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NAMA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Jody Morey, her sister, Jana Lind, and Hon Clare Christian, President of Tynwald, at the Tynwald Garden Party 2013.

WONDERFUL TRIP

I had a wonderful experience on the Isle of Man the first week in July. On the first day, Leslie Hanson picked us up and took us on a tour of the Isle of Man. We visited tiny St. Finigan's Chapel - Glen Auldyn, tucked away off the beaten path, where ladies were preparing for the flower festival with beautiful floral arrangements. It was fun exploring with someone who knows all the roads on the Isle of Man.

On July 3rd, Hon Clare Christian, President of Tynwald, gave us a tour of the House of Keys, Legislative Council and the Court of Tynwald room. David Nixon brought his high school dance group, Something Y from Massachusetts and we all received a lesson on the government of the Isle of Man. The dance group performed at Tynwald and other events on the isle.

July 4th was the day for presentation of the NAMA 2013 Medalion Awards mentioned in another article in this issue. In the morning John Dowling met us in Port St. Mary and took us for a ride in his sloop, Popard, past the cliffs, fields of sheep, and between the Sound and the Calf of Man. We saw seals basking on the rocks and some of the sea swells made me appreciate the seafaring ability of the Manx. We later ate at the Sound Cafe and saw more seals.

Tynwald Day, July 5th, started out a little cool and cloudy, but finished up warm and sunny. It was a thrill to be in the chapel for the service and walk on the rushes to Tynwald Hill and view the ceremony. There is nothing like it in the USA. The World Manx Association has a very informative tent which can be checked out before and after the ceremony. Seeing the

dancing on the green and fair after the ceremony is another activity not to be missed.

July 6th was the World Manx Association dinner. Peter Kelly, president, and his wife, Ruth, were very gracious hosts. A couple from Australia was present, as well as a family from Colfax, Iowa who had come to the isle to search out information on Collister genealogy. Traditionally, the Cleveland Medal Winner performs at the dinner, and this year we had the privilege of hearing Elizabeth Townsend, who also sang a solo in the chapel service at Tynwald.

July 7th was the Tynwald Garden Party, held at the Nunnery outside of Douglas. I had time to visit with Hon. Clare Christian again, and meet Lieutenant Governor Adam Wood. I also had a visit with Lawrence Skelly, who was president of NAMA from 2006 to 2008. He is now a member of the House of Keys.

My last day, I was able to meet with relatives and have lunch at Milntown, the ancestral home of the famous Ramsey Christian family. The gardens are beautiful and the food is good.

Plan on attending the 2014 convention on the Isle of Man. Make sure you spend some extra days to sightsee. Even though I had been to the Isle of Man several time before, the Groudle Glen Railway, King Orry's Grave, Camera Obscura and the Leece Museum in Peel were new to me. I am now making my bucket list for 2014!

Lhiats,
Jody Morey
NAMA President

Membership: On the front of this newsletter you should see a dollar amount. It could be \$0 which means Good for You! Your membership dues are all paid up. If it says anything else it's time to get out the checkbook and send your membership dues to John Prendergast, 10251 S Bell Avenue, Chicago, IL 60643. And remember, unless you're a signed up member you can't get to attend the Convention next year in the Isle of Man. And if that isn't a big enough incentive, you may not receive the next copy of the super exciting NAMA Bulletin!

Great Idea: One of our members had just paid for all his grandchildren to become NAMA members. It's a fantastic way to pass on awareness of your Manx ancestry. Like so many heritage societies, NAMA has a top-heavy membership of elderly people. We MUST attract young members if we are to continue.

NAMA AWARD



Far left, the Hon. Clare Christian, President of Tynwald, far right, Jody Morey President of North American Manx Association in the Barrule Suite, Tynwald buildings, July 2nd 2013.

Jody Morey traveled to the Isle of Man to help present awards to young people who have made significant contributions to the island's culture. The silver medallion awards are sponsored each year by the North American Manx Association. Awards are presented for contributions to Manx music, arts and crafts, Manx language, Manx Culture Group under the age of 18, Manx Culture Group under the age of 25, the Manx community, and overcoming a disability.

NAMA hopes that the medals will give the awardees a sense of accomplishment and will inspire others to excel. NAMA is proud to be connected to the Isle of Man, encouraging excellence in education.

Also present at the awards ceremony were Hon. Tim Crookall, MHK, Minister for Education and Children, Peter Kelly CP, President of the World Manx Association, Hon. Phil Gawne, BSc MHK, Minister for Environment, Food and Agriculture and the Hon. Clare M. Christian, BSc MLC, President of Tynwald.



NEW SCHOLARSHIP FOR YOUNG CONVENTION ATTENDEES

The NAMA Board and General Meeting passed a resolution at the 2012 Convention to offer assistance to younger people who wish to come to a Convention but find it financially challenging. NAMA will offer four scholarships of \$250 to four members under 30 years of age to count towards Convention attendance. As it happens this year the Registration Fee is exactly \$250. Applicants for the scholarship should send an email to Brad Prendergast at BEEVES@juno.com outlining the reasons why they should be considered for the award. The Board will review the applications and all applicants

will be advised of the outcome. The deadline for applications is January 31st 2014.



NOT A NAMA MEMBER?

To become a NAMA member, or to renew your membership, please send this form and your check or money order to John and only John!

John Prendergast
NAMA Treasurer
10251 South Bell
Chicago, IL 60643-1901 USA

Remember: To attend the NAMA Convention you must be a Member in good standing. (See page 11 for the Enrollment Form!)



PROUD TO BE MANX

BY THE REV. CANON STEPHEN SCHAITBERGER,
NAMA CHAPLAIN

Mischief is often afoot when someone asks what my heritage is. I am Manx! I am proud to be Manx! But for most people they haven't a clue what that is about. O some crossword puzzle workers know about our tailless cat but most give that 'deer in the headlight stare' showing their need for a geography lesson. And I have a mischievous chuckle at their responses.

Of course I could have made it easier for them and said I am from the Isle of Man. But that is just about as obtuse to the rest of the world as "Manx". Maybe it is the influence of stories about Manx fairies, elves, gnomes and little people that cause me to chuckle at the opportunity to stump the questioner. Am I alone in this feeling?

My uncle Bob spent his first day in the US Navy in the brig because of his Manx heritage. While moving along in the new recruit line to receive his uniform a technician seated behind a desk asked him for his nationality. My uncle said he was 'Manx'. The tech responded, "All right smart guy, what is your nationality" to which my uncle responded "All right smart guy my nationality is 'Manx'". The tech stood up looking for an argument and my uncle decked him.

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We who are Manx are a proud minority. Our national pride is as fierce as any national pride. And our heritage and rich traditions have much to offer those who are of a more numerous nationality. Part of our heritage has been a willingness to be accepting of others while at the same time holding to our own proud heritage. It is the golden rule after all to treat others as we wish to be treated.

In the end we are all citizens of Mother Earth. Wouldn't it be a wonder of the world if everyone was as proud to be human and a citizen of earth as deeply as they are of their personal nationalities?



STAYING IN TOUCH WITH NAMA

The world is connected. Use the internet. You can stay in touch with NAMA in so many ways.



MEMBERS:

This is our website: www.northamericanmanx.org. We're on Facebook at NAMA 2014 Convention and North American Manx Association.

There is daily news at <http://namanx.blogspot.com>.

You can check our website to find links to Manx Societies across America and Canada as well as recipes, membership details and random Manx facts. It's at:

www.northamericanmanx.org.

The NAMA Members Only area of our website is password protected and can only be accessed by paid-up members of NAMA. Type in these passwords when prompted. User Name: nama Password: tynwald

Our blog is used to update members on events of interest to Americans of Manx descent. During the run up to the 2014 Convention it will also share information on trip details. <http://namanx.blogspot.com>.

Remember to renew your membership, send your dues to John Prendergast, 10251 S Bell Avenue, Chicago, IL 60643 not to Kelly McCarthy.

WANT TO STAY IN TOUCH WITH US?

If you have news you'd like to share with the members of the North American Manx Association, please email Kelly McCarthy at Kelly@mustgoto.com.

NAMA CONVENTION 2014 - YNDYSSAGH! WE'RE GOING BACK.



We are so excited to be returning to the island for the first time since Millennium Year 2000! Please share this information with any Manx Society members who are not yet NAMA members as we would like to encourage as many as possible to attend.

Timing:

The Convention runs from July 3rd to July 7th 2014. Registration starts at 9.00am in the Cowell Room at the Sefton Hotel, Harris Promenade, Douglas.

Registration Fee - Adult - \$250 / Child - \$200

Your registration fee covers the Friday coach trip, lunch and musical reception with appetizers; Saturday's Banquet Dinner; Sunday's Fish and Chip supper, Monday's coach to Tynwald and evening dinner; conference program and memento. The registration fee covers all activities. Please complete the Registration Form and return it to Kelly McCarthy, 1751 Olde Towne Road, Alexandria, VA 22307, USA.

Schedule of events

Thursday July 3rd

9.00am Registration opens
1.00pm Guided tour of Tynwald Building
2.00pm Board Meeting in Manx Legislative Council chamber (Board only)
6.30pm Drinks reception at Manx Museum, Douglas hosted by Manx National Heritage

Friday July 4th

9:00-5.00pm Coach tour, includes lunch in Castletown Town Hall and afternoon tea as a guest of the Dean of Peel Cathedral
7.30pm Independence Day celebration, Sefton Hotel

Saturday July 5th

*Optional activities all day. A full list will be available later.**
7.30pm Gala Banquet Dinner, Sefton Hotel

Sunday July 6th

9.30-11.30am General Meeting and Convention Photo
11.30am *Optional tour of The Gaiety Theatre*
2.30pm *Optional attendance at Governor's Garden Party***
6.30pm Memorial Service, Loch Promenade with Fish and chips supper to follow

Monday July 7th

9.30am Bus to Tynwald
1.00pm Return from Tynwald
6.30pm Dinner in Villa Marina Arcade next to Sefton
7.30-10.30pm Farewell Social, Singalong and Dessert at Sefton Hotel

Schedule of events

**On Saturday you are free to wander at will and travel the island under your own steam or meet with friends and family. We will offer genealogical and Manx language workshops for people who stay in Douglas.*

***Sunday -- Optional activity. The Governor's Garden Party at the International Business School in the grounds of the old Nunnery building. The Manx government has offered us 60 free places. First come, first served, to this standing-only event hosted by the Lieutenant-Governor of the Isle of Man. A return taxi from Douglas will cost approximately \$30.*

Friends and Family: If you wish to invite family or friends to any of our events a separate price has been calculated. The Banquet has a capacity limit so it will be first come, first served for tickets. The Independence Day Reception is \$30, Banquet \$60, Tynwald Day dinner \$25. The Social, Singalong and Dessert will be completely free as we have a cash bar and lots of room. We can't take people on the coaches because they are already full.

Raffle tickets: These will be sold on the island for cash. Because of lottery laws we cannot sell tickets in advance, or for people who won't be in attendance. We do have a quilt raffle as the quilting group, Mannin Quilters, is kindly donating a patchwork quilt. Other Manx items will also be featured.

Souvenir Program: Please send your ads, greetings, and memorial copy to Kelly@mustgoto.com by May 1, 2014. If you can't email, send it to Kelly McCarthy, 1751 Olde Towne Road, Alexandria, VA 22307. We need time to print these items in the Isle of Man so we will be strict about the deadline. If you don't attend the Convention we will get a copy to you.

GETTING THERE & OTHER TIPS

Flying: There is no direct flight to the Isle of Man from America. You will fly to a major airport and then take another plane to the island. There is no airline (with the possible exception of Aer Lingus) that can promise to check your luggage all the way through. And be aware that the local plane from England or Ireland will have a very strict weight limit for your luggage and carry-on.

Major hub airports are Gatwick, Manchester and Dublin. They all require changing terminals unless you fly Aer Lingus from Dublin to the IOM. Flying through London Heathrow will require you to travel to another airport (London City, London Gatwick, London Luton) by tube, train, bus or (very expensive) taxi. Allow several hours to make those transfers. Remember that the Isle of Man is often shrouded in fog. If you have the luxury of staying over in England or Ireland you may want to break your trip at either end.

Ronaldsway Airport (Code IOM) is about 8 miles from the Sefton Hotel. There's a bus service and a taxi rank at the hotel.

Airlines: American from Chicago to Gatwick. Aer Lingus to Dublin, United to Manchester. (Not an exhaustive list, but start there!) British Airways flies to Terminal 5 at Heathrow and has its own bus station where transfer buses leave for Gatwick and Luton where, currently, flights depart for the Isle of Man. Watch the website and/or Facebook page NAMA 2014 for developments on air travel as companies come and go. And check your luggage weight limit to the island, it's probably only 40lbs -- and they mean it.

Boat: www.steampacket.com is your one stop shop for sailing to the island and getting around the baggage limitations on weight. Ports include Belfast, Birkenhead, Dublin, Heysham and Liverpool. Liverpool is accessible from bus and train. If you fly to Manchester, please note you can catch a train from inside the airport which will take you to Liverpool Lime Street and it's just a short taxi or bus ride to the Steam Packet's Landing Stage Terminal. The Sefton Hotel is half a mile from Douglas Harbor.

Disabled Access: The Sefton Hotel is fully accessible to handicapped visitors. However, the trip to the island is long and complicated. Please check the route you intend to take from your landing airport to the island. There is no direct transfer at Heathrow. Dublin, Gatwick and Manchester offer international and internal connecting flights although the connecting flights

We will do our best to help disabled visitors participate in all activities. The visit to the Tynwald Ceremony at St. John's Field is the most obvious event that could present difficul-

ties but we will endeavor to be as inclusive as possible. We do have access to some bleacher seats. Just be prepared for any type of weather! Please be realistic in your expectations.

Car rental: You can use your US license to drive in the Isle of Man. Ocean Ford: www.oceanfordrental.com. Isle of Man Rent-a-car: www.iomrac.com. Athol Garage: www.athol.co.im. Mylchreests Car Hire: www.mylchreests.com/carhire are all located near the airport and can arrange to meet you there or bus you to your vehicle.

Accommodation: Convention Hotel: The Sefton Hotel, Harris Promenade, Douglas, IM1 2RW. There are atrium and seaview rooms available. Please quote NOR040714 when you make a reservation. Special room rates for NAMA members attending the Convention start at £115.00 and \$120 per room per night, including breakfast, will be honored for room nights before or after the Convention. The Sefton can be reached on 011-441 -624-645-500 (This includes the international code) or you can email them at info@seftonhotel.co.im (If calling, remember IOM time is ET + 5 hours.)

Alternative accommodation: The Isle of Man Tourism Authority is going to send you the 2014 brochure when it is printed in December. We have given them a one-time only use of our mailing list to ensure you have access to accommodation of every kind. There is a wide selection of Bed and Breakfast hotels, often called boarding houses, which are basic, friendly establishments. They are less swanky than their American counterparts but represent good value and offer a less formal environment. Self-catering apartments are also available, a great alternative for families. Douglas has a number of value supermarkets, one of which is quite close to the Convention hotel.

Meals and snacks: While many meals are included in your Registration Fee, breakfasts and a few lunches are not. Douglas has many pubs, cafes, coffee houses, drugstores and supermarkets offering a wide range of delicious meals and snacks. As the dollar is currently weak against the pound you may get sticker shock but there are bargains and good value options for people on a budget and our friendly, knowledgeable Manx helpers will be happy to provide guidance on the best deals.

Money: The Isle of Man will take British currency but Britain will not accept Manx notes or coins. Both nations use the pound sterling or GBP. Ireland is a part of the Euro and does not take pounds. Getting cash from an ATM is fine with your US bank cards (although you should check your bank's fees for these transactions.)

Credit and Debit Cards: The European and British system features an embedded microchip in the card. It is called 'chip

and pin' and requires you to use a PIN code to confirm a purchase instead of a signature. You can probably get one from your bank before you leave as most American banks now offer this service. However, most shops and service establishments can still process our magnetic strip cards. Ask before you rely on your card for payment. Or use cash.

Tiping: Most service establishments have built in a tip. If you really liked your service just a small tip will suffice. If no tip has been added it is customary to leave 10%.

Smoking: The Isle of Man, UK and Ireland all have strict rules about smoking in public places like bars and restaurants. Signs will be posted.



STAYING IN TOUCH WHILE ON THE ISLAND

Phone: Using an American cellphone can be problematic. Older, non-smartphone versions operate on a different system from Europe. New smartphones contain a SIM card. These can be used overseas. Check with your provider (AT&T, Verizon, etc) before you leave so that they can advise you how to use your phone overseas and advise you of tariffs.

SIM cards may be "locked" by your cellphone service provider and they will need to "unlock" them before you leave. Once they are unlocked you can buy a local SIM card and use your phone at local rates. Be warned, this means you will get a new phone number and may not be able to access your data until you replace your original SIM Card.

Manx Telecom has a showroom just yards from the Sefton Hotel where you can buy a cheap phone for use over there. Check out their website before you go for more details. Manx-telecom.com>Mobile Roaming>Roaming on our network.

If you decide to take your own phone or tablet, turn off data roaming! It will add up fast.

Internet: The island has broadband pretty much everywhere. The Sefton does not charge so you can use your devices there.

Landlines: All American numbers will begin 001, then key in the regular 10-digit number. If your family is calling you on a British number they need to key 011 44 and drop the 0 of the British number. So the Sefton would be: 011 44 1624 645500. Locally you would dial 01624 645 500.

Transport: Special travel passes represent good value for people traveling around the island without a car. Check this site for where you can purchase tickets. You can get them at Ronaldsway Airport and the Welcome Centre at the Sea Terminal. We'll help when we get there but if you arrive before us, other locations are listed on this site. www.gov.im/publictransport/Tickets/advance_tickets.xml Here are two options you might find useful.

Island Explorer Tickets

These tickets entitle the holder to unlimited travel on scheduled services of the Steam Railway, Manx Electric Railway, Snaefell Mountain Railway, Douglas Horse Trams and Buses.

	Adult	Child
1 Day Explorer	£16.00	£8.00
3 Day Explorer	£32.00	£16.00
5 Day Explorer	£39.00	£19.50
7 Day Explorer	£47.00	£23.50

Adult tickets include one accompanying child free of charge. Child fares apply between 5 and 15 years old.

Heritage Explorer Tickets

This ticket entitles the holder to unlimited travel on scheduled services of the Steam Railway, Manx Electric Railway, Snaefell Mountain Railway, Douglas Horse Trams and Buses and entry to all Manx National Heritage Sites - further details of which can be found at Manx National Heritage.

	Adult	Child
5 Day Explorer	£55.00	£27.00

Adult tickets include travel for one accompanying child free of charge, but does not include entry for the child into Manx National Heritage sites where different child rates apply. Child fares for bus and rail travel apply between 5 and 15 years old.

Never been there? The Isle of Man is situated in the middle of the Irish Sea at the center of the British Isles. It is 33 miles (53km) long and 13 miles (22km) wide at its broadest point, with a resident population of 84,500. The Island has a distinct cultural and political identity. It is not, and never has been, a part of the United Kingdom. Nor is it part of the European Union, with which it has a special and limited relationship allowing for free trade in agricultural and manufactured products.

The Isle of Man is a self-governing British Crown Dependency with its own government and laws, made in Tynwald, which was founded more than 1,000 years ago and is the world's oldest continuous parliament. More information about the Isle of Man Government can be found at <http://www.gov.im/>

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Were going to include an article in each NAMA Bulletin to encourage children to learn more about the Isle of Man, Manx culture, history, or Manx tales. If you have a young child or grandchild, make sure you share this article with them. *Jody*

It's always fun to read Manx books. Olaf comes Home, by Kathy Dollina Creamer. Olaf, the cat, not accepted by other cats, has many adventures before he is helped home by Manannan Lac Lir, son of the sea. On the isle, he has more adventures. ISBN 1873120 15 X Published by The Manx Experience.

A book for older children is The Secret of Black Dog Cave by Eve Jennings. Delia and Orry explore a hidden cave below a castle and investigate mysterious happenings. It's a story of the past and present. ISBN 0 907715 11 7 (Hardback) - ISBN 0 907715 12 5 (Paperback) The Maansk-Svenska Publishing Co. Ltd.



A CANADIAN MEMORIAL GARDEN FOR THE MANX AVIATION & MILITARY MUSEUM

The Manx Aviation and Military Museum opened on Remembrance Day, November 11 2000, and since that day it has grown steadily and has more than doubled in size. The museum covers the history of civil aviation in the Island and all aspects of the involvement of the armed forces in the Island during the 20th century. I must stress that we most certainly do not glorify war and, without becoming political, we try to help our visitors realize the madness and sheer waste that war brings.

When we were raising funds to open the museum we contacted a wide range of organizations asking for help. One of the most generous responses came from the Royal Canadian Air Force who sent us C\$1,000. We decided to put this money towards our planned memorial garden and also decided that the garden should be dedicated to the 28 Canadian airmen who died in aircraft accidents around the Island during the Second World War. After the British and the Americans, the Canadians form the third-largest number of casualties by nationality so they deserve a special commemoration. American casualties are already commemorated by us on a memorial on North Barrule where 31 U.S. servicemen died in a B-17 crash in 1945 and in the ancient churchyard at Maughold where we have erected a memorial to four American pilots who had volunteered for service with the Royal Air Force

before the U.S. entered the war. These four died on the same day in 1941 when they flew into the mist-shrouded hills in their Hawker Hurricane fighter planes.

Back in 2000 we never expected the memorial garden to take so long in happening but other developments at the museum have taken priority, mainly the construction of new buildings to display the many historic objects which have been given to us. However we have now fenced off the garden area and started laying the paths. The memorial itself has yet to be designed but at this stage I have in mind a slender stone, about 6 feet high, marked with the Canadian flag and the 28 names. This is subject to change if someone comes up with a different suggestion.

I recently learned from NAMA Vice-President Kelly McCarthy that the NAMA Convention is to be held in the Island next year and it occurred to me that there couldn't be a more appropriate time to hold the official opening of the garden. I shall be liaising with Kelly on this and I'm sure she will keep you updated.

At the entrance to the museum this is the first thing that the visitor sees:

This museum is dedicated to Manx men and women who served their Island in the cause of freedom, to those people of other nations who were brought to our shores by war-time service and to all who, in war and peace, lost their lives here in aviation accidents.

We do remember them.

I think it sums up what we are about. One area which we have not yet explored in any detail is the role of Manx expatriates in war. I know that many people of Manx descent fought in the American and Canadian Forces in both World Wars so one day I hope that we can cover this.

We are a registered charity and every object in our care is held in trust for the Island's future generations. All our development work is done by unpaid volunteers so all funds go directly towards the development of our displays. Many people are surprised that we receive no funding from the government (they actually charge us rent for our building). All our funding comes from donations from individuals and local organizations so we are always looking for help, whether by funding or in any other way. The Canadian Memorial Garden is using up a lot of our funds right now so please contact me if you would like to help.

You can find out more about the museum at www.maps.org.im and I look forward to meeting many of you next year. *Ivor Ramsden, Manx Aviation and Military Museum, Castletown, Isle of Man.*

IN REMEMBRANCE

Name of Deceased	Date of Death	Last residence	Person who reported
Ethel Bacher	Oct. 2011	Meadville PA	
Carol L. Jacob	Nov. 9, 2009	Defiance, OH	John H. Jacob
Molly Kelly	Mar. 15, 2013	Onchan, IoM	
Eleanor "Ellie" Jerner Gawne	Jan. 14, 2013	Framingham MA	
Donald C. Joughin	Not provided	Rio de Janeiro	John Prendergast
LaJean Anderson	Not provided	Nisswa MN	Sally Dahlquist
Dorothy Engel	Not provided	Coon Rapids, MN	Sally Dahlquest
Gladys M. Evans	Dec. 27, 2011	Kewanee, IL	Brad Prendergast
William Aubrey Moore	Mar. 17, 2008	Hinsdale, IL	Brad Prendergast

Other information received

Catherine Mary Kennaugh Dax of Nevada City, California. April 3, 1926 - April 26, 2013. Kay was born in North Lake, Wisconsin to Cecilia and Charles Kennaugh. Charles was born and raised in Castletown, Isle of Man. Kay was very proud of her Manx heritage and fulfilled her dream of visiting the land of her father's birth twice. She met cousins on the Isle of Man and kept in touch with them for the rest of her life. Kay was married to Henry "Hank" Dax for 66 years and had five children all of whom are also proud of their Manx ancestry. Kay worked as a bookkeeper for many years, she enjoyed working on her family tree and spending time with family and friends. She was a wonderful, loving mother and we will miss her forever.

Daniel R. Teare passed away April 25, 2013, in Chelsea, Michigan. Born in 1927 in Oak Park, Illinois, to Daniel J. and Ada B. Teare, Daniel grew up in Freeport, Illinois. After attending school and serving in the military, he married his high school sweetheart, Joyce Kaufman on September 6, 1947.

Dan was a life member of the North American Manx Association. Dan always enjoyed his family, music, helping others, and in retirement years he worked on genealogy using the internet and his membership of the Isle of Man Family Historical Society. Dan was pre-deceased by Joyce, his beloved wife of 64 years, his parents and sister, Marguerite E. Teare. Surviving are daughter Holly A. Teare of Chelsea, MI, grandsons Nathan and Jeremy Richardson; son Daniel B. (Patricia) Teare of Campbell Hall, NY, granddaughters Stefanie (Mike) DelPrete and Danielle (Dan) Morin, step-grandsons Nicholas and Jonathan Iorio; daughter Amy E. (John) Teare DeWitt of Houston, TX, as well as five great-grandchildren.



BRITISH CRIME AUTHOR CHRIS EWAN IN AMERICAN TV DEAL



The Isle of Man-based crime author has spoken of his excitement after American network ABC confirmed it is developing a TV drama series based on his books.

Isle of Man-based Chris Ewan's five book series, *The Good Thief's Guide*, follows the adventures of criminal Charlie Howard around the world. The show is being developed for ABC by 20th Century Fox Television. Each season is set in a new city and centers around one perfect heist that usually turns into a tangled web of lies and double crosses. Mr Ewan has written seven novels and was recently named as the Isle of Man Arts Council's writer in residence for next year's Island of Culture. In 2011, he was voted one of America's favorite British authors by a Huffington Post poll.



SOCIETY NEWS

The Rocky Mountain Manx Society On Sunday October 2nd. The Rocky Mountain Manx Society met at Jim & Sandy Corlett's home. As usual the meeting was opened with the Reverend Al Scarff leading us with a Manx (Continued page 11)

5TH NAMA CONVENTION DOUGLAS, ISLE OF MAN. JULY 3RD -7TH 2014



REGISTRATION FORM

Please print full name of all registrants (with ages of youths 17 and under)

- 1) _____ 2) _____
 3) _____ 4) _____
 5) _____ 6) _____

Full Address: _____ apt# _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip/Postcode _____

Country: _____

Total number in your party _____ (for full convention)	Total \$
_____ Number of adult registrants @ \$250	_____
_____ Number of youth registrants @ \$200	_____
_____ Number of extra Independence Day tickets Friday 4th July @ \$30	_____
_____ Number of extra Banquet tickets Saturday 5th July @ \$60	_____
_____ Number of extra Dinner tickets Monday 7th July @ \$25	_____
_____ Number of Convention Photos at \$15	_____
Total Registration Costs _____	

Registration must be received by May 1st.

No refunds after June 3rd 2014.

For Convention program ads and greetings - see over

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CONVENTION PROGRAM

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prayer and we ended by singing Ellan Vannin. The small group of ten members had a grand time eating the potluck meal and catching up on each other's lives. The tentative schedule of the 2014 Convention on the IOM was presented, discussed and embellished by anecdotes of previous visits of the assembled. So much of our time was spent on the 2014 schedule (at least four of us are coming and four more maybe) that the discussion of the Manx and Sicilian Triskelions was shortened dramatically.



The Chicago Manx Society was the host to the NAMA Board, when the Board held its planning meeting for the 2014 Convention. Three members from Chicago attended (Rick Corrin, Katy Prendergast, and Brad Prendergast).

Chicago also hosted IOM residents David and Christine Holmes, who were in town to visit and to attend the October 12 wedding of Tim Prendergast and Shannon Doran. Tim and Shannon are planning to attend the 2014 Convention, and plan a delayed honeymoon trip on the IOM in July 2014. David and Christine attended the 2004

Convention in Chicago, and are looking forward to meeting and hosting the 2014 Convention in their home town.

Our last meeting was on August 18, at the home of Sharon and Sam Slocum. There was close to a record attendance for the meeting, with 16 attending. We had a lively meeting, with discussions about the upcoming convention leading the topics. We also discussed the museum, and that Mona Creer was sending a host of documents relating to the Ladies Auxiliary to the Museum in Platteville.

Our next meeting will be at the home of Florence Abbinanti, in Evergreen Park, IL, on Sunday, November 17, at 1PM. We would welcome all Chicago Manx Society members, and any other NAMA members who may be in town, for a potluck meal and some good conversation. If you need any information regarding the Chicago Manx, contact Brad Prendergast at beeves@juno.com.

Want to start a Society? It's not too hard to start a local society. Seasoned NAMA members are full of useful ideas and are a great resource when getting started.

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Bea as ghennalys eu bio ry-cheilley.
Shee as graih eddyr mraane as deiney,
Cooid as cowryn, stock as stoyr,
Palchey p'auddase as skaidan dy-liooar,
Arran as caashey, eeym as roayrt,
Baase myr lugh ayns uhllin ny soalt;
Cadley sauchey tra vees shiu ny lhie,
As feeackle y jiargan nagh bee dy mie.

A Merry Christmas on ye, and a very good year,
Long life and health to the whole family,
Life and merriment living together,
Peace and cheerfulness 'twixt women and men,
Goods and wealth, stock and store,
Plenty of potatoes and herring enough,
Bread and cheese, butter and beef,
Death like a mouse in the corner of the barn;
Sleeping safe when you'll be in bed,
And the tooth of the flea, may it not be good.

