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To Preserve "Whate'er is left to us of ancient heritage." T.E. Brown

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Time to Make Your Plans For NAMA'S 2004 Convention

NAMA members who meet in Chicago for our 2004 Convention in August 2004, will be presented with a variety of opportunities to enjoy the many attractions of that historic city, and to bring new life to their Manx connections.

Convention dates are August 27-30, 2004.

This convention will be the third gathering in Chicago of a NAMA convention, the first having coincided with the famous Century of Progress in 1933 and the second in 1963. Convention chair Bradley Prendergast, NAMA's first vice president, promises to outdo those previous Chicago meetings.

Among the events planned are a riverboat tour, with lunch, to see the sights of Chicago and its lakefront, a visit to the famous Chicago Art Institute, an architectural tour to view homes and other buildings made famous because of their architects, such as Frank Lloyd Wright and Mies Van der Rowe. One special exhibit at the Art Institute is the Manx Piano designed by Isle of Man artist Mackay Hugh Baile Scott.

The NAMA convention banquet on Sunday evening will feature a speaker from the Isle of Man government who will report on the growing film industry on the island. Movies filmed on the island will be shown on other convention evenings for those who elect not to "go out on the town" after dinner.

NAMA PLAQUE COMMERATES 'STAR OF INDIA' SHIPYARD

Through the efforts of the North American Manx Association a special plaque has been placed at the Ramsey Shipyard on the Isle of Man recognizing that location as the birth place of the 'Star of India', the



unique iron-hulled ship now permanently based at the San Diego Maritime Museum in California.

Dedication of the plaque in December resulted from the combine efforts of NAMA officers and the Manx Heritage Foundation.

The plaque was carved into a special slate by the island's Pooil Vaaish quarry and is mounted on a plinth arranged by Ramsey Harbor Master Martin Bell.

Present at the dedication of the plaque were: Tony Brown, speaker of the House of Keys; Anne Craine,. Ramsey MHK; George Skillicorn, chairman of the Ramsey Town Commissioners; Charles Guard, administer of the Manx Heritage Foundation; Ann Corley, former president of the World Manx Association; Sue Woolley, Ramsey journalist; and Laurence Skelly, NAMA's second vice president, who coordinated the project.

(Related reports on the Star of India and the Ramsey Shipyard are on pages 4 and 5).

Arrangements have been made for NAMA discounts on city busses and for certain well-know local attractions, aiding Manxmen in exploring Chicago's famous sites.

All convention events will be at Allerton Crowne Plaza Hotel, located on the city's famous Magnificent Mile, and already a famous establishment as the Allerton when it also hosted the 1933 NAMA convention. The hotel completed an \$8 million renovation in May 1999, adding the latest accommodations for the traveler to its historic aura.

Further information on convention arrangements will be in the next bulletin issue.

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The Chaplain's Corner

Rev. Devore Craine Smith

On April 23, members of the San Diego chapter of the North American Manx Association will join the festival of Saint George at San Diego's St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral. Members will bear the Manx three-legs tri quettra flag in the processional down the cathedral aisle. Our Manx grandson, Matthew Glenn Billman, 11, will sing in the Cathedral Choristers Boys Choir. This commemorates the legendary event in which Saint George killed the dragon to which the King's daughter was being sacrificed. St. George killed the dragon with his magic sword. St. George (d. AD 303) is the Patron Saint of England. This will be the first time our chapter has participated. The Episcopal Diocese in your area may also observe this feast day.

New Book, Special CDs Present Stories of Mann

Skeealyn Vannin – Stories of Mann is the name of a unique record of native Manx Gaelic and Manx English conversation newly issued in a 250-page book, accompanied by a set of six digitally remastered CDs, by the Manx National Heritage.

Manx language archive recordings have been available in a sporadic fashion for some years, but now they have been drawn together in a complete package. The original recordings are held in University College Dublin.

The rare and important archive has been completely transcribed and translated. The new work is seen as adding significantly to the resources available to students of Manx Gaelic and Manx English.

This work is an admirable end result to work which took place in 1948, following a visit to the Isle of Man by Eamon de Valera. His itinerary included a visit to Cregneash where spoken Manx could still be heard. He fell into conversation with Ned Maddrell, one of the last native Manx speakers and from that conversation evolved today's CD collection.

Sensitive to the vulnerability of the Island's native tongue, de Valera offered to send a representative of the Irish Folklore Commission, to record the few remaining Manx speakers. Kevin Danaher was dispatched to the Isle of Man with a recording van, which was not without its humorous moments. Sharing a cattle boat from Dublin held its own surprises, but undeterred he spent two weeks on the Isle of Man, visiting the homes of native speakers with locally based Manx language enthusiasts.

Containing over five hours of both Manx language and dialect (with full translation) this is also a snapshot of a Manx life now pressed firmly between the pages of history. Short biographies give information on each speaker recorded.

An official launch was held recently at the House of Manannan with invited guests from Ireland, local transcribers and relatives of those recorded more than fifty years ago.

Skeealyn Vannin (book and six CDs in slipcase) is priced at 39.99 pounds (excl. postage and packing). It may be ordered from the Heritage Shop, Manx National Heritage, Douglas, Isle of Man, IM1 3LY. The price in US or Canadian dollars will depend on the exchanges rates at the time of ordering. Those wishing to order should contact the Heritage Shop, the email address of which is: Heritageshop@mnh.gov.im. Its phone number is +44 (0)1624 648000. The shop does not have a secure email site and does not recommend sending credit card details by email.

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MYSTERY SOLVED? Maybe!

The last issue of the bulletin reported that NAMA member Robert Fayles of Norman, OK had found the distinctly Manx name "Kermode" carved into Inscription Rock at the Moro National Monument in New Mexico and wondered how that "Kilroy" type inscription might have gotten there. Readers were asked to send in any suggestions.

Jay Carrigan of Hendersonville, NC (and a native of Bedford, OH) may have solved the mystery. He wrote:

"My maternal grandmother was a Kermode from Laxey. In 1947 (I think) we visited a Quine family on a ranch in Farmington, NM. They were somehow related to us, but I'm not sure how. Maybe on my grandmother's side. But possibly related to my grandfather Skillhorn, also from Laxey."

"My speculation would be that some other relative of the Quines probably did the deed."

"The 1947 NM trip involved me, my parents, my grandparents and a Greyhound bus. All except me are now deceased."

Mr. Carrigan says that his grandparents emigrated to the US in 1911, when his mother was 2 years old. At first they lived in Cleveland and later moved to Bedford, OH.

Since Farmington is not very far from the Moro monument Mr. Carrigan's information would seem to solve the mystery, unless someone else has another explanation to suggest.

> Youth Award Nominations due April 30, 2004

Last Call for Youth Award Nominations

The deadline has been extended to **April 30, 2004**, for the nominations of youths, ages 18 or younger, to receive the Manx Youth Award at the 2004 NAMA convention. Names and addresses should be on a single page that describes how the individual or small



group of students demonstrates their interest in Isle of Man or it's culture. A few qualifying activities could be: participating in local society meetings; selecting topics about the Isle of Man for school projects; learning Manx music; or writing about Manx culture. Some youths may have traveled to the Isle of Man and found ways to share their experiences with others. Any of these activities could qualify students to be considered for this award.

NAMA Presidents frequently ask members to help insure the future of our Association by having us reach out to potential new members. A few years ago our Chaplain, Reverend Devore Craine Smith, suggested we inquire if the Isle of Man Government would be interested in providing an award to be given to an American student who enjoys celebrating his or her links to the Isle of Man. Our executive board members saw the creation of a Manx youth award as a wonderful way to recognize dedicated young people who participate in Manx activities, do outreach by sharing their interests in the Isle of Man through drama, music, prose, poetry, or other activities. Soon arrangements were made, and with the full cooperation of the Isle of Man Department of Education the first Manx North American Youth Award was presented to James Morey from Wisconsin at the 2002 NAMA Convention. It was a very special moment to observe the beautifully carved black Manx limestone piece being awarded.

Recent bulletins have requested readers submit the names of students whose efforts are worthy of being rewarded by being nominated and considered for this honor. Surely, there are many youth attending local society meetings, helping with the usual activities, who take pleasure in learning and sharing of information about Manx culture. Now we need the cooperation of YOU, our readers, to take a few minutes and nominate youths to allow this program to continue. Unfortunately, it seems Traa-dy-liooar (time enough) is a Manx trait that is all too common on this side of the Atlantic, too.

Please sent entries or inquiries to Mary Kelly, NAMA Awards Chair, P. O. Box 425, Platteville, WI

New Manx Language Officer

The Manx Heritage foundation has appointed Adrian Cain as the new island Manx language officer following the retirement of Phil Gawne from the post.

Mr. Cain is Manx and lives in Port St. Mary. Until recently he taught economics and business at Ramsey Grammar School.

Among his responsibilities is the advancement of the range of study levels in Manx, the identification of areas where the language needs updating, the production of learning material and the encouragement of the use of the language in private and public schools.

Celebrating The 140th Anniversary Of The "Star of India"

(Manx journalist Sue Wooley wrote in the Isle of Man Examiner of her visit to San Diego last November for the 140th anniversary of the Star of India. Ms. Wooley has been appointed a special representative on the island for the Maritime Museum of San Diego where the Star of India is berthed.)

'Our first glimpse of the Star of India was by moonlight. Having traveled 6,000 miles, the ship was our first port of call on landing in San Diego. The driver stopped on the waterfront and we gazed in awe at the towering 100ft mast and rigging of the great iron-hulled ship. Majestic and mysterious, the sight exceeded all expectations. Even at that hour, couples were posing to have their picture taken with the ship in the background. My daughter, Maeve and I had traveled to southern California especially for the anniversary.

As most readers know, the Star of India (originally Euterpe) was built at Ramsey Shipyard and launched there on November 14, 1863. Expected to last 12 years, she circled the globe 21 times taking emigrants to New Zealand and Australia. She survived mutiny, collision, cyclone, fire, the death of her captain at sea and being frozen in ice in the Bering Sea. She came to San Diego in 1927 and was eventually restored to become the flagship of the Maritime Museum, a charitable trust that owns several other vessels.

A dedicated team of volunteers and skilled craftsmen maintain the Star of India and thousands of visitors come aboard every year. She is a symbol of the city - one of San Diego's enduring icons. As one person remarked: 'The people of San Diego love this ship. We really owe you guys!' Two days after our arrival, we were privileged to be among 75 passengers and 60 crew taking part in the birthday sailing. We were not the only Manx folk on board. Ann Corlett, from Ramsey took time out from visiting her daughter, Yvette and family in Denver. Ann was wearing a Three Legs sweatshirt and flew the Manx flag - literally. She brought a flag with her and had it hoisted aloft, alongside the Stars and Stripes. The captain, Richard Goben signed and dated the flag for her as a memento of the day. She also helped hoist one of the sails. It was the fulfillment of an ambition for Ramsey-born Ann, whose trip was entirely self-funded. 'It rates in the top five of things I have ever done in my life. It was an experience I am glad I haven't missed', she said afterwards.

Also on board were members of the local Manx Society. Brian and Hilary Harrison, Devorre Craine Smith and his wife, Ruth and George Watterson all felt immensely proud to be connected with the ship.

Our hosts in the city were Bob Wright and Joyce Wright. Bob has worked tirelessly as a volunteer and actually lived on board the ship for seven years during its restoration. He has visited the Island on a number of occasions to carry out research and worked with Terry Tregellis to produce plans for a scale model re-construction of the yard as it was in the 1860s. The resultant 'diorama' is one of the many 'tween deck attractions. These days, Bob, now 76, works in the ticket booth, reserving his warmest welcome for visitors from the Island, especially those from Ramsey.

The Star of India already has World Ship status, but there are hopes of even greater recognition: World Heritage status. As the Museum's Executive Director, Ray Ashley Ph.D. explained at the outset of the voyage, it is the only remaining sailing ship to have participated in the oceanic migration that is still 'pure in form, original in construction and still able to put to sea. Of all the tens of thousands of sailing ships, which conducted the mass oceanic migrations, there remains only one that is pure of form, original in constructions and still able to put to sea. The Star of India. A solitary and irreplaceable piece of the

of thousands of sailing ships, which conducted the mass oceanic migrations, there remains only one that is pure of form, original in constructions and still able to put to sea. The Star of India. A solitary and irreplaceable piece of the world's heritage.'

As Dr Ashley wished everyone a happy voyage, the vessel made a slow and stately passage beyond Port Loma and out into the open ocean, towards the mist-shrouded Coronado islands, etched against the horizon. The coast of Mexico lay in the distance. Breakfast was served and people began to chat and exchange stories. It seemed we were introduced to nearly everyone on board and they all wanted to know about the Island and what makes it tick. We did our best to oblige, explaining our historical and cultural heritage and what makes the Isle of Man unique.

Under its own devices, the ship moved slowly in the water, reaching no more than 2.5 knots. It made one think of the long days it will have endured in the Doldrums during its epic voyages, sometimes with more than 400 souls on board. As if to distract from the slow motion of the vessel, a friendly sea lion came close to the bow and entertained us with a display of aqua-robics.

The souvenir shop did a brisk trade in postcards, T-shirts, sweatshirts, caps, videos, mugs, lapel pins and calendars. Commemorative stamp covers were issued and posted all over the world. The special edition Manx Treasury crown depicting the ship was bought as a memento of the occasion. A folk group played sea shanties as lunch was served.

The flotilla that followed our progress included a motorboat carrying reporters and cameramen, but most gracious of the entourage was the California, a replica of a 19th century American Revenue cutter. When it fired a salvo of four cannons, it caused a number of us to nearly jump out of

Star of India (Con't)

to port, the sun was sinking and the lights of the city were beginning to twinkle. It had been a long and extraordinary day.

The sixth largest city in America and the second largest town in the Isle of Man would seem on the surface to have little in common. But that would not be correct - they are inextricably linked by a sailing ship built 140 years ago, demonstrating that human endeavor and a shared passion can build bridges between even the most unlikely partners.



'STAR OF INDIA'

Ramsey Shipyard is the birthplace and launch site of the iron-hulled sailing ship Euterpe (now Star of India). Launched as a full rigged ship in 1863 at the height of the industrial revolution, Euterpe represented one of the earliest translations of the ancient world wooden ship form into iron. Euterpe sailed the oceans of the world under the British, Hawaiian and American flags, circumnavigating the earth twenty-one times. In the early twentieth century the Euterpe was renamed Star of India and re-rigged as a bargue. Today, as a fully-restored museum ship in San Diego, Star of India is the oldest ship in the world that still regularly puts to sea, and remains a proud reminder of Manx maritime craft and heritage.

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San Diego Museum Director Tours Ramsey Shipyard

(A report by Isle of Man journalist Sue Wooley)

Dr Ray Ashley, director of San Diego Maritime Museum, home of the Star of India, thoroughly enjoyed his recent visit to our shores and hopes to return for a longer period next time, to see the whole Island. His visit took place over a long weekend earlier this month.

He arrived on the Friday afternoon and his first engagement was to officially open the exhibition of Maritime Painting at the Sefton Hotel, which was organized by the Bank of Scotland International in conjunction with Manx Nation Heritage, the Steam Packet Company and the San Diego Maritime Museum. It showcased the work of the artist, John Halsall and raised money for Macmillan Cancer Relief.

During his visit, Dr Ashley highlighted the Maritime Museum's bid for the Star of India to become a UNESCO World Heritage Site. He spoke about it the following day when he was guest of honour at the World Manx Association's Christmas Lunch at The Hydro. Sunday morning was crisp and bright. Ann Corlett, who was on board the birth-day sailing of the Star of India in November, escorted him to Ramsey Shipyard. There he was greeted by one of the directors, Denny Foulis, who gave him a tour of the yard and pointed out the site of where the Star of India, formerly the Euterpe, was built 140 years ago. Looking around him and envisaging the scene as it was then, Dr Ashley said it was a very special moment, one he had been looking forward to for a long time.

Ramsey MHK, Anne Craine and her husband, Davy invited Dr Ashley to lunch at their home and they introduced him to Dr Ewan Corlett, the man who masterminded the return to Britain from the Falkland Islands of Brunel's great ship, the SS Great Britain. Not surprisingly, the two had a lot in common and a great deal to talk about. Other guests included Cass Sheard, chairman of Ramsey Heritage Trust, who showed him some of the maps and manuscripts included in the recent exhibition in Ramsey Town Hall.

On his final day, he met the Governor, Air Marshal and Mrs Macfadyen as they were taking a private tour of the maritime exhibition. His Excellency had spent some time in San Diego and was keen to learn more about the proposal.

His host on Monday was former San Diego resident, Laurence Skelly, who now lives in Port St Mary. There was a meeting with the Hon. Allan Bell MHK and Director of Manx National Heritage, Stephen Harrison during which he explained the bid for World Heritage status. He was warmly received and given some valuable advice. Mr Harrison enlightened him on the Manx Government's similar application for Tynwald Hill. Mr Skelly said that before leaving, Dr Ashley asked him to convey his thanks to everyone he met for giving him such a warm welcome. 'There were so many people who made his trip so worthwhile in particular, Ann Corlett and Paul Bradford who acted as personal tour guides', he said. 'He wants to return again and spend more time visiting the whole Island.

San Diego Maritime Museum friends and members are planning a group tour in 2005 and intend visiting the Island of Man then. It was a successful trip for Ray Ashley and an excellent PR exercise for the Isle of Man.'

Society News

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Chicago Manx Society

The first meeting of the year was held January 25 at the home of Grads Prendergast. There were 14 present for a potluck supper and wonderful deserts. Bob Kelly started the business meeting and turned it over to Brad so that we could continue to make plans for the 2004 convention, which will be held in Chicago at the Allerton Hotel on the city's Magnificent Mile. The next meeting will be at the home of Mary and John Prendergast on April 18. -Florence Abbinanti, Secretary-Treasurer.

Cleveland Manx Society

After a very cold, snowy winter the officers met in February to plan the years activities. In March, we will meet at Baldwin-Wallace College, where there is a Sunday buffet. Other plans include a trip to an ice-cream place, a showand-tell afternoon at Elizabeth Duncan's home, and perhaps a bus trip in the summer. We'll have our usual picnic in August.

We were saddened by the loss of Marge Krach, a member of long standing. She had been ill for some time and unable to attend meetings. – Mona Haldeman.

Northern California Manx Society

In what has become a most welcome holiday tradition the society met once again at the home of Kim Parker and Peter Herrera in December. The good cheer was tempered only by the absence of our usual co-host Eunice Quirk Parker, who recently passed away.

We enjoyed a buffet supper while in the background the BeeGees version of 'Ellan Vannin' reminded us of our home so far away. We were also treated to a homemade Bonnag prepared by Mary Mylecharane Ryals, who was accompanied by her son-in-law, Bob Dole.

Dee Hickman reminded us of the pictures of the Isle of Man available on the web at www.manxscenes.com produced by Peter Kiley.

Jack Cormode urged everyone to join NAMA and to attend the NAMA convention in Chicago in August. It should be a barnburner.

Darrell and Jeannie Shimmin Wilburn have recently relocated to the Sierra foothills and have invited us to meet in that area. – Jack Cormode

San Diego Manx Society

Twenty-four members of the San Diego County Manx Association met for their Christmas meeting at the home of Ruth and Devore Smith. Carol and George Watterson were co-hosts. A warm welcome was given to new members Audry and Don Russo. Audrey is Manx by birth, hailing from Colby in the south of the Island.

George Watterson was elected to serve another 2-year term as society Secretary.

Society President Hilary Harrison shared with members a greetings card presented to the San Diego Manx Society by the World Manx Association committee and members to commemorate the launch of the Star of India at the Ramsey Shipyard. Hilary and husband, Brian, announced plans to leave for the

Isle of Man on December 16th. The visit was to be their first Christmas spent with family on the Island in 40 years.

Star of India commemorative coins, donated to the Society by the World Manx Association, were presented to Madelyn Carroll, grand-daughter of Virginia Mellon, and Ryan Watterson, grandson of Carol and George Wattterson.

An auction of Manx memorabilia raised \$90 for the Society treasury.

Washington D.C. Area Manx Society

The society will meet for its annual dinner meeting on April 17 at the Pier 7 Restaurant in Washington. Following dinner a choral performance of Manx songs is planned. The business meeting will include the election of officers and governors.

Wisconsin Manx Society

The Society's spring bulletin report that at its April meeting Willard and Mae Reese will entertain with some of their family history and memories of life in the Mineral Point, Wisconsin area. Their Manx, Welsh and Cornish heritages typify this region of the state. Mae will be especially discussing her experiences on gathering their Manx family history.

The society is considering ways to assist the Chicago Manx in conducting the 2004 NAMA convention coming up in Chicago August 27-30.

Joyce Benjamin reported receiving a phone call from Port Seton,

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Scotland to inquire if non-local people could join the society. As a result she signed up Brian Hood as a member of the Wisconsin society and NAMA as well. Joyce credits the phone call to the fact that society is an official registrant at the Madison, Dane County Wisconsin library, and Joyce is listed as the contact person, with her phone number. She points out that the message of her Scotland contact is that it pays to advertise our Manx.

The Next Bulletin Issue

The next 2004 issue of the NAMA bulletin will be mailed to members in July. It will provide more details about the Convention planned for August 27-30, 2004 in Chicago. The editor will appreciate receiving all items for the next issue by June 15, 2004. Let your fellow members know what's going on among the Manx.

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The address label shows your status as a member of NAMA, Many people are life members, dues all paid up forever. If the label indicates an amount is due for those paying dues annually, we hope that you will promptly send Treasurer Helen Drom a check for the indicated amount. Unless dues are paid before midyear, you will not receive future issues of the bulletin.

Dues should be sent to: Treasurer Helen Drom 4960 Cherry Avenue Santa Maria, CA 93455-4947

Honoring a 100th Anniversary

In recognition of 100 years in America a donation to the North American Manx Association has been made by the family of Daniel Cannell. Cormode, who emigrated from the Isle of Man and landed at Ellis Island on February 16th 1904.

Mr. Cormode proceeded across America and settled in Bishop, California, where there were already many Manx families.

He is the grandfather of former NAMA president Jack Cormode and Jack's brother Daniel, who is the fifth in the line to be named Daniel.

There are currently 13 living lineal descendants of Mr. Cormode, including his daughter, Dorothy Wenger.

Jack Cormode notes that "my grandfather came to America without much money (typical) in the latter states of the out-migration that happened to Kirk Andreas and surrounding area." An older sister and younger brother of Mr.Cormode remained on the island and raised families there.

Film Director Boosts IOM As Location For Movies

The status of the Isle of Man as a place to make movies recently received a boost from noted actor and director John Malkovich. Frustrated on a film project in the United Kingdom by projected changes in tax regulations, Malkovich was able to keep the film moving when the Isle of Man Film Commission offered a more hospitable atmosphere.

The actor was on the island working on one film when the movie planned to be made in England ran into problems.

In a press interview Malkovich said, "The thing about the Isle of Man is that it's a very small group and they can move really quickly. With the Isle of Man it was a handshake. I explained the problem during dinner and 15 minutes later it was agreed."

The island's Film Commission was set up in 1995 and has been successful in developing a growing movie industry. More than 50 films and television dramas have been produced there.

One company planning to produce a film starring actor Johnny Depp recently issued a call for island residents wishing to work as extras when production starts later in the spring.

A representative of the Film Commission is scheduled to be a speaker at the NAMA 2004 convention in Chicago in August.

Here's an Idea

NAMA member Edward Eliot Caine recently took steps to reach out to other Manx people by creating a personal card that includes the 3-leg logo of the Isle of Man. He says that "I'm proud of my background and want to reach other Manx people. I would hope that would get



Edward Eliot Caine

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people to contact me" He added that he had been in touch with several family members he didn't know about by using the Internet.

Manx Band Expected At Pennsylvania Festival

A popular band organized by five young Manxmen, King Chiaullee, is tentatively scheduled to appear this fall at the annual Celtic Classic festival held annually in Bethlehem, PA. The event is held the last weekend in September, this year on September 24-26. It is a free event and claims to be the largest festival of its kind in North America.

The Classic organizers are seeking Manx dance groups to appear at the dance program that will be part of the September event.

The King Chiaullee band has played at many events around the Isle of Man traveled last fall to Corwall in support of a Manx dance group competing there

Information on the Celtic Classic is available on the Internet at www.celticfest.org. The King Chiaullee group can be reached at www.kciom.com by anyone interested in the band's appearances.



"What do you mean you're not going to the NAMA convention?"

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