

Utah Scottish Festival & Highland Games 2016

The 42nd annual Utah Scottish Festival & Highland Games were held Friday evening and Saturday, June 10th & 11th, at Thanksgiving Point, near Lehi, Utah. Those of you who attended our AGM in Salt Lake City in 2004 will remember the beautiful park at Thanksgiving Point used for the Games. Unfortunately, while the park is still beautiful the officials at Thanksgiving Point have decided to allow two buildings next to the park's fence that will remove much of what used to be convenient parking. As a result, the Utah Scottish Association has announced that the Games will be moved to the Utah State Fairpark next year.

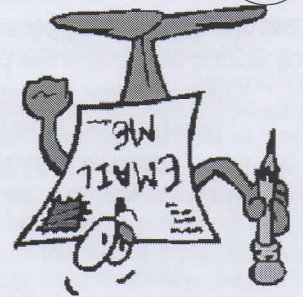
As usual, this year's games were well attended by Utahans; we were pleased to have twenty-four Montgomeries sign in at our tent and many of them marched with us on Saturday in the traditional parade of the Clans.

A special visitor from Scotland this year was Dr. Joseph J. Morrow, the current Lord Lyon King of Arms. As noted in the Games' program, "the Court of the Lord Lyon exercises both a civil and a penal jurisdiction under the old Common Law of Scotland as well as sundry Acts of Parliament. Scotland and Spain are the only two countries in which a court of heraldry and genealogy still exists."

Dr. Morrow is also President of the Society of Scottish Armigers (or Scots entitled to have a coat of arms) and he was in Utah for the annual general meeting of that Society. The reason for this unusual location for a Scottish AGM was to honor the coat of arms awarded to the head of the Utah Scottish Association.

Thirty-nine Clans attended the Games this year, and experienced the normal variation of Utah weather from the strong winds as our tents were pitched early Friday, to a perfect summer evening later that day, to intermittent rain showers all day Saturday. All of us agreed that the Armigers had brought the Scottish weather with them!

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We are making this issue a bit smaller than normal, as the real news events are in progress as you read this. The next issue in September will be much larger, to include information about the Scottish trip, information about the new officers coming on board at the June AGM, and lots of Scottish games throughout the summer.

We continue to reach out to members to contribute information for our genealogy database. Our goal is to make this the most informative history of Montgomeries online that can be available. Also, there have been several Montgomery family reunions going on this month, and I hope to have reports on those as well.

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