



Clan Gregor Society Great Lakes Chapter

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This issue is all about the Highland Games!

Clan Gregor Great Lakes Chapter attended or hosted a Clan tent at three events in the region this past summer. There are plans to expand that total to five events in 2020.

Membership Renewal and new membership info is on the last page.



At left: Susy McGregorHuyer and her son Danny at the 16th annual Minnesota Scottish Fair and Highland Games in Eagan, Minnesota. Per Susy's report: Due to torrential rains and tornados in the area the night before and that morning, attendance was very light. "The Highland Games were the biggest draw, and some of those folks were pretty good"

Susie has volunteered to cover Minnesota and Western Wisconsin for our chapter. She will recruit new Clan members from the area and will host a Clan tent sometime in the future. She is now a member of the Twin Cities Scottish club which is celebrating its 50th year this year.

Joe Greer reported on Clan Gregor Society Canada: "The Fergus Scottish Festival & Highland Games was located 100 kilometers (62 miles) north of Toronto, Ontario Canada. Driving to the games, I passed by beautiful Niagara Falls – much more beautiful on the Canadian side with museums, restaurants, hotels, and various attractions. Tent hosts were Maple Leaf Clan Gregor Society members Wayne Parker, Bill Petrie, Sylvie Thériault, and their son David. I found an active clan tent area with over 40 clans represented.

Clan Gregor had a key end cap location which led to more traffic. Our MacGregor tent featured large print of Rob Roy painting and large list of surnames on easels at the corners. Inside the tent were various books and periodicals for research. The Clan signed up several new members and sold several t-shirts. Children stopped by to get their festival passports stamped and were rewarded with small MacGregor buttons created by Bill Petrie. Several festival officials and Scottish friends stopped by to say hello. Overall, it was a beautiful day and the Clan made lots of new connections!”



Jerry Hanson, Bill Petrie and two tent visitors at Fergus, Ontario Highland Games

“Jerry Hanson, is one our Chapter’s longest standing members. He lives in Kansas but has roots and family here in Ontario and so he chose to support our Chapter this month!” -- Wayne MacGregor Parker, Clan Gregor Society Canada

The Ligonier Highland Games were held at beautiful Idlewild Park in Ligonier, PA on September 19th. In attendance were Joe Greer, his wife Paula, Patrick McGregor and the Greer's canine child Rudy. We hosted a tent; the first time in years for Clan Gregor at this venue. The rain was heavy in the AM but the sun came out nicely in the afternoon.

The visitors were quite enthusiastic and inquisitive, eager to learn about the Proscription of our Clan name and Rob Roy. Some visitors stopped by more than once.

This was the first time we hosted a tent without the steady guiding hands of Marcia Ebert and her husband Bob who have retired from hosting after many years of service.

Joe had ordered nice new banners for our tent and we set it up similar to Fergus. We had some minor issues setting up and dismantling but neighboring clans chipped in with help and advice. Patrick and Joe walked in the Parade of Clans with a very nice brand new banner.



*Rudy (dog), Joe Greer and visitor
Gregg "McGregor" Pchalski*

Future plans/dates:

- Host tent at Games in Berea, Ohio (June 2020),
- Eagan, Minnesota (July 2020),
- Ligonier PA (Sep 2020) and in Fergus ONT (Aug 2020)
- Adding in 2020 western MI (Patrick) and Edinboro PA (Joe); add other state games in region, if volunteers step up
- 2021: one hosted social gathering (e.g., Robert Burns or Rob Roy dinner)
- 2022: International Clan Gregor Gathering in Scotland to mark the 200th anniversary of the founding of the Clan Gregor Society

Renewal rate for 2020 is \$40.

Senior (65 years+) Renewal rate is \$30.

This includes membership to Clan Gregor Society and entitles members to several expanded annual newsletters booklets sent directly from Scotland.

Please mail your check (made out to Clan Gregor Society) to our Treasurer:

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BONUS COVERAGE!

At left, Joe Greer with his daughter Ellen at the Central Virginia Celtic Festival and Richmond Highland Games which were held on the last weekend of October. That brings Joe's 2019 total of attending or hosting Highland Games to 4. He really gets around.

Recommended reading: Rob Roy MacGregor: His life and times
by W.H. Murray

Book Overview: W. H. Murray brings together new interpretations of Rob Roy's life and times to produce a new understanding of the character, actions and motives of a man who became a myth and symbol of Scotland. Murray shows that Rob Roy's renown stems from his remarkable force of character, rather than his politics or his place in the writings of Sir Walter Scott. His political mission outwardly failed, but his extraordinary resolution in adversity has earned him his place in history and legend.