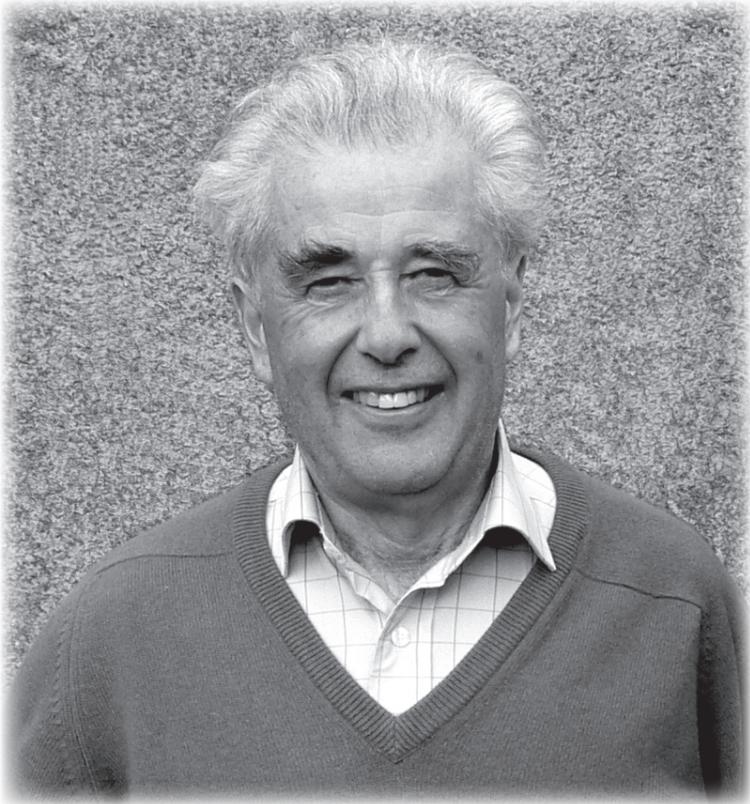




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IN REMEMBRANCE OF
OUR BELOVED 29TH CHIEF
JOHN MACLEOD OF MACLEOD
1935 - 2007
FRIEND AND LEADER



THE PASSING OF A GREAT CHIEF: JOHN MACLEOD OF MACLEOD

History sometimes chooses us to be either witnesses or actors in significant events. If we are lucky and wise, we respond to these events with the sincere and enormous effort they deserve.

Chief John was born John Wolrige Gordon, the second son of Captain Robert Wolrige Gordon MC and Joan, but perhaps more significantly he was borne a grandson of the indomitable Dame Flora, the 28th Chief of MacLeod of MacLeod. John's eldest brother Robert inherited his father's estate in Aberdeenshire, but John, older than his twin brother Patrick by a few minutes, became the *tanistair*, or inheritor of the title MacLeod of MacLeod.

His coming of age was celebrated famously in 1956 at Dunvegan, during which the 21 year-old performed an antique rite called "draining the horn." This feat required that he consume about a litre of Claret wine from the treasured Clan artifact known as "Rory Mor's Horn" in a single quaff, without falling or setting down. Successfully completing this act would indicate that he would become a great Chief. He was successful, and so entered into a magical history of warriors and leaders, of fairies and humans. Most of all, he became a man of whom the motto "Hold Fast" was both his heritage and a personal commitment.

Chief John applied his talents and interests to the improbable task of holding a feudal title in the modern age. He was a classically trained musician who continued his family's patronage of piping, most notably the Silver Chanter competition, and established a yearly Dunvegan Castle Chamber Music Festival. He was saddled with a heavy financial burden in the running of Dunvegan Castle and continuously sought to improve both the Castle property and the island economy of which it was a part. In recent years, his fold of Highland cattle won several major awards. He worked hard for the Estate, but the Chief will be most fondly remembered for his genial and tireless appearances at MacLeod functions around the world, and for both his great humour and deep sense of mission.

The Chief was a very accessible man, but he maintained a huge dignity. You might feel familiar with him, and he was an intent listener, but – as is true of all great leaders – he ultimately lifted you up to his level of interests and thought. He was very serious about being Chief, not because of the 'glamorous' trappings of the title but because he understood he was in a position to do some good in this world.

Chief John diligently tried to contribute to the international “clan” community, the Dunvegan village community, and the Isle of Skye community—and to Scotland and the world. He respected and actively explored the similarities among Scottish clans, North American tribes and traditional African communal organizations.

He was concerned with environmental issues and not just because of his role as businessman-farmer. He frequently traveled by bicycle in Dunvegan and London and he sought to develop sustainable tourist ventures on Skye. Chief John’s personal instructions for his funeral told us all to create as small a carbon footprint as possible—his coffin was largely carried by hand or by horse and trap.

Chief John was not a parochial man—he spoke out against fascism and recently marched in protest to the war in Iraq. He once told me that he believed that Scotland should be its own nation.

Our sympathies must now lie with the Chief’s remarkable family. Ulrika shared his musical interests and exuded the same good will and graciousness as her husband. She is a rare and lovely person whose fair hair and sunny personality can fill any room. Chief John’s son Hugh, who becomes the 30th Chief, is a filmmaker presently living in France with his wife Frederique and son Vincent. Chief Hugh has stepped vigorously into his new role, but it will of course take time for the complications of the Estate and other responsibilities to be transferred to him. His sister Elena, his brother Stephan and their young families support Hugh.

In February, the extended family was together in Dunvegan during the funeral and internment and graciously opened their home to mourners and well-wishers. It should also be noted that the Dunvegan Estate staff visibly gave the family heartfelt support during this difficult time in the midst of their own obvious bereavement at the loss of their much-respected employer and friend.

Chief Hugh inherits a similar quandary as his father had—what does it mean to be a Scottish clan Chief in the 21st century? He must be artist and family man, politician and businessman, and perhaps a myriad of other things as well. Chief Hugh’s life and work abroad means that he brings those experiences and perspectives to this most monumental of assignments.

Each Chief has been different over the years, but each has honoured the fact that he or she was chosen to be both witness to and actor in the heritage of the Clan MacLeod. We now welcome Chief Hugh and wish him every success. **Hold fast.**

[Editor's Note: When I read this fine tribute to Chief John in The MacAskill Sept Society newsletter Clann Na Asketill I obtained permission from the author, Dorna Caskie, to reprint it in the Leod Voice. The MacAskill Sept Society was formed "As adherents to the Chiefs of MacLeod of Harris and Great Swordsmen in defense of that Chief." The MacAskill sept of the MacLeod clan has developed and grown into a society under it's own title through the encouragement of such members as Olive McCaskill Bell of Albuquerque, New Mexico. Olive is also a member of Clan MacLeod Society Cape Breton.]

MEMORIES OF CHIEF JOHN

BY ROD (RORY) MACLEOD

Ann and I have fond memories of Chief John from both Skye and Ottawa. We remember him as a generous and warm-hearted gentleman with a delightful sense of humour and well-developed skills in communicating both the spoken and written word.

How well we remember those priceless interventions of his at Clan Parliament in Dunvegan—like the time when he spoke so eloquently about the pressing need to up-grade the plumbing in the Village Hall. When one of our number was caught short, dashed to the washroom and pulled the chain—what a clatter! What dreadful reverberations as the antiquated system went about its job of flushing. The Chief in measured tones, retorted in a loud and authoritative voice, “Need I say more?” The point was made.

The other Skye memory was associated with the debate in Parliament on how best to care for the graves of former Chiefs and other dear-departed. Some clanfolk wanted to tear down the remaining fences and bring in the lawn-mowers. Others considered this too expensive and extreme. Showing a sensible and practical side, Chief John spoke with great feeling that a more sensible solution would be to do away with all fences and simply allow the Dunvegan sheep to roam freely and do the job for us at no expense to the Clan.

Our Canadian memories are no less vivid. How often we recall the North American Gathering in Vancouver back in 1992 when we first got to know John on a more personal basis while sharing his company over Alberta buffalo meat. And we were thrilled on that occasion, as on many others, as we listened to that wonderfully trained voice of his as he shared selections from his extensive repertoire of Scottish and Gaelic songs.

Our most cherished memory relates to 1996 when the Ottawa MacLeods were staging a fund-raising ceilidh at historic St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in support of the proposed Clan Centre, and the

Chief graciously accepted our invitation to grace our gathering with his presence. Needless to say, he proved to be a star performer mixing graciously and effortlessly with his Ottawa clan family.

It was a busy two days which included a cross-town drop-in at the Westin Hotel where Jean and Ed McKenna were celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary; a lively ceilidh was in progress featuring Scottish Country dancing and some of what I thought were my best jokes (how decent of him to compliment me on my sense of timing). Chief John expressed informative and good natured remarks to the Ottawa Society for the invitation, and endured exposure to the jarring and incessant blast from the automatic but uncontrolled security alarm system (shared with but controlled by the Bank of Canada). The evening thus ended in disarray but the Chief remained unperturbed by the commotion, even offering to help the ladies clean up in the kitchen. Not surprising though, his appearance exhibited a sunnier hue after a few drams of Talisker on arriving home.

The following morning, we left for Glengarry where the Chief was anxious to re-visit places and faces familiar to him from earlier visits with his grandmother, Dame Flora. Barbara Armstrong was driver and guide. The Glengarry folk of course did the Chief proud by arranging a luncheon in his honour in the Community Hall where he spoke warmly of his happy associations with the area as teenager-soon-to-become Chief.

So many memories of this engaging personality! A final memory of this visit was the enthusiasm shown while enjoying breakfast the next morning. It was his favourite breakfast – oatcakes, orange juice, and a cup of tea. Ann had done her homework and so the Chief left Ottawa for the USA on a settled stomach. There was no bacon and eggs for the MacLeod Chief but plain down-to-earth oatcakes. This was his preference. We have never forgotten.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

BY IAN C. MACLEOD

Best of Times, Worst of Times

This has been the most difficult report that I have had to write as CMSC President, but while it is one of sadness, it is also one of optimism.

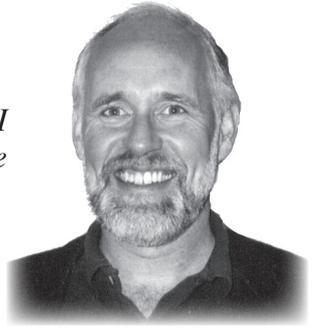
One of my favourite books is Charles Dickens's *A Tale of Two Cities*, either because it is so well written, or because the tragic hero, Sydney Carton, was a lawyer. (When our kids were small, I had at least two of them memorize that whole opening paragraph.)

It opens with the famous words: "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, ... it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair...".

Over the past several months we have celebrated some of the "best of times", our "spring of hope": Parliament 2006, Chief John's 30th Anniversary as Chief (Nov 4), Sarah Burnell (the young fiddler at recent NAGs and Parliament) as she won the Canadian Folk Music Award 2006 in the "Best Young Performer" category (Dec 12), the wedding of Past President Neil and CMSC Secretary June, the 50th Anniversary of the Vancouver Society and 70th Anniversary of Glengarry, and the 60th wedding anniversaries of Norman & Joan Rogers (June 22), Ed & Jean McKenna (Sept 14) and Bill & Edith MacLeod (Dec 7).

Countering those best of times were the worst of times – the deaths of far too many of our National and International leaders, our "winter of despair". Among clansfolk we will dearly miss are: Ed McKenna (former CMSC legal Council and Co-Recipient, with Jean, of the Outstanding Clanpersons Award in 2000, died on Nov 11), Colin MacLeod (Chair of the NAG 2000 and Co-Recipient, with Beth, of the Outstanding Clanpersons Award in 2004, died on Feb 28) and of course, Chief John MacLeod of MacLeod, our 29th Chief, died on Feb 12.

Of course it was a huge shock to hear of the passing of Colin on Feb 28, only two weeks after the passing of Chief John. Colin had been a friend of Clan MacLeod, at the local, National and International levels for decades. He and Beth chaired the North American Gathering in Guelph in 2000. He brought Beth and their twin daughters, Karen and Christina, into active participation and leadership roles in Clan affairs. I remember



very fondly the couple of days I spent at Colin and Beth's home in Caledon in 2004, when Heather, Cam and I were driving back home across Canada. We spent many hours reminiscing about the importance to us of family and of things MacLeod. He will be sorely missed by both his immediate family and his extended MacLeod family around the world.

We also lost far too many other of our clansfolk, including Cay Wilson (Sept 29) and Dr. Clyde MacLeod (father of our CMSC National VP, Dr. Don, on Dec 27) of our Vancouver Society, Dr. Alex MacLeod (Past President of CMS Central Ontario on Feb 25, at age 95), Deloras (Dody) Brabazon (sister of Betty MacLean, President of our Halifax Society, and my third cousin, on Feb 16) and Stanley Graham of Pictou, NS, aged 97.

On the "mixed blessing" front, CMSC Secretary June Constantine had to have brain surgery in April to remove a large tumour. Thankfully, the surgery went well, the tumour was not malignant and she is making a good recovery.

On behalf of CMSC, I have tried to communicate with each of them and their families, offering our congratulations, best wishes or condolences, as the case may be. In most cases, I have tried to send copies of what I have written to my Canadian MacLeod's email distribution list.

It has been suggested that, as a National Society, we should create some form of award or scholarship to recognize our departed clansfolk. I agree that that would be nice, and appropriate, but we have very little money, and are widely dispersed across the country. In some ways, any memorial would be much more meaningful at the local level, where the memories are stronger and the recognition can be more focussed. In any case, I am open to any suggestions.

In relation to our many departed clansfolk, again to quote *A Tale of Two Cities*, this time being the closing words, "it is a far, far better rest that I go to than I have ever known". One can only hope and pray that those words hold true for them. I have no doubt that they do.

Chief John

I will not say a lot about Chief John in this issue, in that almost two full issues of the *Clan MacLeod Magazine* will be devoted to his memory. However, I can say that we have lost a great leader and, for me, a personal friend. I had sent in two pages of personal reminiscences to CMS Scotland in the days following John's death, an abridged version of which having been reproduced in the *Clan MacLeod Magazine* (at page 344, but, in

the first distribution, due to an assembly error by the printers, page 345 picks up after page 336 – the printers have rerun the *Magazine*).

I spent some time with Chief John on a number of occasions, including Parliaments in 1998 and 2006; North American Gatherings in 1992, 2000 and 2004; on his North American tour in 1996 and at the Clan MacLeod Scotland annual dinners (which always coincide with the ACMS spring meetings in Edinburgh) in 2005 and 2006.

I was always very much impressed with Chief John's accessibility to all Clan members, his friendliness and easy good humour and his deep commitment to Dunvegan and the Clan. Not only was he the traditional Chief of our great Clan, with all the status and responsibilities that that entailed, but he was one of its greatest ambassadors.

Allow me the liberty of relating a few brief personal anecdotes beyond those included in the *Magazine*. I first met Chief John at the North American Gathering in Vancouver in 1992. At that Gathering, my father, Rev. Alastair MacLeod, was scheduled to do the church service on the last day. Unfortunately, he fell ill the night before. In a panic, my Mom asked my sister Jean to manage the service and me to deliver the sermon which, fortunately, had been typed out. At that time I was President of the British Columbia Chamber of Commerce, and doing a lot of public speaking. My usual practice was to start with some personal, funny (hopefully) anecdotes, before getting into the meat of my presentation. I did the same with my Dad's sermon, talking about life living in run down church manses and as a "preacher's kid". At the end of the service, when people were filing out, Chief John commented to me on how much he had enjoyed the sermon, "especially my stories at the beginning".

I related that story to him when I was chatting with him in Chicago



Chief John with his lovely wife
Ulrika at Parliament 2006

in 2004. He laughed and then asked “what would you have done if you had disagreed with your Dad’s sermon?” I answered that “to start with, that would have been awfully presumptuous of me”. Then, quite flip-pantly, I said “why would that be a problem, I’m a lawyer”. He laughed uproariously at my own self deprecating humour, and said that he would have to remember that one.

I will never forget the three or four hours that I sat beside him at dinner in Edinburgh in 2005. We had a most enjoyable evening.

As my own family knows far too well, not only am I the family historian, but I am constantly taking pictures to commemorate people and events. I am so glad that I had the foresight to get some pictures taken at Parliament of him with the three young ladies (Emma & Heather, Magazine Co-Editors and Kirsteen, Youth Contact) who are part of our new generation of leadership and of him and Ulrika with my wife, Ardis, Heather and me. I also set up the picture of him with Hugh and me right after the group picture at Parliament. That picture seems to be the only one around with the two of them standing together. It was on page 3 of the Fall 2006 *Leod Voice* and on the cover of the April 2007 *Magazine* (although the editors of each edited me out – that’s ok with me, I have the original) and on page 2 of the May 2007 newsletter of our Central Ontario Society (they left me in!).

Ardie, has a final lasting impression. At Parliament 2006 she was out for a walk on a cold, windy morning (they all were), when she saw Chief John come barrelling down the street from Dunvegan, at full speed, on his bicycle – with kilt and hair blowing in the wind. It was quite a sight. I mentioned that “vision” to him afterwards, and he laughed (as always), and said that it was so much easier to get around Dunvegan on his bike.



Chief Hugh

There is a brief profile of Hugh in the *Magazine*, as well as a message from him. I have written to him offering our full support to him as he takes over the challenging task of heading our ancient and widespread Clan.

At this point, I don’t know whether there will be an official inaugural ceremony. If so, I will seek feedback on what we might present to him on behalf of the CMSC.

Recognition of Key Events

Last year I prepared and sent a number of certificates recognizing important society or personal events or anniversaries. However, I can only do that if local clansfolk let me know of upcoming key events. They could include 50th or 60th Anniversaries, 90th or 100th birthdays, upcoming weddings or other significant events.

I have already mentioned weddings of Past President Neil and CMSC Secretary June and of Central Ontario President Karen Macleod (daughter of Colin & Beth – CMSC Treasurer) and Paul McCrimmon (son of Central Canada VP Don and Coordinating Genealogist Lesley) and so forth. Again, please let me know of such events.



As an aside, special congratulations go out to Ian D MacLeod, Australia (otherwise known as Ian D, Ian & Ruth, Kirsteen's Dad, or Dr. Ian, Australia). Ian just completed his second doctorate (of Science), as a result of years of conservation research on historic shipwrecks. We may now have to call him Dr. Dr. Ian or Double Doctor Ian (Ruth's brother's suggestion). Anyway, I know that it was well earned. Congratulations again to Ian.

North American Gathering 2008

Just a quick reminder on this important event. As mentioned in last issue, Barbara MacLeod Armstrong (CMSC President, 1994 – 2000) is chairing the NAG in Ottawa, from July 2 - 6, 2008. Everyone is encouraged to come to Ottawa a couple of days early to take in Canada Day on July 1. It promises to be a great event. They have a web site at www.macleodgathering2008.ca. There is now a tentative schedule and forms for registration and accommodation on the site.

Genetics and Genealogy

Genealogy: I first got interested in genealogy in about 1980, when I was organizing the 60th wedding anniversary celebrations for my maternal grandparents, Rev. Charles and Jean MacGillivray. To help with

my planning, I took a brief course on genealogy. I well remember the opening words of the instructor. He said, somewhat indelicately, “before you take this course, I want each of you to satisfy yourself that you are willing to accept what you find – because every family, no matter how proper that they think they are, will find ‘idiots, bastards and criminals’”. By “idiots”, he meant intellectually slow or mentally ill and by “bastards” he meant illegitimate children (although my Dad, Rev. Alastair, always said that there is no such thing as an illegitimate child, only illegitimate parents).

In any case, my “traditional” research has found some of the good and the bad. On the good side, I have found that Betty MacLean, President of our Halifax Society is a third cousin (through the Cape Breton Morrisons). She well remembers my Dad, as a young man.

If any of you have any Cape Breton ancestry, you should look at a site maintained by Russell Johnson (<http://familytreemaker.genealogy.com/users/j/o/h/Russell-W-Johnson/index.html>). There are plenty of gaps and mistakes, I’m sure, but there are over 47,500 names on the site. Past President Neil and Atlantic VP Don are also both in the site, although they are not related to me (although over 9,000 in there are).

There can also be negatives to finding distant relatives. For example, many of you would have seen the media coverage of the arrests last summer in Toronto of 17 alleged terrorists. The wife of the alleged ring-leader is Cheryfa Jamal, who was born Cheryl MacAulay. She is a 5th generation, Scots-Canadian, with deep roots in Sydney, Cape Breton. Her grandmother, Isobel (Crosby) MacAulay, designed the Nova Scotia tartan. Oh, and Mrs. Jamal is my 3rd cousin (once removed).

In any case, you can’t pick your relatives and there are many more positive family found than negative, and this is great fun.

Genetics: On a different front, there is the MacLeod genetics project, which has been highlighted in several recent issues of the *Magazine*. I sent in my DNA swab, but it was rejected, either due to damage in transit or because my MS interferes with the tests. Therefore, I had my son, Cameron, send in a sample.

Imagine my surprise when I found that I actually know a few of the probable relatives. Bill C MacLeod, President of the Clan Macleod USA is the closest. Based on a 67 marker analysis, there is a 68% probability that we have a common ancestor in the last 200 years, and 91% in the last 300. Another USA-CMS (Past) President, Col. Purdy McLeod, is a bit more remote, at a 47% chance in the past 200 years and 79% in the last 300 years. I have been in touch with each of them, but we haven’t yet found the common link. Anyway, this is fun.

Things Scotland

I will give a few brief comments on a few items that I have seen come out of Scotland of late.

1. Scottish Independence: As you probably know, the crowns of England and Scotland merged in 1603 (James VI of Scotland became James I of England). Under the Act of Union, the Parliaments of England and Scotland became one, on May 1, 1707. In 1999 there was some devolution of powers to the local Parliament, making Scotland somewhat akin to our Provinces, in terms of powers. It is somewhat ironic that on May 3, 2007, almost 300 years to the day after the Parliaments united, in a general election, the Scottish party winning the most seats was the Scottish National Party (SNP), who are committed to full Scottish independence (or, for you Canadians familiar with Quebec politics – maybe sovereignty association). The SNP does not control the Scottish Parliament, having 47 out of 129 seats (Labour has 46, Conservatives 17, Liberals 16 and others 3), so the odds of a separation referendum are fairly remote at the moment. Sir Sean Connery fully supports independence.

2. Skye No More?: In April there was some consternation when it was announced that the Highland Council had changed the name of Skye to its Gaelic name Eilean a' Cheò (pronounced along the lines of “ellan-uh-ch-yaw” and meaning Island of Mist). In Scottish Gaelic Skye is also commonly referred to as An t-Eilean Sgithanach (“The Winged Isle”). However, after much uproar, particularly from the tourism industry, the Council seems to have backed away from a formal name change, at least for now.

3. Scottish Regiment and Regimental kilts: In August 2006, six Scottish military units were merged into one, to create the only Scottish Regiment in the British Army, called the Royal Regiment of Scotland. Those 6 merged units were The Black Watch (1725), The King's Own Scottish Borderers (1689), The Royal Scots (1633), The Royal Highland Fusiliers (1959), The Highlanders (1994, through the amalgamation of the Queen's Own Highlanders (Seaforth and Camerons) and The Gordon Highlanders) and The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (1881, through the amalgamation of the Princess Louise's Argyllshire Regiment and the Sutherland Highlanders). Needless to say, traditionalists were heartbroken at the loss of those historic units.

Likewise, there was another potentially very serious problem. There were only 320 ceremonial kilts for 5,000 soldiers, and there was the potential that, under EU tendering rules, that the kilts would have to be manufactured overseas, maybe even China. However, justice and

tradition prevailed - Glenisla Kilts in Motherwell won the main contract to supply the 5000 kilts over four years, manufacturing the kilts using tartan from Robert Noble Ltd of Peebles. Other kilts and accessories are to be made by Argyll Bagpipes and Kilts in West Dunbartonshire.

So, gone are six historic Scottish units and for the next four years the soldiers will have to share their kilts, on a ratio of about 17 men per kilt.

4. Wearing Kilts and Tartan: Speaking of kilts, I ran across a very useful book regarding the wearing of tartan and kilts, entitled “Buying Your Kilt Made Easy” an expert insider’s frank views and simple tips by Dr. Nicholas J Fiddes Kilt. It is a free download in pdf format at <http://clan.com/kiltsandtartan/>.

5. Car racing: For those of you that follow open wheel car racing, you will have seen that Edinburgh native, Dario Franchitti (yes, he is Scottish, brogue and all) won the Indy 500 on May 27. Some of you may know him better as the husband of Hollywood star, Ashley Judd. He is the first Scot to win that famous race since Jimmy Clark, of Fife, in 1965. As an aside, he was racing for Andretti Green in car #27, the Canadian Club car. I guess that gives him a tenuous Canadian connection (even if it is rye whisky – uugh!)

Personal Notes

I think that I have, yet again, more than used up my allotted space. I did want to comment on some MacLeod’s in history, the Septs of Clan MacLeod, CMSC and ACMS business and a bit of Scottish humour. However, the tragic death of Chief John overtook us for this issue. That means that there is no shortage of material for future issues.

On a personal note, going forward, I will not be able to travel as much as I would have liked. I had a blood clot in my bad (MS weakened) leg in November, which forestalled any air travel for a while. I am okay, at least on that front, now, but my wife and kids are trying to keep me from travelling on my own (MS attacks can hit unexpectedly and some airports are not particularly helpful if one has mobility challenges). I am (proudly) bull-headed and stubborn enough that I might anyway, but I have to pick my spots.

In any case, since I became CMSC President in Chicago in 2004, I’m glad that I was able to get to visit nearly every local society during my driving tour of North America in 2004, attend the Fort Macleod and Calgary celebrations in 2005, attend ACMS meetings in Edinburgh in Feb. 2005 and 2006, and attend Parliament in 2006. I may not travel much this year, but I am very much looking forward to the North American Gathering in Ottawa in July 2008.

Hold Fast and Shine Bright



CALLING ALL CANADIAN MACLEODS!

BY BARBARA MACLEOD ARMSTRONG,
COORDINATOR PLANNING COMMITTEE

Start making your plans to be in Ottawa next summer for *A Capital Gathering* of Clan MacLeod. The North American Gathering 2008 will run from July 2nd to 6th and will be held at the University of Ottawa in the heart of the city.

We've arranged for a great Accommodation/Meal package at Ottawa U and the University invites you to come early for Canada Day, July 1st. This is a really special day in our Nation's Capital in the shadow of the Peace Tower and the Cana-

dian Parliament Buildings. You can also stay on after the Gathering to finish touring the area.

We've arranged the programme so that Saturday is a free day to tour the city, visit the museums or the Byward Market, or take a boat trip on the world's newest heritage site—the Rideau Canal!

Your Registration fee covers many special events over the five days of NAG 2008. We start right off on the evening of July 2nd by busing all those registered to the RCMP Sunset Ceremony which in-



The majestic Peace Tower at the Canadian Parliament buildings

cludes the famous Musical Ride.

After the formality of the Official Opening, July 3rd morning, everyone can enjoy Tim Horton's coffee and a donut—a real Canadian treat! That evening, we will all gather for the Welcoming Reception and Kitchen Ceilidh, right on campus.

July 4th, Independence Day for our USA Clansfolk, will be celebrated by us all with a "Good Neighbours BBQ". The famous Silent Auction will be on-going throughout the evening while we enjoy a special "Concert Ceilidh"

featuring talent from Glengarry and Ottawa.

During the first three days of the Gathering there will be workshops about history, genealogy, music, food and the popular Ceilidh dancing. Time has been set aside for the Canadian and USA meetings and an open ACMS meeting. There will be a programme of activities for kids and, for NRG youth, a bike tour, a hike in the Gatineau and some community service.

On Saturday, after a day spent sightseeing, we will meet at the University for the Gathering Photo-another tradition. Then, while the under-12 kids enjoy a well-supervised Pizza and Movie party on campus, everyone 12 and over, dressed in their finest, will be bused to The Canadian Museum of Civilization for the Banquet and Ball. This will be held in the amazing Grand Hall, amid totem poles and with a spectacular view of the Parliament Buildings. Along with attendance by the RCMP, we will be entertained by highland dancers and the evening's dance band, *The Brigadoons*, from Glengarry. What a special evening it promises to be!

Sunday morning we will conclude the NAG 2008 with a Church Service on campus, followed by a box lunch and farewells.

The Registration covers the rental of all the activity areas at the University, as well as the cost of

busing and liability insurance. We have tried to keep the fees “family friendly” by adjusting the costs for teens and children with the adult fee. The rates are as follows:

Age 4 and under are free, 5-11 \$100.00, 12-17 \$175.00, 18 and over \$275.00

The Registration form as well as the Accomodation form from Ottawa U will appear on our website www.macleodgathering2008.ca and the Clan MacLeod website. They will also be in the Fall issues of the *Clan Macleod Magazine* and the *Leod Voice*.

Join us in welcoming to Canada’s Capital, our Clan neighbours and friends from the USA, as well as our Clansfolk from around the world.

Bring your family for a very special experience.

If you come by train, plane or bus, let us know and you’ll be met. Come by car and park it for the five days.

Keep checking the Gathering web site for updates.

We look forward to seeing you next July at *A Capital Gathering*.



HALIFAX CMS NEWS

BY BETTY MACLEAN,
PRESIDENT

In 2005 on a visit to Dunvegan, I was honoured to meet with and experience the kindness of Chief John MacLeod. I was very sad, therefore, to hear of our Chief’s illness and subsequent passing early this year. MacLeods in Canada, and yes, MacLeods around the world, have lost a great man. Our condolences were sent to his family. John’s son, Hugh Magnus MacLeod, has become our new Chief. We welcome Chief Hugh and look forward to one day meeting with him when he visits Canada as our Clan Chief.



This year Nova Scotia is hosting the International Gathering of the Clans. Events will be taking place across our Province from May to late October. Clan Societies list their events on the schedule. Check out www.scotsns.ca and fol-

low the links for events.

Over the winter, our branch executive has been busy tossing around ideas as to how we may participate in the Gathering. On July 7th we had our tent and display at the Halifax Highland Games, and displayed Clan information and albums of pictures covering social activities held by our Society over the years since inception. We doubled the numbers of visitors to our booth over last year. As in past years, attendees were treated to the skirl of pipes of the combined bands, the amazing sight and sounds of over 120 pipers in parade. It was awesome!

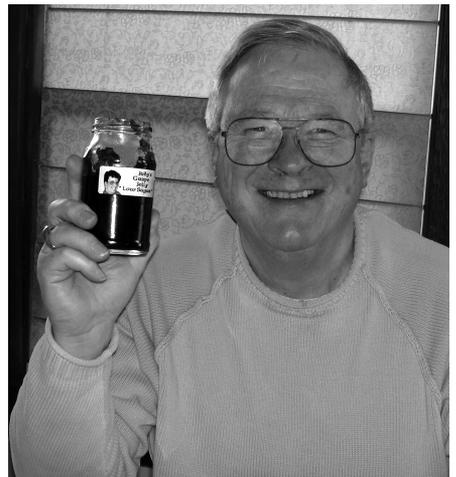
This year, apart from, but also in conjunction with the 2007 Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo, (July 1-8) the Pipers' International Festival was also held in Halifax. Everyone who enjoys the sounds of pipes and drums was overjoyed to hear over 1000 pipers. Imagine, if 120 were an awesome sight and sound, how 1000 pipers on parade would need to be described. I, for one, love the skirl of pipes and thoroughly enjoy the chilling thrill that their sounds bring.

On July 15th, we are moving our activities to Pictou County. At 1:30 pm there will be a church service at the Old Log Church (replica of the church built by the first settlers) at Loch Broom. After the service members and guests will be

entertained at a ceilidh at the Lyons Brook United Church, followed by a supper in the hall. The church service and entertainment are open to the public; however, tickets for the supper must be obtained without delay as seating for the supper is limited. For further information, please contact Pat (902) 479-2964, Eleanor (864-6603) or Betty (464-1213).

Nova Scotia is hosting many festivals and activities and we are sure that there will be something of interest to be seen or experienced in every part of our beautiful province.

Ciad Mile Failte! One Hundred Thousand Welcomes! to all our Clan families, members and friends. We look forward to meeting you.



Don (Halifax) breakfasts with Karen & Malcolm (Vancouver Island) only to discover Judy's Jam there too.

CAPE BRETON CMS NEWS

BY LEE ANNE MACLEOD-ARCHER

The Clan MacLeod Society of Cape Breton (CMSCB) hosted its second annual Robbie Burns dinner on Sunday, January 21, 2007 at the Gaelic College in St. Ann's. Originally scheduled for Saturday evening, the dinner had to be postponed due to a power outage at the Gaelic College after a fierce wind storm in the Cape Breton highlands the night prior.

Despite the postponement and continued blustery weather, a sizeable crowd gathered for a lovely evening, complete with a roast beef dinner, music, fellowship and, of course, scotch whisky for toasting. The event was chaired by CMSCB President Alastair MacLeod as one of his first official functions. The Immortal Memory speech was provided by Bill Charlton, who also offered a traditional toast to the haggis. Past President Greg MacLeod recited the Selkirk Grace, while a toast to the Lassies was presented by Simon Archer. LeeAnne MacLeod-Archer, Secretary-Treasurer, provided the reply.

The CMSCB hopes to continue building its membership numbers and to host a larger Burns dinner next year.

CMSCB met in Inverness County, on Saturday, June 9th at St. Margaret's Parish Centre,

Dunvegan. Among the thirty-four people who attended were Don MacLeod, CMSC Vice-President Atlantic Region and Alistair MacLeod, one of Canada's leading authors. President Alastair MacLeod and Vice-President Margaret MacLeod presided.

The meeting opened with a talk by Bonnie MacLeod-Thornhill on the hardships and successes of the early MacLeod settlers in St. Ann's Bay and North River. Her address was received with considerable appreciation by all.

Discussion followed on the importance of preserving our heritage for the next generation. Our small membership and increasing average-age were noted as obstacles. Remedies for this dilemma will be considered at future meetings.

Members expressed interest in the "*Margaret Project*", headed by Sandy MacLeod. The idea is to build a replica of one of Reverend Norman MacLeod's ships, which carried MacLeods from Cape Breton to New Zealand in 1852. Should the project materialize, the *Margaret* will be displayed in St. Ann's Bay, the site of Reverend Norman's settlement in Cape Breton.

The next meeting of the Society will be held in Framboise, Richmond County.



Anyone planning to travel to Cape Breton in the fall should take the opportunity to attend some of the wonderful concerts offered during *Celtic Colours*, held each year in early October when the fall colours are absolutely spectacular. Visit the website celtic-colours.com for details.



PRAIRIE REPORT

BY BOB MCLEOD,

CMSC VP PRAIRIE REGION

Not much activity so far this year except for our eight page newsletter which was very well received. Thanks to Carole, John, Sam and Bob.

Saturday, June 9th was the date of our Clan MacLeod picnic held in Little Mountain Park, Winnipeg. Ten years ago our picnics were well attended and a lot of fun. I suppose as the kids grew older, their interest in picnics waned and we stopped having them. Now we'll try again and hope for a good or reasonable turnout. The Kirkin' O the Tartan church service has been postponed until the fall.

A number of Clan MacLeod folk belong to the Winnipeg Robert Burns Club #197 and will take part in the Burns Worldwide Annual Conference being held in Winnipeg August 3-5 this year.

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Winnipeg was chosen in recognition of the 100th Anniversary of the Robert Burns Club of Winnipeg. We wish them well and a successful meeting.

Upcoming in July will be the Manitoba Highland Games in Selkirk followed by Folklorama in August, always popular Scottish events.

Clan MacLeod will be well represented at both venues.

I would like to thank Alma MacLeod, CMS Alberta South for the fine tribute to Chief John she submitted to Calgary's *Old Forts Journal*.

VANCOUVER ISLAND CMS NEWS

BY MALCOLM MACLEOD, CMS VANCOUVER ISLAND

We had a great visit with Don and Eleanor MacLeod, CMSC VP Atlantic Region, from Halifax in January when they were out here visiting family. They came to Duncan to spend the night with us and attend our Burns Event hosted by the Cowichan Valley Pipes and Drums. Pipe Major Gordon Pollock led the Band, Cathy White and her dancers entertained and Ian Rothney was the MC leading us in song. In spite of the fact that Don and I had only met at Parliament last summer, our visit was like old family in true clan style. We discussed where we were from, Don from Lewis



then Assynt and I from Berneray. Mom and Dad (Frances and Neil) who were members of the Vancouver Clan MacLeod Society at the same time as Don and Eleanor, came and joined our group. There was great camaraderie and they knew a lot of people in common.



Don & Eleanor (Halifax) enjoy Burns' Dinner in Duncan with Malcolm, Karen, Kirstin and Callum

GREATER VANCOUVER CMS NEWS

BY BILL G. McLEOD

The 17th Annual Robert Burns Luncheon was held at The Richmond Curling Club, on Sunday January 21, 2007, with over 80 members and friends in attendance.

It was indeed a pleasure to have Eleanor and Donald MacLeod (Atlantic Region VP, CMSC) with us during their west coast visit, Chris and Dr. Donald McLeod of Merritt, BC, (VP CMSC), Mrs. Delcy-Ann Selymes of Winnipeg, a member of CMS Manitoba, a niece to Edith and Bill G. and the Williamson Party from Kirkland, Washington.

M/C Ian C. MacLeod, President, CMSC called on Allan MacLeod to offer the Grace which was followed by the Haggis Parade: Piper Kirstin Ridout, Haggis Bearer Ken MacLeod, Spirits Bearer Neil R. and Toastmaster Bill G. McLeod. Following the Address to a Haggis, a traditional buffet luncheon was served.

The toast to the Immortal Memory was presented profoundly, by our good friend Dr. Roy Strang. Mike Ridout gave the toast to the Lassies and to even things up, Bonnie Ridout gave the response. Ian C. MacLeod, President CMSC reported on the National Scene.

The entertainment was provided by the very talented Stave Falls

Scottish Dancers and by Donald A. McLeod with music and a sing-along. Another enjoyable gathering of members and friends ended with 'Auld Lang Syne'.

Shortly after, on February 12 we received the devastating news of the passing of Chief John MacLeod of MacLeod. All members of ACMS and other friends have suffered this loss of the 29th Chief.

We remember how willingly he accepted the heavy responsibility from his grandmother Chief Dame Flora and how well he continued her fine work 'To Bring Together the Children of Leod'.

We remember the times in the company of Chief John and his ap-



preciation of the work of the Clan Society. We know our 30th Chief, Hugh, as a son and great-grandson

of such steadfast parentage, will add to the family spirit of the Clan MacLeod.

CANADIAN AND OTHER MACLEODS

BY IAN C. MACLEOD

Many, if not most, of you know Past President Neil McLeod (also, the Santa Claus look-alike who served as official photographer for Parliaments and other MacLeod gatherings) and CMSC Secretary June Constantine. Many of you know they became engaged on Lewis, during Parliament last year. They were married on June 16, 2007 on the beach at Birch Bay, WA, a childhood favourite spot of June's (Birch Bay is just south of Vancouver, BC).

On June 23, National VP Dr. Donald McLeod, and his wife Chris, hosted a reception for Neil and June at their home in Merritt BC, about 270 km east of Vancouver (one usually travels to it over the Coquihalla Pass—I missed the blizzard by about 10 hours!). Their home is on an acreage several kilometres into the countryside from Merritt and is modeled on Dunvegan castle. The room in which the reception was held is a showcase of things MacLeod and Scottish, so it was a perfect setting.

I was honoured to be invited to the event, and to propose a toast to

the newlyweds. The Champagne was delayed during my toast, so I had to ad lib for about 10 minutes (as you probably could guess, that was not too hard for me to do).

Dr. Don, Neil, June and I were all wearing MacLeod kilts.



Neil & June can be reached at: P.O. Box 1835, Merritt, BC, V1K 1B3, Tel: 250-378-5225

Email addresses are nrinmerritt@telus.net and june60@telus.net

I brought congratulations on behalf of all the Canadian Macleod, but I thought that you would be interested to hear of their significant event.

GREAT NEWS!

Sarah Burnell, the talented young Celtic fiddler and singer from Ottawa brought home the award as Best Young Performer for 2006 at the Canadian Folk Music Awards. Sarah was present at the ceremony in Edmonton on December 10th, along with her parents. In her acceptance speech, Sarah thanked the team who produced the CD “Sarah’ndipity”, and especially her mentor Paul Mills. Sarah also spoke passionately about the importance of bringing Canadian folk music into the school system, so that future generations might be more aware of our rich cultural heritage.

An exciting surprise for Sarah



was added “prize” attached to the award: the chance to perform at the 2007 Edmonton Folk Festival. She is very thrilled with the prospect of performing at one of North America’s top folk events!

Another special event that weekend was the opportunity for Sarah to perform with The McDades, at the well-known Edmonton folk venue, The SideTrack Café. Shannon Johnson (of the McDades) has been a mentor for Sarah, and Jeremiah McDade played winds on “Sarah’ndipity”. It was a real pleasure for Sarah to join this wonderful band on stage. The McDades were also big winners at the Canadian Folk Music Awards!

Linda Crawford, Sarah’s mother, commented, “It has certainly been an exciting year for this kid! Thank you to all her friends, teachers, and mentors who have supported her on this roller-coaster ride!”

In June, 2006, she graduated from the prestigious Canterbury High School Fine Arts programme (strings). She is presently studying Violin and Music Education concurrently at McGill University, Montreal.

Check out Sarah’s website www.sarahfiddle.ca where you will find the following among her reviews of her first CD “Sarah’ndipity”: from the Ottawa *Citizen Review*, Saturday, July 22, 2006, by Patrick

Langston. “Capering with youthful exuberance and memorable for its finesse, this album marks the recording début of 17-year-old Otagawa fiddler Sarah Burnell.

Jigs, country waltzes, and hornpipes, many of them traditional tunes, make up Burnell’s repertoire. A mezzo-soprano, she also performs a couple of lovely vocal numbers, one of them sung in English and Gaelic, and both sounding far more mature than you’d expect from one so young.

Burnell, by the way, is a classically trained violinist, which helps explain the control and sheer good taste that flavour her performances, while her background as a highland dancer doubtless accounts for the zip and zest that distinguish her music.

Accompanying instrumentation includes percussion and winds, while Toronto’s Paul Mills lends his impeccable guitar to the proceedings.”

Regarding her search for her own violin, Sarah says, “Many of the friends, family, and fans I have spoken with lately have asked about the on-going hunt for my new violin. Well, I am pleased to announce that the six-month search has been successful! My new instrument is a rich, beautiful 2006 Christopher White violin. And no, its name has not ‘come to me’ yet. I’ll be sure to keep you posted, though!

NEW ZEALAND SCOTS

This article consists of excerpts from one written by Dr. Leith Davis, SFU, submitted by J. Ron MacLeod, CMS Vancouver and ruthlessly edited to maintain the significance of the announcement.

It’s guid to be merry and wise,
It’s guid to be honest and true,
It’s guid to support Caledonia’s
cause,
And bide by the buff and the
blue!

*Here’s a Health to Them that’s
Awa’.* -Robert Burns

The University of Otago is establishing New Zealand’s first Professorial Chair in Scottish Studies. The Stuart Chair, named after Knox Church’s first minister, Reverend Donald Stuart, who was also a long-serving Chancellor of the University (1879-1894), is a welcome and fitting development, given the Scottish heritage of the University and of southern New Zealand.

New Zealand’s first university was founded in the early days of the Otago settlement, a move which reflected the Scottish settlers’ strong belief in higher education as an uplifting social force. Some census estimates indicate people born in Scotland accounted for up to 25 per cent of migrants to New Zealand between 1850 and 1950.

The programme's two strands will cover Scottish history, politics and economics and Scottish literature, music and culture. The first professor's tasks will include fostering research partnerships with scholars and institutions both here and abroad, developing Scottish exchange partnerships for staff and students and responding to and developing community interest in Scottish Studies.

ATLANTIC GAELIC ACADEMY

BY ANGUS MACLEOD

The mission of the Halifax, Nova Scotia based AGA is to increase the number of Gaelic speakers by making Gaelic-learning programs available to students of the language.

The AGA develops, provides, and administers programs mainly for part-time students of the language; provides a structured approach to learning the language; conducts classes at specific locations; and makes live Gaelic-learning classes available to remote locations through computer technology.

The AGA offers a three-year program at Beginner, Intermediate, and Advanced levels. Each level runs from September through May, and there is one three-hour class per week. The program is designed to teach students to read,

write, and speak Gaelic with 75% of class time devoted to Gaelic conversation. CDs and On Line sound files by fluent speakers are continuously available to students during the week.

Angus MacLeod said, "I am very pleased to be associated with the AGA. It's program combines the best aspects of current Gaelic-teaching methods with some unique features developed by the AGA, and the program has proven to be quite successful during the past few years."

The program will be available throughout North America, and the AGA currently has representatives across Canada and the Northeast United States.

More information is available on the AGA website at: www.gaelic-academy.ca

ODDS 'N ENDS

BY JUDY TIPPLE

1. Volunteers – A great way to take part in Highland Games for those of us who don't dance, play the pipes or drums, or fancy ourselves a contender in the field events. Most positions call for a 2-hour shift which leaves a lot of time to enjoy your free admission to the festivities. An orientation session is scheduled for the Scottish Cultural Centre, 8886 Hudson, Vancouver. Contact: Angus Macpherson at judimac.shaw.ca or Bill or Sharon

Elder at wandselder@shaw.ca. The Games' website is at www.bchighlandgames.com.

I'm sure that other Games around the country also search out volunteers and outside of a two-hour admission-free shift there would still be time to help out at the Clan Tent. Did I mention that volunteers get Free Admission?

2. A Bill for Tartan Day is before the House of Commons right now and needs your help. Check the Calgary Saint Andrew – Caledonian Society's website www.standrew-caledonian.ab.ca for details on how to express your support for Bill 402. Courtesy Robert Henderson, Calgary.

3. Scotland on TV can be accessed at www.scotlandontv.tv. Courtesy Catherine Macpherson.

4. A Wee Identity Crisis—An interesting bit of fluff from Alexander McCall Smith. The article deals with recent revelations that, by and large, Scots and English share the same DNA. Highland folk may point out a difference - many tend to have a greater weight of Norse (and in my own case, a bit of the "old folk" with a touch of the Moor for flavour) mixed with the Celtic than do the Sassenachs.

If you are interested in the article let Ron MacLeod at jrmacleod@telus.net know and he

will send it along.

5. The Annual Celtic Fest—summer school and concert series is held in early July at Tigh-na-mara and River Bend Resorts, Parksville, BC. An awesome variety of instruction in Celtic Arts are presented by 30 Celtic music, dance and art professionals, plus evening concerts.

Contact: René Cusson or Carolyn Phillips Cusson at 1-250-758-0208 Check out the website: www.celticperformingarts.com/2007concertrackcard.pdf.

6. Seeking Info—Iain MacDonald is researching old Saskatchewan piper and pipe bands and has collected photos and information about a number of pipers and bands. He would appreciate hearing from people who may choose to contribute to the archive. It would be a pity to lose the history of players and their bands. In particular:

1. The 16/20 Saskatchewan Light Horse Regiment, which had a pipe band comprised of several bands.
2. Pipers from the Uists, as well as other of the Islands.
3. The Weyburn St. Andrews Pipe Band.

You will see what a worthwhile project Iain has launched if you check out his website at www.saskpipebands.org/archives.

Iain's email address is ianmacd@sasktel.net, telephone 306-868-2125 or fax 306-868-2126.

7. Place Names—Following further research and feedback, the article on place names in Vancouver, British Columbia, has been revised and expanded. Of the names of the 359 cities, communities and neighbourhoods that have been identified to date in Greater Vancouver, 79 (22.0%) can be found as place names in Scotland or are based on Scottish family names or Scottish words. Of course, some of these names are used in other parts of the British Isles as well, but 42 of them (11.7%) appear to have a unique connection with Scotland, whether directly or indirectly. For all the background, see www.rampantscotland.com/placenames/placename_vancouver.htm. Courtesy Harry McGrath.

8. Rhymes of Reason—Sandra Cairine MacLeod has had her first book of poetry published and can be purchased on-line. The *Leod Voice* printed one of her fine poems several issues ago. Sandra is a member of CMS Manitoba and has been attending college in Thunder Bay. Congratulations, Sandra.

9. Web Sites of Interest—Online genealogical research is available using www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/ It is an official government source of genealogical data for Scotland partnered with the Lord Lyon and the National Archives of Scotland. There is a cost for use but not significant compared to a trip

overseas and you'll gain info from the comfort of your own home.

10. The Gathering 2009

Holyrood Park, Edinburgh, July 25/26, 2009. To take the form of a classic Highland Games, the 2009 World Heavy Event Championships will be hosted. The occasion is to commemorate the contribution made by the clans to the culture and history of Scotland. Register at the website to keep up to date, www.thegathering2009.com. More information to come in a future issue.

11. Photographic Credits—By the time I have processed and inserted the many photos in each issue of the *Leod Voice* I no longer remember who the original contributor was. This being so, I am no less grateful to everyone who sends photographs. They make each issue so much more readable and richer in content. Among those who have added to my own photos are Ian C., Neil R., Karen and Malcolm, and Ken MacLeod. If I have missed anyone, please forgive me and let me know. I especially want to thank Clare Moncrief for the excellent photo (on page 2) of the headstone on Chief John's grave.

Selecting a cover photo is always a challenge. I thought that my photo personifies the warmth, friendliness and approachability that was characteristic of Chief John. Your comments are always welcome.

FLOWERS OF THE FOREST

John Edward McKenna—Dedicated Clansman

By Rod (Rory) McLeod, CMS Ottawa

Clan MacLeod has been blessed with many dedicated and talented Clansfolk over the years who have made noteworthy contributions to the Clan. Ed McKenna, a member of the Ottawa Society who died last November, was one of these stalwarts. His accomplishments were many, none more so than the wisdom shown in choosing his life-long partner.

Jean and Ed represented a formidable team who together made a significant contribution to Clan MacLeod, a contribution duly recognized by our National Council in conferring upon them the Outstanding Clansperson Award at the Guelph North American Gathering in 2000. The citation noted among other things, Ed's leadership in revising our Society's Constitution and Jean's role in developing and nurturing the Internet Society.

Ed and I enjoyed a long and rewarding friendship, our paths having crossed back in the 60s when we both worked in the Public Service of Canada. I was impressed at that time with Ed's drive and



enthusiasm, qualities reflected throughout his public service career and later as a respected member of the Ottawa legal community.

These same qualities were brought to bear in taking on leadership responsibilities in CMSC as Legal Counsel and member of the Clan MacLeod Foundation. Ed also played an active part in the affairs of our Ottawa CMS. How could it have been otherwise since Jean was then performing with equal dedication and competence as CMS Ottawa President!

Many of us will have fond memories of this dedicated clans-

man. My own cover many aspects of Ed's involvement in Clan activities—helpful contributions in meetings of the Ottawa Society, encouragement and support of our participation in highland games and related activities, purchasing and presiding over the erection of our Clan MacLeod tent (arriving equipped with hammer, tent pegs and other necessities), manning the tent and making known to the great unwashed the colourful history of the MacLeods, and spirited and well-prepared renditions at MacLeod dinners of Burn's Masterpiece "Ode to the Haggis".

Ed was well known and highly respected within the Clan at national and international levels equally. Ed and Jean were regular participants in Clan Parliaments at Dunvegan as well as North American Gatherings in Canada and USA (frequently accompanied by grandchildren.) It was not only Ed's outgoing personality and his wise interventions in Clan debates that attracted attention but also his sartorial elegance, attired so often in complete highland regalia in both Harris and Lewis versions, though heaven forbid, not at the same time.

In many ways, Ed became the embodiment of the Clan spirit, not a bad epitaph by which to be remembered. We will all miss this worthy gentleman whose presence

among us has left such vivid and lasting memories....

Ed — I miss you

by Judy Tipple

Your ready smile, quick wit and warm hugs I will forever hold dear in my memory. Knowing you has been a privilege and an honour, thanks to Clan MacLeod.

CMSC President Ian received a note from Jean McKenna asking that the following message of thanks be passed on to MacLeod clansfolk via the *Leod Voice*. I have chosen to place it here rather than in Ian's President's Report. She said:

"I want to ask you to convey my thanks to all clan members who so kindly sent good wishes to Ed and I on our anniversary and then on his passing; I do think I have written to everybody but I am afraid that perhaps in the way I have been operating that I have left somebody off my list. You were very kind yourself in getting in touch with Ed when he was ill and then the lovely citation etc. which you sent; many, many thanks. I am just now able to reflect on the past two years and these are some of the beautiful memories I have. So if you have a bit of space in your letter and wouldn't mind, I would like to send my sincere thanks to all in the next *Leod Voice*."

William Colin Macleod

by Judy Tipple

Late February brought the shocking and sad news of the passing of another dear friend, husband, father and grandfather.

Colin was a student of history and loved to recount tales of his family's background. While on leave during WW II, his father traveled to Dunvegan and met Dame Flora. The result of this meeting and the friendship which formed was a family holiday on Skye in 1949, as her guests. Colin felt a close tie with Skye, Dunvegan and the Castle after that initial visit. During Parliament 2006 he commented on the very few changes in the area since his first visit.

Colin and Beth, his Scottish bride, became active members of CMS Central Ontario soon after its creation. When their twins, Karen and Christina were born in 1975, they were included at Clan meetings, Gatherings and Parliaments as naturally as going on a Sunday drive. Karen and Christina learned about their Scottish heritage by the process of "total immersion" and are now a great asset as the next generation of leaders in the Clan MacLeod Society.

Colin made his mark as the coordinator of the hard working



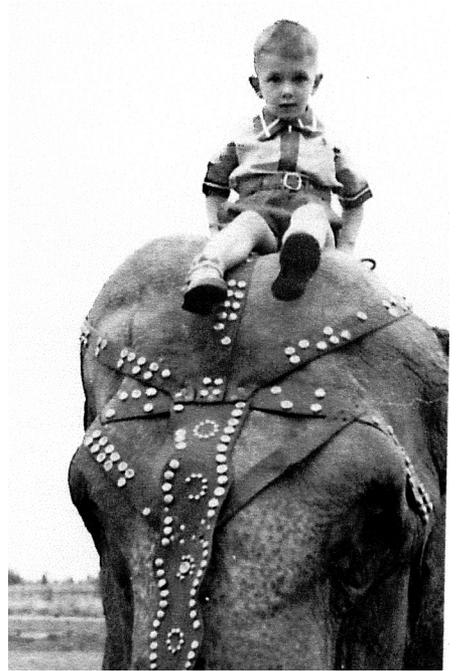
committee, which included all of his family, that organized and put on the North American Gathering 2000 in Guelph.

June McLeod, of Vancouver CMS, and I had the privilege of sharing a house for the week of Parliament 2006 with Colin, Beth and Barbara Armstrong. We very much enjoyed Colin's tales of childhood escapades and his Scottish upbringing, even his Scottish "jokes".

Colin, with his affable nature, interest in all things Scottish, and wealth of knowledge of history will be very much missed by all who knew him and especially his devoted family. Colin leaves his

wife Beth, daughter Christina and husband Dar, their children Rowan, Aidan and Wesley, and daughter Karen who is preparing for her

wedding to Paul McCrimmon later this summer. Our sincere sympathy goes out to you all.



*Some time ago, Colin sent me two interesting photos from his childhood.
Left: Colin at age 2, toddling around the family yard in Prince Albert, SK.
Right: as a 3 year-old aboard an elephant at the Fall Fair in Prince Albert.*

Alexander Norman McLeod, 1911 - 2007

Compiled by Judy Tipple from a variety of sources

Professor Alex, as we fondly knew him, passed away Feb 25, 2007 in Toronto. Left to mourn him are Rosalind his wife of 65 years, sons Norman, Bruce, Keith and Ronald, nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Alex was a native son of Arcola, SK, born on May 6, 1911.

In his teens he experienced layoffs and with his keen interest in mathematics and the mysteries of economics, he sought to find out why anyone should go hungry or be unemployed. In 1933 Alex graduated from Queen's University with a BA in Mathematics, however, after seeing the fallout of the

Regina Riots of 1935 he returned to Queen's to earn another BA in Economics on 1940.

During World War II, he joined the Cameron Highlanders of Ottawa's Second Battalion, a reserve regiment. His position in the Federal Finance Department where he worked forecasting spending didn't satisfy his vision for a world of full employment and compassionate economics so he headed off to Harvard to earn a Masters Degree in Public Administration and a PhD in Economics.

Prof Alex was influential in solving many money and banking problems in countries such as Haiti, Honduras, Guatemala, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Libya, Saudi Arabia and later Trinidad & Tobago and Botswana (leading to their first central bank). From 1969 to 1977 he had a teaching post at York University in Toronto.

Not one to be idle in retirement, Prof Alex continued writing books, papers and articles, maintaining his website until he was 94.

In 1998, at the age of 86, Alex McLeod self-published his autobiography *Hunting a Paradigm: An Economist's Quest* describing his nearly nine decades on a quest—for a paradigm of compassionate economic policies that would allow for full employment and social justice. He reminisces about a career that included years with the International Monetary Fund, missions to

several nations, chief economist of the Toronto Dominion Bank, governor of the Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago, professor of economics at York University, and a gadfly in retirement.

Critics of his writing make such statements as:

“...this autobiography of a Canadian economist whose expertise led to prestigious appointments around the world. This book details one man's incredible influence on economic conditions in diverse countries...”

“...a provocative autobiography of professional and personal high-adventure in Canada, the USA, Latin America and the Middle East.”

His son Ronald, remarked, “It was a challenge to be a son of a man whose principal interest in the world was to save the world. It's hard not to be influenced by that. My father was a man of principle, and he lived it.” Added son Keith, “He will always be my image of manliness, reason, compassion and fairness to all people.”

Professor Alex (he pronounced the “x” as “c” in true Scottish fashion) was extremely proud of his Scottish heritage. He was a long-time member of Clan MacLeod Society of Central Ontario and attended many Parliaments and other Clan functions. I was honoured to meet him on several occasions.

Clyde Murdock McLeod

1920 - 2006

Born on March 11, 1920, Clyde passed away peacefully at home in Penticton, BC, surrounded by his family on December 27, 2006. He is survived by his best friend and beloved wife Joan of 62 years, his children Bruce (Penny), Stewart (Penny), Donald (Chris), and Barbee (David), ten grandchildren Kevin, Cameron, Sarah, Sean, Ben, Malcolm, Magnus, Skye, Lachlan, and Kelsey, and all the extended families. Born in Cranbrook, BC to Murdoch and Daisy McLeod, Clyde was the fourth of ten children. He will be lovingly remembered by his surviving siblings Ted (Bibby), Lois, George (Phyllis), Betty (Warren), Shirley, Glen (Ruth), Fred (Joan), and many nieces and nephews. Clyde gradu-

ated from the University of Toronto in 1943 as a Doctor of Optometry and after serving in the RCAMC in Europe during WW II, he pursued his career, settling in the Okanagan Valley in 1946. His son, Stewart, joined him in the optometric practice and after Clyde's retirement in 1990, Stewart formed Waterfront Eyecare.

Clyde was a member of CMS BC Interior, the BC Optometric Association as well as several other organizations. Joan and Clyde enjoyed gardening and tended their three and one-half acre pear orchard for the past 45 years.

Clyde and Joan accompanied their son CMSC VP Dr. Don McLeod, Chris and family to several MacLeod gatherings.

James Stanley Graham

April 30, 1909 - Feb 17, 2007

Stanley was the eldest son of Albert E. and Mary J. (MacLeod) Graham who had immigrated to Pictou in 1817 from Dumfriesshire, Scotland. From a 'farm boy' who rarely traveled more than a few miles from home, Stanley's influence and interests were amazing. Living all of his life in the home his father built in 1907, Stanley had an incredible memory for people

and events of his community and was generous in sharing them with scores of people who came to him for information.

Stanley had a great love of family connections and genealogy. He was a life member of the Clan MacLeod Society, serving as secretary-treasurer for several years and was awarded Clansperson of the Year in 1992. He authored several

books and assisted with others, including the *McLeod Family History*, the *Graham Family History*, a *History of Rockfield* and *The Ministers of Durham Presbyterian Church*. Stanley furnished reams of old records and information for the Pictou County Roots Society, giving research assistance to many in Canada and USA who had roots in Pictou County.

Charitable work and his deep Christian faith were important to Stanley. He was an active member

of West River Presbyterian Church in Durham all his life, serving in many capacities. A life member of the Canadian Bible Society, he was also honoured by the United Way for his many years of dedicated work and support.

Should anyone wish copies of any of the books which Stanley was involved with, contact Allan MacLeod, 7533 Cottonwood St., Mission, BC, V2V 3G1. Phone: 604-826-4244, email: wmallan@telus.net.

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THE EDITOR'S PAGE



Putting together the 46th issue of the *Leod Voice* has been a time of sadness with the passing of so many of my dear Clan friends, in particular, Chief John. While searching for images of clanfolk who I will see no more, I have reviewed all of my photo files and albums from past Gatherings and as I said my good-byes I was encouraged by the realization that but for my association with Clan MacLeod over the past 35 years, I would not have such a rich family of friends around the world. There is so much to be thankful for, and looking forward, many more great friendships yet to be made.

In learning about our heritage we begin to gain insight into the past; its culture, belief system, environment, music, dance and vision. But what of our future? What will be the legacy that we leave to those who follow? I truly hope that their reflections will also contain warm friendships, stimulating discussions and enjoyable collegiality with growing numbers of enthusiastic Clansfolk and Clan Societies around the world. May all of our members realize that they get out of their association with Clan MacLeod what they put into it.

To Chief Hugh I wish to extend my sympathy during your time of mourning. We all support and encourage you in the leadership challenge before you. Over time you will grow in your understanding of and closeness to the family of Clan MacLeod, just as your father did.

Looking to the future for the Clan in Canada, I hope that many are making plans to experience with me *The Capital Affair* in July 2008. New friendships and experiences await.

I look forward to receiving news and photos of your CMS summer activities. Take time to let me know what's been going on. Flood my mailbox, please.

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