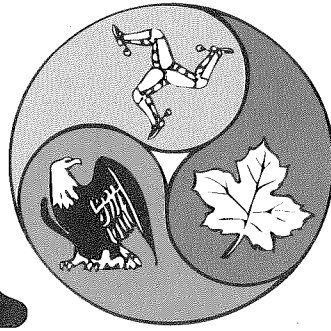


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If You Like the Isle of Man, Chances Are...You Will Like Madison!

by Mary F Kelly

(a lifelong resident of Wisconsin, living the past 28 in Dane County)

The city of Madison, county of Dane, state of Wisconsin, USA, is located on an isthmus surrounded by lakes that makes the downtown area almost like an island with an area of approximately 78 square miles. It is situated in a county that has 1,233 square miles (spread 41 miles by 30 miles) which is only one of Wisconsin's 72 counties. The Isle of Man boasts 221 square miles of area (spread approximately 32.5 miles long and 13.5 miles across the widest part) and it stands alone.

You will find miles of rustic roads, scenic drives, and many unique natural features both places. Average July temperature in Madison is 68°F, with lows averaging 58°F and highs around 83°F. On the IOM the average temperature is 59°F, with lows averaging 51°F and highs around 67°F. Summer rains are generally less frequent in Wisconsin than on the Isle of Man. People living on both sides of the Atlantic Ocean share interests in similar pastimes that often include: hiking, biking, bird watching, ballooning, golfing, tennis, equestrian sports, swimming, boating, water skiing, and much more. Manx people and Wisconsin residents have plenty to enjoy during their exchange visits.

In contrast, Madison was incorporated in 1856; the Isle of Man has a history many times greater. Governments in both places boast of their democratic rule. Our capital city is the seat of the local city, county, and state governments. Wisconsin's highest ranking official is our governor, just like on the Isle. The cities of Madison and Douglas both have



University of Wisconsin Terrace on Lake Medota.

Mayors. In July, both places have lush beautiful gardens; and the rural communities surrounding both capitals are known for their agribusiness.

In 1994 Madison had approximately 198,000 population, the 1991 census on the Isle of Man counted fewer than 70,000 residents. Madison's population will seem less dense than that of Douglas, Isle of Man, because of the way the population centers around the University of Wisconsin campus and sprawls beyond the three central lakes.

It is easy to get around Madison. In the event you want to rest your feet, just hop on a city bus. They are clean, safe and abundant; Madison's Metro Transit System has won the highest US rating. Bus rides are vastly different from the romantic tram rides on Douglas'

Promenade, however, if it's your wish to have a ride in a horse drawn carriage, that treat is still available every evening on Madison's Capitol Square.

In Madison, just like downtown Douglas, you will find a vast potpourri of sights, sounds, and aromas all around. Your needs can be met at the Inn on the Park Hotel, but you will quickly learn that your home away from home is within easy walking distance of many interesting locations. Across the street is the beautiful State Capitol, and a short stroll will take you to wonderful historic sites, history museums, art centers, theaters, libraries, restaurants featuring cuisines from around the world (German, Swiss, Middle Eastern, African Asian, Greek, Italian, Mexican Jamaican, Cajun and Creole plus

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outstanding seafood, steaks, ribs burgers, and brats) and much more. Perhaps you may want to sip some delicious hot tea or coffee at one State Street's outstanding shops or stop at the near-by micro brewery.

Shopping for souvenirs will be a snap! The '96 NAMA Convention will feature a well stocked Manx Sales room, the next best thing to a shopping trip on the IOM! If you are looking for general merchandise you will find an endless selection in Madison's many near-by little shops or you may take a bus to one of the many shopping malls.

Much of the industry around Madison is considered technical or service oriented. Approximately 28 % of the labor force hold government jobs and another 23% provide services. Many Dane County workers are employed in banking with over a hundred local banks. These figures are not too different from the approximate 40% of the Isle of Man workers who are employed by the government or other service industries, In 1991 they had 80 banking locations.

Meals served in Madison and on the Isle of Man often include fresh, delicious entrees that are the bounty of the near-by agribusinesses. When it come to dessert, however, it will be hard to decide where you get the best ice cream. Manx ices are world renown! Wisconsin is America's dairyland. Babcock Hall ice cream, that is made on the University of Wisconsin campus, has a reputation that is seldom rivaled! And in Madison the experience is heightened when it is enjoyed on the lakeside U W terrace with your Manx friends! Come and join us!



Calling All Youth

by Sarah R Merritt

Madison, Wisconsin, is the host to the 1996 North American Manx Association International Convention. While here we hope that you and your family will indulge in all that this community has to offer. Whatever your interests, you will find something that suits you.

For those who enjoy the outdoors we hope that you find time to stroll along one of Madison's four lakes. Take a bag lunch and picnic on the U W terrace, on Picnic Point, or in one of the many parks around. Bikers, boaters, fishermen,



Sarah Merritt enjoying outdoor Wisconsin.

swimmers can all enjoy these lakes.

For those who prefer a quieter day indoors, Madison offers you a variety of museums and shopping centers. There is the Wisconsin Veteran's Museum, The Children's Museum, the Elvehjem Museum of Art, and the State Historical Society all within a few minutes walk from the Inn on the Park Hotel.

State Street has something for everyone. Lined with cafes, restaurants, shops, music stores, and book stores, it is the local hangout where one can browse for hours. Don't forget the Farmer's Market every Saturday morning around the Capitol. All the local farmers bring out their produce and you can find anything from radishes to honey, to buffalo meat. Be sure to take a look into the capitol building and climb up for a look out from the top of the dome.

The more adventurous can find enjoyment in Olbrich Gardens, a giant greenhouse filled with different exhibits and flowers on Madison's east side. Henry Vilas Zoo offers something for people of all ages. Nearby to Madison is the ever popular Wisconsin Dells, a tourist attraction that has everything from water parks to robot worlds, to water skiing shows.

There is also the serene Devil's Lake, a beautiful place for hiking, swimming and relaxing. Spring Green offers a glimpse into Frank Lloyd Wright's life with tours of his house, Taliesin. An evening at American Players Theater (APT) is a ticket to a good time. APT performs plays (at least two full length Shakespeare plays) in a beautiful outdoor theater.

There is also The House On The Rock, a collection of strange objects put in an even stranger house; and the International Crane Foundation, home to all the different species of cranes in the world.

Madison is also home to the unique Indian Effigy Mounds. Built by the Native Americans and aligned with their astronomical components, they are truly special. The largest eagle in the world, with a wing span of 628 feet, is located on the shores of Lake Mendota.

Wherever your travels may take you, whether it be to the capitol, right across the street from the hotel, or to the green farmland surrounding the city, Madison has something for everyone and we look forward to seeing you this summer.



A Tribute to George Curphey

by Hilda Penrice

It was with a feeling of sadness that I read in the Bulletin of the death of George Curphey, Past President of the NAMA. George and his late wife Irene had been longtime friends with my late husband, Sam. Our association went back to our carefree growing up years on the Isle of Man. I was born in Ramsey, George was born in Cleveland, while Sam, a truly dedicated Manxman, was born in England.

I was aware of George when I was about 18 or 19 years of age. I worked in a store in Ramsey and every morning I would wend my way down Parliament Street to the Market Place, right beside St Paul's Church, this would be about 8:15 am. George would pass me on his bicycle on his way to Clague's engineering shop where he was learning the business of ship engineering. We would pass the time of day with each other. I knew he lived near Andreas village. No cars in those days, it was either bike or walk.

Sam worked at Moore's Mills at St Johns, IOM, learning the textile business. He too rode his bike, first when living at Peel, then Sulby Glen, where his father had established his own woolen mill with Ralph Howarth. It was during those early years that George and Sam cycled to Douglas High School to attend Continued Education classes in their respective careers. Can you imagine these two young men working hard all day, then cycling a couple of nights a week to

further their education, enabling them to both become successful business men in later life.

We lost touch during the war years, George in the Merchant Navy and Sam in the RAF. We immigrated to Canada in 1947 and enjoyed living in Moncton, NB, before moving to Ontario in 1950. We knew George had married Irene, I remembered she was an SRN School Nurse.

Once settled in Georgetown, both Sam and I became involved in groups and organizations. I belonged to the "Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire", a most imposing title, composed of women raising funds for education awards to High School and Public Schools all across Canada. I became very busy in this group, holding office over the years. We received a quarterly magazine with news from every Province in Canada. Image my surprise when I saw a picture of the Liverpool Chapter and the name Mrs Irene Curphey. She held office on the Provincial level, a high honour. I remember I wrote to her asking if she was the Irene Quirk married to George Curphey. She wrote back to say, indeed she was, and so started our friendship. It wasn't too long until Sam had persuaded them to join the NAMA, the rest is history.

George was elected President in 1982-84. He was witty and humourous. He was well supported by Irene, she became involved in the Ladies' Auxiliary. She was great at organizing various entertainment at the NAMA Conventions. While I was Bulletin Editor George kept me well supplied with many interesting items of news.

We kept in touch over the years. Then in 1978 Sam and I made a trip back to NB and Nova Scotia. We travelled many miles in our motor home. George and Irene gave us a wonderful welcome. They had a beautiful home overlooking the sea. We stayed a couple of nights with them, such happy memories.

It was a great challenge to George and Irene when they formed the Maritime Manx Society and they held the 1980 NAMA Convention in Halifax, NS. Sam passed away that year; but with my daughter Jean we attended the convention. It was a great success.

It was a sad loss to George and Irene when their grandson was killed in a school bus accident, then the loss of his wife Irene a few years ago. George was a clever Manxman, an artist and inventor. He will be missed by family and friends.

Ladies' Auxiliary

Greetings to members of the Ladies' Auxiliary!

After surviving the record setting 1995-96 winter, I know we are ready for a big change in the weather. Now, as the spring season of regeneration gives hope that there will be warmth and sunshine to support re-growth and productivity in our physical gardens, perhaps we will be able to see beyond the present unsettled season that exists within our organization, the Ladies' Auxiliary to the North American Manx Association, and look forward to the brighter days ahead. Even though few people openly embrace the uncertainty of change, it may be a positive experience and the outcomes can be rewarding.

In recent years we have seen a steadily declining number of new member enrollment in the LA and it is now prompting a full-scale reevaluation of qualifications for membership, our goals, and even the organization's time-honored name. Very shortly, the paid members of the LA will receive an envelop in the mail containing reprints of recent LA articles from the NAMA Bulletins and a survey requesting opinions about: continuing the LA without any significant changes, discontinuing the LA as it now exists, and reorganizing the LA. If you are a paid member of the Ladies' Auxiliary to NAMA and do not receive one of the surveys before the end of March 1996, please write to Virginia Quayle, Committee Co-chair, 3756 Halsey Street, Eau Claire, WI 54701 and she will send you a copy. It is not too late to join our organization and to get in on the fun, just send your \$5.00 dues (per two-year membership) to: Dorothy Gawne, 8605 N Merrill, Niles, IL 60648. You won't want to miss the 1996 meeting!

Early indications tell us that the LADIES' AUXILIARY Craft Table (fund raiser) will again have many interesting Manx and Manx made items offered for sale at the 1996 Convention (to be held July 19-22 at the Inn on the Park Hotel on the Capitol Square in Madison, Wisconsin). We hope we can count on you as one of the contributors! It will help us with our convention planning if you could send your items (or a letter detailing what you plan to bring) well in advance of the event (by July 1, 1996) to Virginia Quayle at the address above. Of course, we will always accept sale items brought to the convention at the registration table. In any case, please take the time to attach a tag to each item with

an appropriate offering price. Donors are the best judge of the value of the donated items and should mark their items according to what is a fair price for the buyer and to benefit our organization. Receipts will be issued to donors based upon their estimates.

As always, I am sincerely grateful for all the support received from the officers and members of this organization. It is a distinct pleasure to work with you! I am looking forward to seeing you on July 20, 1996, at the LA Luncheon at the NAMA Convention.

Mary F Kelly, President

Big Sky Adventure

Reflections by Jill Seivert

Sitting at my computer watching another Minnesota snowfall reminds me that just one year ago we had the pleasure of watching the snow float softly down in Big Sky Country.

During the 1994 NAMA Convention in Minnesota, my mother Dorothy Engel was lucky enough to win accommodations in Big Sky, Montana. Jim and Ginger Anderson had graciously offered their condo for the raffle. My mother decided that her children would enjoy the trip. My husband Tom and I love the mountains and had just been out to that area that summer. We were thrilled with the thought of going back to ski! It had been ten years since I had skied Big Sky and the view of Lone Mountain in winter is absolutely breathtaking! We contacted our siblings and found out that my sister and her husband from Los Angeles would be able to make the trip.

We were greeted with a fresh blanket of snow upon arrival. Since we went in early January the slopes were quiet and we felt like we owned our own mountain! After a day of skiing we enjoyed a cozy fire in our condo, which was just a hop, skip, and a jump from the main lodge area. Dining in Big Sky was a real treat. One night we enjoyed authentic Austrian cuisine in a restaurant that Jim and Ginger recommended called Edelweiss. It was filled with ornately carved wood which the owner's father had done himself. Another night we went down to Lone Mountain Ranch, a well known nordic ski resort. They offer sleigh rides up to a cabin that sits on their property. The

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cabin seats approximately 40 people for dinner. There isn't any electricity. The cabin is lit by kerosene lamps and candles. The cooking is gourmet and all done over a 1890s wood stove. The chef was very entertaining. After dinner we enjoyed listening and singing with a local cowboy/mountain man who played the guitar and told stories. As if on cue, the snow fell gently for our silent ride back from the ranch.

When our legs got too tired to ski, we opted for a little snowmobiling. We rented sleds from a local outfitter and were off for an afternoon of more scenery and fun! The trails were expertly groomed and beautiful! We brought with us a little picnic lunch and reached new heights! My brother-in-law Rick strayed from the trail once and found out the snow was waist deep. With a little technical advice, I was able to direct the others on how to get out of that little predicament.

All too soon our vacation had to end, it was back to winter in Minnesota with our wonderful memories of Big Sky!

Meant to get this article a long time ago and when the last issue of NAMA arrived it was a reminder of it. Know my girls really appreciated the trip. Was a lucky drawing for me! Thanks.

Dorothy Engel



The Electronic Manx

by Jack Cormode

The Electronic Frontier for the Manx continues to grow. Marshall Cannell, one of our Past Presidents, has found an excellent new source for Manx genealogy, sponsored by the same people that helped us set up the NAMA Home Page. You can find the Manx Genealogy Message Board at <http://www.isle-of-man.com/interests/genealogy/wwboard/wwboard.html>. It is brand new but already has some interesting queries on it. Marshall also pointed out that they have a Manx Music Home Page, <http://www.enterprise.net/music/>. The number of artists on the Isle, composing and performing, is surprisingly large.

In the last issue of the Bulletin, the newsgroup soc.culture.celtic was mentioned as a good place to "meet" others of Celtic heritage. Irish, Scots, and Welsh participants in that newsgroup were

setting up their own newsgroups, and now the Bretons and Cornish have both done the same. This leaves the Manx as the sole Celtic proprietors of scc though, of course, we still welcome the others. There have been suggestions in the past about establishing a Manx group, but right now there does not appear to be a need nor strong desire to do so.

Don't forget the NAMA Home Page at <http://www.enterprise.net/nama/>. Last summer, immediate Past President Ron Quayle and wife Margaret visited the software wizards on the Isle mentioned above. They returned with some good ideas for an even better Home Page. In addition, Ron has come up with a suggestion as to how we could put our NAMA membership application on-line, which should help us bring in a good number of new people. As for the Home Page itself, don't forget to contact Jack Cormode at jarmode@aol.com to give updates and have your organizational activities electronically posted. He will also accept and collect your e-mail addresses. Ron suggested that we put together our own mailing list. Maybe something can be set up if there is a big enough response.

The number of NAMA members On-Line with the Worldwide Web continues to grow. Ron Quayle has been on the Internet at ronquayle@aol.com for some time. Marshall Cannell (mcannell@aol.com) and Larry Fargher (Manxmanl@aol.com) have more recently joined the netizenry. At the NAMA Officers' level, Don Quayle, 2nd Vice-President, has an address of DRQuayle@aol.com.

William Cassidy, aka Liam O Casaide, of the Greater Washington chapter and active in promoting Celtic Consciousness, can be reached at wbcassidy@aol.com.



Raffle Tickets

As usual the raffle at the 1996 NAMA Convention has over a hundred wonderful prizes. These include vacations, a handmade afghan in the colors of the Manx tartan, books on the Isle of Man, and many more Manx related items. In an effort to minimize convention costs, there will be no direct mailing of raffle tickets to all NAMA members. For those planning to attend, simply include the money for the raffle tickets with your registration and your tickets will be in your convention packet.

For those who are unable to attend, you may mail \$5.00 for every 6 tickets to Mona Voutila, 2809 East Cudahy Avenue, St Francis, WI 53235. Your raffle tickets will be filled out and entered in the drawing. Your winning prizes will be forwarded to you following the convention.



Chaplain's Corner

I followed the religious pilgrimage of a Manxman who immigrated from the Isle of Man, Horace Edgar Vick, and his son, the Rev Louis E Vick of Point Loma, San Diego, California. Their story depicts the fruits of religious nurture rooted in their Manx homeland traditions.

Horace Vick, born in 1893, lived in Peel, Isle of Man, on Market Street until he left the Island for America in 1922. He was in the shoe business there with his father. He sang in the choir of St German's Episcopal Church.

He came to America in 1922 at the age of 38, settling first in Cleveland where many Manxmen had already settled. Moving to Oakland, California, where he continued in the shoe business, he met and married a Dutch girl, Cornelia Scholtz, who bore him a son, Louis, in 1930. She died five years later.

He later moved to Seattle where he associated with a group of fellow Manxmen. Lou finished school at the University of Washington and then entered San Francisco Theological Seminary at San Anselmo in 1956.

His first call was to the Monterey, California, Presbyterian Church where he ministered to Service personnel. His father moved there to be with his son.

Again Lou and Faith, his wife, were called to the Church in Rexburg, Idaho. To his surprise his father had already moved there. He was always ready to render assistance to Lou in his work, like readying a new manse, making repairs and maintaining the grounds or whatever needed to be done. A prime characteristic of his father's life, according to Lou, was "to be of help to others wherever there was need". This may be a Manx trait he developed in the Isle of Man. It is also an

expression of the Manx simple, practical application of the Christian Way in one's personal life.

After his Pastorate at Rexberg Lou was called to the Point Loma Community Presbyterian Church in San Diego where he served from 1962 to 1992 in Youth Ministry, Christian Education, preaching and small group ministries, which he enjoyed the most. When he retired in 1992 a major farewell reception attested to the contribution he made to the religious life of that congregation of 1800 members and to the wider community. One of his most satisfying achievements was to establish an Alcoholics Anonymous program in the Church Parlour. It's good to see how the faith of a Manx immigrant has spread and continues its influence on people today.

Since retiring Lou has joined the San Diego County Manx Society and has made two pilgrimages to the Isle of Man. He was thrilled to find many family members on the Island.

Rev Devore Craine Smith



OBITUARIES

We have just received word of the passing of two NAMA members living on the Isle of Man.

John William (Jack) Musgrove died suddenly on January 13, 1996. Jack was active in both the World Manx Association and the NAMA. He and his wife Winifred attended a number of the NAMA Conventions.

Jack is survived by his wife Winifred; sons Lawrence and David; grandchildren Tara, Lisa and Anna; brother Harry and sister Nora.

He will be sorely missed.

Lena Watterson of Peel died December 3, 1995, at the age of 83. For many years Lena was employed by Stanley Quirk, grocer, and later by his son, Harrison Quirk, first at the shop in Patrick Street and then in Michael Street. In later years she moved to Westlands and last year, after having a leg amputated, to Ballawattleworth Nursing Home.

Lena leaves a sister, Mabel; nieces Barbara and Jennifer; great nieces and a great nephew.

We were saddened to learn of the sudden death on March 1 of NAMA Past President and current Honorary Vice



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We've all heard the saying "Time flies when you're having fun". Therefore, I believe I must be having a ton of fun. It seems like just yesterday I was writing the Christmas message. Yes, that was the December issue you received although it was labeled March. (See the exact correction elsewhere in the Bulletin.) And now

I'm scurrying to get the Spring column written.

This, of course, brings me to a very important topic, the NAMA Convention, which will be here before we know it! The convention will be held July 19 to 22 in Madison, Wisconsin. Refer to the two convention articles for more details. The registration form is enclosed within the Bulletin. Please give coming to the convention some careful thought, and send in your registration as soon as possible. Mary Kelly, NAMA 1st Vice-President, and her Wisconsin committees have been working extremely hard to make this a truly Manx experience that you will thoroughly enjoy.

In the good news department, former NAMA President Edna Cowin is recovering sufficiently to be planning to attend the convention. We all look forward to seeing her. Late in December former NAMA President Robert Kelly suffered a heart attack while in the hospital. After Angioplasty he spent eight days recovering. He expects to be getting around okay by March. Bob and Jean are still hoping to take a trip to Alaska this summer. I'm not sure if that's before or after the convention.

Although I am not a computer user, it sounds like there are many interesting Manx things appearing on the Internet. In Jack Cormode's article in this issue he gives the address where you can send announcements of society activities. This would be a great way to know what activities we Manxies could attend while traveling. Each local society should consider listing their upcoming events on the Internet.

Hope to see you at the convention in July!

Norm

Norman W Gill, President

President **William Stanley Shimmin**, 71, of Alliston, Ontario. More details in the next issue.



Lil Ones

To Sandie (Penrice) and Grant Harris, Georgetown, Ontario, Canada, a son, Ryley Grant, was born November 24, 1995, a brother for Rachelle. He is the second grandchild for Doug and Dianne Penrice also of Georgetown and the fourth great grandchild for Hilda (Bridson) Penrice, widow of the late Sam Penrice of Georgetown.



Corrections

The last issue of the NAMA Bulletin was incorrectly numbered as Vol 67, No 3, March 1995 instead of Vol 68, No 2, December 1995. This was an example of a modern technology glitch! NAMA member Myrra Johnson of Arizona was the first to call it to our attention.

In the January 30 edition of the Isle of Man Examiner Victor Kneale had a whole page article on which way the three legs of Man should run. He mentioned that some years ago he redesigned the badge for the NAMA to make it correct and stated that now the three legs motif at the end of each article is completely wrong. With this issue it should be corrected.

SOCIETY NEWS

Chicago

The Chicago Manx Society held its Christmas meeting at the home of Barbara and John Dobbertin in Woodstock, Illinois. We had a very enjoyable time with a delicious Pot Luck dinner served. The Dobbertin's have a lovely old Victorian home, and their stained glass windows were beautiful. Our next meeting will be held at the home of Dorothy Gawne in April, because the weather in the Chicago area is so unpredictable in the winter months. Our meeting was adjourned and then we all headed home.

I am sorry to report that the president of the Chicago Manx, Bob Kelly, a former NAMA President, has been under the weather and we all hope he gets well soon.

Barbara Brown of St Charles, Illinois, had a display on the Isle of Man at the St Charles Public Library during December and January. She had a response from a man who used to live in Cleveland, but had dropped his membership who we hope to reactivate.

Bob Kelly gave a talk and slide program for the British History Club entitled "Focus on the Isle of Man" on February 16th in Northfield, Illinois. Later in the month he will give a short program on the IOM to the Park Ridge, Illinois, Kiwanis Club.

Vancouver

As I write this, our city is covered in snow. This is not a common occurrence in Vancouver, so we are somewhat uneasy with the conditions. However, streets and roads are clear and we are enjoying the crisp and sunny days before the rains begin again.

Several of our members have been ill. With Spring (we hope) on its way, we wish all a speedy recovery.

Our "Back-end-do" of last November was a success. Though the numbers in attendance were relatively few, the enthusiasm of those who were there more than made up for the small turnout. PRESIDENT TERRY McCAFFREY began the evening with a recitation of the Lord's Prayer in Manx. The members had

obviously put all their creative energies into the preparation of the sumptuous Pot Luck Supper which followed. Children's games, a raffle, singing of Christmas Carols and a film show made for a very full evening. Our event concluded with the singing of "Oh Land of Our Birth" and "Ellan Vannin". We were delighted to have RENE HORNALL, an accomplished pianist, with us for the evening. The piano music enhanced our singing beautifully.

There are several members of our Society who have contributed significantly to the well being of our society and to other members over many years. In recognition of these "jobs well done", Christmas floral arrangements were delivered to them in early December.

Our hard-working committee will be meeting soon to arrange our Calendar of Activities for 1996.

Ontario

The Ontario Manx enjoyed once more a great Christmas Party, Saturday November 25th in the private Banquet Room at Pop's Family Restaurant, Richmond Hill, Ontario. After a delicious turkey dinner, there was dancing and the spinning of some tall tales.

We had a few members missing this year at the party, Ron Christian was visiting on the Island, Wendy and Charles Kennish were vacationing in Cuba. Bob Watterson, our Chairperson, had just been released from hospital after undergoing by-pass surgery. Bob has had a rough 1995 with having surgery earlier in the year. Bob has bounced back very well and we wish him the very best.

The Spring Meeting will be held Sunday April 21st at the home of Carol Christian, 19 Painswick Crescent, Willowdale, Ontario, (416) 491-4602 from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm. We are looking forward to a good turnout after our long cold winter.

Cleveland

In December, 50 of us gathered at the Clarion Hotel for our annual Christmas Party. After a delicious dinner, we had a gift exchange, collected hats and mittens

for a local charity, and were entertained by a barbershop quartet.

The officers held a meeting in January at the home of Elizabeth Duncan to plan our activities for the year. In March, we will attend a civic band concert in Bay Village, followed by a dinner at Panorama, a local restaurant. In April, we will attend the Scottish Heritage Association concert, and then gather for dinner somewhere locally.

Since we don't have a specific meeting place, we utilize restaurants for most of our meetings. Thus, in May, we plan to travel east to Unionville, and have dinner at the Unionville Tavern, a former stop on the Underground Railway. We hope one of the owners will tell us some of the history of the inn. In June, we are making plans to attend a local live theater.

In November, we were saddened by the death of Alan Fricke, a former president of the society, and an acting trustee. He will be sorely missed. Then in December, we lost Karen Privitera following extensive back surgery. She was the daughter of Mike and Marge Kennish Krach. In January, we read of the death of Alice Cashin Jockers, an inactive but long-time member.

Any time any of you are in our area, we would be happy to have you join us. Call any of the officers for information about the meetings.

San Diego

The San Diego County Society celebrated Christmas at the beautifully decorated home of Ed and Aline Wittenkeller in Coronado. Many regular members were absent due to illness, but 24 members attended and enjoyed a lovely afternoon.

An election was held for the office of secretary/treasurer. Ruth Smith agreed to serve for another two year term. Bob Kermeen offered to continue as historian.

Malcolm and Joyce Kinley shared news of the IOM. Joyce spoke of the fun they had visiting several harvest festivals in small parish churches on the Island. Malcolm entertained us with the Manx dialect poem "Tea Fete at Maughold Street, Peel".

Christmas gifts were exchanged and as

usual Manx gifts were especially prized. Our meeting was closed with the singing of "Ellan Vannin" and the Manx National Anthem. Aline and co-hostess Karen Rege served delicious Christmas treats.

On February 11, twenty members met at the lovely home of Doris Dobbel, overlooking San Diego Bay. The co-hostess was Barbara Ramondino.

Our meeting was an informal one with lots of time to enjoy visiting with friends, perhaps the most lively part of the afternoon was when several folks engaged in a very spirited discussion of the direction that the three legs of Man are running—the "rights" won.

We were most pleased to welcome two new members: Katie Kermeen who has often visited our meetings and first timer Carla Fournier who is planning a trip to the IOM this fall.

We ended our meeting in song and Malcolm Kinley closed singing the Manx National Anthem in the Manx language.

World Manx

The Christmas Luncheon at the Viking in Ramsey was again well attended with 106 members present. After the meal we were entertained with songs, music, recitations and a humorous sketch performed by Ann Corlett and her family and friends. As usual the first event of the New Year was the Manx Afternoon Tay at St Andrew's Church Hall, Douglas. The entertainment on this occasion was given by the Grenofen Ensemble led by Miss Moira Vaughan. In spite of some very wintry weather 102 members came and all thoroughly enjoyed the songs and recitations and the Tay that followed.

The programme for 1995/96 has now been prepared. The Annual Gathering and Dinner will be in the Masonic Hall, Douglas, on the evening of July 4th and it is hoped to hold our Annual Church Service in the Waterloo Road Methodist Church, Ramsey on Sunday July 7th preceded by afternoon tea at the Viking in Ramsey.

The administration of the T E Brown Memorial Fund has now been vested in the WMA at the request of the previous trustees. We have a number of audio cassettes of some of Brown's works that were made by Major Geoffrey Crellin. These are available at the cost of £3.50p from the WMA, all proceeds go to the Fund which helps with the maintenance of his grave and ensuring that knowledge of his poetry and letters is kept alive.

Our next meeting will be the AGM on March 9 at 2:30 pm in St Andrew's

Church Hall, Douglas. Any NAMA members who happen to be on the Island will be most welcome at this or at any of our other functions, particularly the Annual Gathering.

Doris Jackson, our treasurer, sends our newsletter and programme to affiliated societies. Each year some are returned because the addresses or names are wrong. If there are any changes would you please let the WMA know.

Finally Best Wishes for 1996 from us all here in the Island to our friends in the NAMA.

Northern California

On a beautiful, clear Sunday afternoon in January, the Northern California Manx gathered once again. This time the meeting was hosted by former NAMA President Larry Fargher and wife Cammie, in their Santa Clara home in the heart of Silicon Valley. They presented a catered afternoon luncheon to the assembled rapacious horde of hungry Manxpersons, spouses, and friends. This was much like the pre-Christmas bash of a year ago hosted by Kim Parker, and her mother, Eunice Parker.

Loosely structured, as befits the California lifestyle, the group began by individually sharing their heritage backgrounds and interests, and any bits of Manx lore that makes us one and unique. Then, after lunch, everyone took themselves away to one of two settings. While one group watched the new videotape, "Treasure Island, the Isle of Man," the other heard about the upcoming biennial convention to be held in Madison, Wisconsin, and then they switched around.

Jack Cormode told everyone about the planning for the convention and its family-oriented theme, as well as the diverse ethnic heritages of the host State. As most Americans and Canadians are multi-cultural, Wisconsin will have something for everyone.

Last November, several members of the NorCal group had the privilege of hearing Emma Christian in concert in the Monterey Bay area. This Manx lassie is the rising young recording star of traditional Celtic music, and makes a fine spokesperson for the Isle as she not only sings a mixture of Manx songs, but also presents so much of the history and lore of the Isle of Man.

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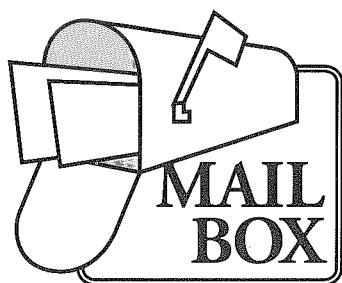
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Found another Christian on America On Line who would be interested in learning about NAMA.

Had some other luck last week with America On Line. They have expanded the Great Britain area in the Genealogy area bulletin boards, but still left out the IOM. Didn't know where to specifically look. I sent an E-mail to one of the AOL people thanking them for the expanded list, but mildly chiding them for not including the IOM specifically. As a result, within two days, they E-mailed me back and set up a separate country for the Isle of Man!

Now, if those out there looking for their Manx connections will start using it, I'm sure they will leave it as a permanent item.

Robert N Christian
Atascadero, CA

We had occasion to visit San Francisco last fall, and, for hotels, our ancient guide book recommended The Manx Hotel on Powell as "friendly and charming, close to Union Square". But attempted letters or phone calls were for nought; The Manx had disappeared, so we stayed at the King George, also "charming and friendly". While there we walked to the Powell site and found a posh Villa Florence, a gorgeous place which certainly proclaimed its \$5 million renovation.

Can any of the West Coast members enlighten us as to the story of The Manx Hotel, sort of like Paul Harvey, "...the rest of the story?"

I also enclosed a copy from the Episcopal Hymnal, with the music attributed to "Traditional Manx Melody, School Worship 1926". It is titled Holy Communion 10 10. 10 10 with a reference to Peel Castle. Does anyone know what the actual Manx song it was?

Maggie Sansone, aka "Maggie's Music", has a number of recordings of traditional Celtic songs and dances, among them several lovely Manx songs. She offers a free CD sampler and a catalog if you write to her at Maggie's Music, P O Box 4144, Annapolis, MD 21403.

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Last summer I was going through a duffel bag full of pictures that were originally my mother's. This postcard was among them and I was wondering if any of our members would recognize these people.

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For Your Information

Manx Totes

For a recent Cannon family reunion we made up some attractive sport shoe bags and found we have a considerable quantity left over. Instead of the usual *cannon* logo, we used the Manx three legs logo. It is embroidered on the bags.

These versatile tote bags are made of durable nylon Cordura™ and lined with polar fleece for added support and protection. The 13x18 bag is large enough to carry shoes and other accessories, such as a tee shirt, sweatshirt, or towel. It also serves as an all-purpose tote bag. They are available in tan, red, royal blue, or forest green. We are offering them at our cost of \$12, plus \$3 shipping. Order from C L Cannon, 1410 West Beacon Hill Drive, Salt Lake City, UT 84123.

NAMA Items

The NAMA pin containing the NAMA logo is easy to wear on collars, lapels, shirts and caps. It sells for \$5.00.

The NAMA certificate depicts the interlacing chain and corner crosses designed by the first Norse sculptors around 1000 AD, as well as the NAMA crest and Manx national flower. Your name will be artfully drawn on the certificate. The cost is \$3.00.

A list of all the members of NAMA is available for \$3.00. This list may not be used for any commercial purpose or solicitation. You might use it to locate Manx when you are traveling, for genealogy research, helping to find Manx for your society or for starting a new society.

Send your orders to Helen Drom (address on page 7).

An excellent video, *Story of Mann*, was produced by the Manx Museum when they opened their new wing. This historical view of the IOM is narrated by Sir Anthony Quayle. If your society would like to borrow a copy of this video, contact Ron Quayle or Norman Gill (addresses on page 7).

Deadlines

We plan to issue four NAMA Bulletins each year. We welcome and need your contributions at any time. Listed below are the deadlines by which we must receive your materials in order to make a given issue.

<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Bulletin Issue</u>
February 10	March
May 10	June
August 10	September
November 10	December

Please keep these dates in your reference files. If you wish to FAX your material, send to Norman Gill at 612-541-8705.

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