



# Clan Bailey Happenings

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## Clan Bailey Store Is Being Developed

Brian Bayley has proposed that we take a new look at the way in which we market Bailey merchandise.

Clan Bailey has, for some time, sponsored a shop on CafePress. This shop was intended to provide members with an opportunity to buy items with which to demonstrate our Bailey pride, and at the same time, help fund some of our projects.

In early May, Brian volunteered to examine ways to improve the shopping experience for members, boost sales, and increase our margins.

CafePress is an online store specializing in production-on-demand items. As a shop owner, Clan Bailey Society is not required to maintain an inventory of merchandise. As each member orders a T-shirt or coffee mug, CafePress prints the item and ships it. At intervals, Clan Bailey Society then receives a portion of the proceeds from the sale.

The downside to CafePress is that most items are relatively expensive, and our society receives only a small portion from each sale.

Brian suggests that we improve prices and margins at the same time by phasing out the CafePress shop in favour of a new self-run Clan Bailey Store. Our chief, Douglas B. Bailey concurs. He has given the go-ahead to the store project, and appointed Brian as manager of the new Clan Bailey Store.



Brian Bayley has been appointed manager of the new Clan Bailey Store.

Shawn C. Bailey will be assisting Brian with this project by creating and maintaining the store website, which will be set up to accept a variety of payment options via PayPal.

The site will feature Clan Bailey merchandise, as well as items of more general interest.

No timetable has yet been set for bringing the store site online.

## Swordplay Enlivens Missouri Tartan Day



Shannon Davis and her father, Wayne S. Davis, face off for a bit of swordplay at Missouri Tartan Day.

Clan Row is usually a fairly calm realm, but at Missouri Tartan Day in St. Charles, Missouri on April 9, the venue was enlivened by a bit of swordplay.

In a stance common to the use of the Scottish two-handed broadsword, Shannon Davis and her father, Wayne S. Davis of Clan Davidson, face off for a bout with wooden practice swords.

Wayne, who is also available as a piper, learned the art of swordsmanship from a retired army ranger, who in turn had studied in Madrid, Spain while on embassy duty there.

Wayne is proficient with a variety of weapons including both rapiers and broadswords.

During the day, father and daughter also spoke to small groups of visitors on such topics as sword safety,

the history of sword usage, and the differences of fighting style as necessitated by the characteristics of the weapons being used.

The discussions and demonstrations made for an interesting and lively afternoon.

## Not The Bonny Banks Of Loch Lomond, but...

There is a saying in Scotland that, "if you cannae see across the loch, it's raining, and if you can see across, then it's about to rain".

The weather conspired to give visitors to Missouri Tartan Day in St. Charles, Missouri on Saturday, April 9, a taste of Scotland.

Heavy rains in the wee hours of Saturday morning left Clan Row looking a bit like a map of the lochs of Scotland. By 7:30 a.m., the rains had pretty well passed over, but Clan Row was a marsh.

Nevertheless, as resourceful Scots, the clans manned their tents and guests tred cautiously to visit them. Some folks even found enough high-ground for some lively recreation (see article in left column).

Representing Clan Bailey Society at the Tartan Day celebration was Midwest Commissioner, Shawn C. Bailey, his wife, Brenda, and daughter, Tabatha Moss.

A number of interesting people stopped by, and Clan Bailey received invitations to attend two more festivals later this season.

## News of Nessie Latest on the Loch Ness Legend

In northern Scotland, lies a 23 mile long body of some of the murkiest water in the world. Loch Ness is about a mile wide on average and more than 750 feet deep in places. Are the dark waters of Loch Ness really home to a monster -- possibly a throwback to prehistoric times? If so, it is certainly an elusive monster.

Known by many as 'Nessie' ('Niseag' in Scottish Gaelic), the Loch Ness monster has survived in written reports from the 7th century until the present day. However, some early reports place Nessie in the River Ness rather than in the loch itself.

In July 1933, a report by George Spicer and his wife of a 'most extraordinary form of animal' led to the modern interest in the legendary creature. According to the Spicers, they were driving along a road very near to the loch when the creature crossed in front of them toward the loch. They described the animal as having a large body and an undulating neck nearly twelve feet long.

Reports have varied over the years, but most agree on the creature's long, undulating neck.

The so-called 'Surgeon's Photograph' (above right), taken in 1934, is still a subject of controversy to this day. It appears to show the head and neck of an animal matching the reported description of the Loch Ness



Is this controversial photograph a picture of a strange creature living in Loch Ness, Scotland?

monster, but is the photo genuine or a clever hoax?

Skeptics have claimed the photo to be everything from a toy submarine to an otter playing in the water.

Believer Tim Dinsdale claims to have studied the photo extensively and found several marks in the picture which do not seem to fit any of the skeptics ideas, and which could be parts of the creature.

In 2008, following a diminished number of sightings and of sonar images, Robert Rines suggested that the creature may have become extinct. He sited an inability of the creature to adapt to environmental

## News of Nessie

### Latest on the Loch Ness Legend

changes as a result of global warming.

If Nessie does or did exist, even believers are divided as to what type of creature it might be.

One very popular and seemingly plausible explanation is that Nessie is a plesiosaur which escaped the Cretaceous-Tertiary extinction event.

This theory is not without difficulties, but some of these might be overcome by the discovery of marine clamshells and a fungus not normally found in freshwater lochs.

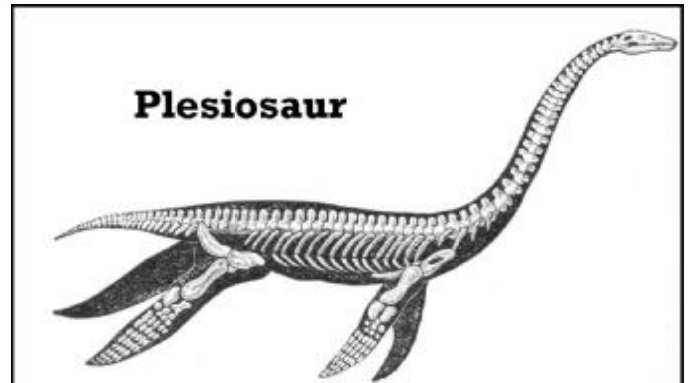
These findings lead some researchers to believe that Loch Ness connects to the open sea at some point; possibly via an underwater tunnel.

Obviously, such a connection would give Nessie a much expanded territory, and leads to the possibility that a small population of the creatures might exist.

Over the years, the search for Nessie has involved low-tech devices like live bait and lures, and high-tech devices such as scanning sonar and submarines.

Still, the questions remain -- Is there a creature (or creatures) in Loch Ness? If there is, what exactly *is* it? Could it be some throwback to prehistoric times such as a plesiosaur?

If there is no creature in Loch Ness, how are we to explain the numerous sightings over hundreds of years? How do we explain away all



Could the Loch Ness Monster be a plesiosaur which somehow escaped extinction?

the photographic, video, and sonar evidence (albeit inconclusive evidence)?

Now, in 2011, comes a new challenge for researchers of cryptids like Nessie.

Twenty-four year old kayaker, Tom Pickles, used his cell-phone to snap a picture which seems to show a long, undulating creature on the surface of Lake Windermere in England. The photo, which is already drawing much controversy, reminds one of similar pictures purported to be the Loch Ness Monster.

The Lake Windermere creature is being called 'Bownessie' by locals, drawing a Loch Ness parallel.

As for Nessie and her kin, sightings continue, and seem likely to do so for quite some time to come. Research will continue as well, but the questions may not find answers for many years.

## Clan Bailey Tartan Project

The Clan Bailey Tartan Project failed to produce a single, large order for kilts, however, we were able to secure a 15% discount on kilts and other items at Scotweb for our members.

On the Clan Bailey Website, go to the Links tab and select "Shopping". A link on that page leads directly to the Clan Bailey discount area of the Scotweb site.

This discount should represent considerable savings for our members.

## *Remember!*

We're still looking for members with photos, stories, articles, humour, cartoons, etc. to contribute to the newsletter and/or the website.

Send to:  
[Proud\\_Scot@iloveceltic.com](mailto:Proud_Scot@iloveceltic.com)

The 2011  
Annual General Meeting  
will be held at the  
**Portland Highland Games**  
at **10:00 A.M.** on  
**Saturday, July 16th**  
This event is held at  
**Mt Hood Community College**  
**26000 SE Stark Street**  
**Gresham OR 97030**

ALL Members Are  
Welcome and Encouraged  
To Attend

Committees should be prepared to report on:

Membership  
Budget  
Finances  
Newsletter  
Website  
Upcoming Events  
Projects - New and Ongoing  
Volunteers  
New Business  
Fund Raising Efforts

Other questions and concerns will also be addressed.