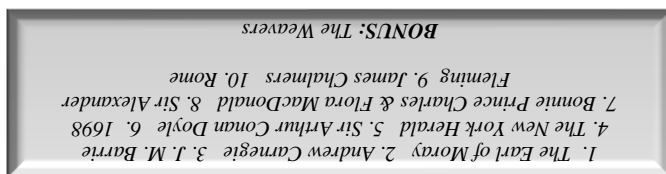
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SCOTTISH KNOWLEDGE QUIZ

1. Who was the first regent after Mary, Queen of Scots abdication?
2. Who donated money to Iona to establish a library?
3. Who lived at 9 Brechin Road, Kirriemuir?
4. Which American newspaper was started by the Scot, James Gordon Bennet, in the 19th century?
5. Name the author of Rodney Stone published in 1896?
6. In which year did the first expedition to Darien set out?
7. With which two famous people in history is the song "Over the Sea to Skye" associated (*and it's not Jamie & Claire*)?
8. Name the Scot who discovered penicillin?
9. Who invented the adhesive postage stamp?
10. Where was Bonnie Prince Charlie born?

Bonus: Who went on strike throughout Scotland in 1812?



WELCOME NEW & RETURNING MEMBERS

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| Carolyn & John Anderson | Grace Boatright |
| William Boyd | Tom & Elizabeth Burns |
| Ross Findlay | Leon & Janet Folsom |
| Marc & Elizabeth Hitchins | Al Hudson |
| Lynne Jerguson | Haley & Thomas Kolb |
| Megan McElroy | Monica Preiser |
| Timothy Spaulding | Mary Ybarra |

WELCOME ALL!

If you do not see your name, keep tuned to next issue

A quick last-minute note:

CONGRATULATIONS to Daniel Caudill

for his second win as Beginner Novice Grade Piper at the Scotland County Highland Games! His proud Dad, Bill had just received the Honors noted on page two.

Kudos to Daniel and Bill!