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Clan Cumming Society on the World Wide Web

www.clancumming.us

Everyone is on the World Wide Web or so it seems now days. And we at Clan Cumming are no exception, what is exceptional is our website.

If you happen to have internet access and have a little time you might like pointing your browser in the direction of www.clancumming.us. Once there you can see what is going on with our Clan in the different areas of the United States and the world.

From the main page you can find everything you'll need to start your journey in learning more about the Cumming living history. History & Culture of the Scots. News & Events (Highland Games etc.) that are happening across the United States. Back Issues of Newsletters. You can even print a form to become a member of the Society or renew your membership.

The links you find there will also direct you to other great websites having much more information about the Scots and the mark they've left in history.

A new feature there is the link at the bottom of the main page that directs you to the Clan and Family Name Database. A great edition for visitors to find out if their last name is Scottish, or to check a Clan Name to see what families are associated with that Clan.

Our webmaster Allen Cummings (see below) has done a great job of keeping the site fresh and entertaining. So point that browser towards that web address and I don't think you'll be disappointed.

Click on the Scottish Music link on the right hand side also if you like the Pipes and sounds of Scotland. Crank those speakers up and maybe your kids will turn that rap music down a bit and give a listen too.

Your WebMaster Allen Cummings

(Reprinted from Society Newsletter)



I thought I'd do an article to introduce myself so that you could put a name to the face.

I am G. Allen Cummings, your web master and newsletter editor. I work for Fluor Corporation and am assigned to the Luminant Fossil Generation Project, Dallas, Texas. Luminant is a recently formed company that was once part of TXU Energy, the largest electrical producer in the state of Texas. I manage the nondestructive examination group and provide services to all of Luminants gas and lignite fired power plants. In 1993,

I was in a serve accident at work which almost cost me my life.

Although visibly I appear "normal", physically, I am not. Therefore, I took up technical writing and learning how to construct and manage database driven websites as opposed to other hobbies.

I became quite successful at doing this and have developed and maintained several successful websites, including the Grand Lodge of Texas, East Trinity Masonic Lodge #157, the Isaac Cummings Family Association and others. I am a 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason and belong to East Trinity Lodge No. 157, Rockwall, Texas. I am also a member of the Scottish Society of Dallas and the Isaac Cummings Family Association. If I can be of assistance to any member within my capabilities, please let me know. My email address is cummings75089@yahoo.com. For those that have not yet had the opportunity to visit the Clan Cumming website, please do. There are a lot of resources available and more is being added continually. The link is <http://www.clancumming.us>

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Modesto 2008 Scottish Highland Games

With our first games just behind us we've learned much. Modesto, I must admit was an eye opening experience. We arrived Friday night June 6th and were able to find our motel just fine but finding the event site was a bit of a challenge.



With a few twists and turns we managed to find the Tuolumne River Regional Park and I must say it is a lovely venue for the Games. Setup went easy and Saturday game day came very quickly.

Hearing the bagpipes playing close by and a hearty celtic breakfast we prepared for a great day in the shade greeting and talking to people interested in Clan Cumming.

Our neighbors the Douglas Clan were very friendly and helpful with hugs and smiles all around. They gave great pointers on what we could do to improve our Clan Booth and items. We look forward to implementing a few of these by the Campbell games being held later this month.



Also very helpful was our old friends the Gregor Clan. Michael and Trisha spent a good amount of time talking about books and history. We only had a half dozen visitors to the booth but had one Cummings sign up on the email list and take an app. for becoming a member.

So all in all was a good first effort and we look forward to our next outing. (Tim & Pat)



Clan Douglas

(This Months Featured Clan)

Origin of Clan Douglas

This is a family which became, next to the Royal House of Stewart, the most powerful and influential dynasty in Scotland. The first of the name to be recorded is William de Douglas, who lived in the 12th century and witnessed a Charter by the Bishop of Glasgow, and a second Charter from William the Lion, around the year 1200. In 1263, two sons of Sir William de Douglas fought for Alexander III against the Norse at the Battle of Largs.

THE CLAN DOUGLAS BADGE

All members of a clan are allowed to wear the crest of the Chief as a badge of membership. In the clan badge, the Chief's crest is always surrounded by a belt inscribed with the Clan Motto *Jamais Arriere* meaning "Never Behind"



Origins (cont)

Having been held prisoner by the English, William Douglas, Governor of Berwick, was a follower of Sir William Wallace in the ongoing conflict for Scottish independence. Sir James "The Good" Douglas, son of William and Founder of the Black Douglas Dynasty, was a supporter of Robert the Bruce and was knighted on the eve of the Battle of Bannockburn. It was he who led the group of nobles who carried the Bruce's heart on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. He was killed at the Battle of Teba in Spain in 1330.

Campbell Games 2008



Hot times were had by all, and a good time also. When Trisha and I started to setup at 7am we knew the rest of the day was going to be a hot one. But the bonny breeze that started to blow at 10am was welcomed by all and when it started raining at around 2 in the afternoon we knew that ol' Scotland had come to central California.

We had a birds eye view of the Rugby and Shinty field and the people that stopped in for an offered cold water from our cooler welcomed our insights on the place in History that the Clan Cumming took. Informing people about our conflict with the Bruce Clan and our claim to the Scottish throne was ever present on your lips.

The Campbell games although a small one day event was one we look forward to going to again and again in the years to come. With or without the heat & rain in the future.

With Grade 4 pipe music coming to us from the football field and Celtic music entertaining us from Stage a bit behind us we felt right at home.

Thanks to Hamewith , Gary Innes , & Brian McNeill for some great music.

Our daughter and her husband were able to join us in the afternoon. We met and presented information to only 2 people claiming the Cumming name but they walked away with brochures and clan signup information and we hope to see them again.

At the end of the day we were surprised to receive a Campbell Highland Games Outstanding Clan 2008 ribbon. This was presented to us by Chieftain Deb Anderson & Deputy Chieftain/Clans Bill McWood. (see photo below)

So with waves and grins of goodbye to all the great Clans who took part in this years Games we look forward to seeing everyone at more of the 2008 Games.



Scottish Humor

**The bonny young wife complained, “ You love golf more than you love me.”
“Maybe so Fiona” her husband replied, “but I love you more than I love fishing.”**

Sign at a Scottish Golf Course:

“Members will refrain from picking up lost balls until they have stopped rolling.”

**A visitor to the Isle of Lewis was getting exasperated by day after day of grey clouds and drizzling rain. After two weeks of this he asked a youngster who was passing “Does the weather here ever change?”
To which the youngster replied “I don’t know. I’m only six years old.”**

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Future Games 2008

**MONTEREY GAMES – July 5th & July 6th – Toro Park
Salinas Hwy 68**

**OAKLAND GAMES – July 12th & July 13th – Dunsmuir
House**

**SAN FRANCISCO GAMES – August 30th & 31st – Alameda
County Fairgrounds Pleasanton**

FRESNO GAMES – September 13th – Roeding Park Fresno

LOCH LOMOND GAMES – October 4th – Ben Lomond

(need more information on any of these games please contact us, see page 3)