



# The Clansmen Rugby Club

Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

## August 4-7, 2017

“Oh Those Summer Nights!”

### *Mamas Don't Let Your Babies Grow Up To Be Clansmen*

by Paul Cassidy

(sung to the tune of “Mamas Don't Let Your Babies Grow Up To Be Cowboys”)

Clansmen ain't easy to love and they're harder to hold  
They'd rather play rugby than make a few dollars or gold  
Navy blue jerseys and navy blue socks and black shorts wearing a “C”  
Playing the game hard, getting bruises and scars...that's where the Clansmen will be!

#### Chorus

Mamas don't let your babies grow up to be Clansmen  
Don't let them put cleats on or tape down their ears  
They'll end up with black eyes and quaffing some beers  
Mamas don't let your babies grow up to be Clansmen  
They never stay home and they're never alone  
They're playing that game that they love

Clansmen like drinking tequila when they're upside down  
They can run with the ball and they'll ruck when the balls on the ground  
Johnny's still coaching and Blood is still squeaking and DQ says “Oh, what a game!”  
They all have some fun when we pass, kick or run...and Davie's the one they all blame!!

#### Repeat Chorus

I believe it was 1982 when Ian Biggar, Andy Dalton, Don Quinn and I got together at a recording studio in West Edmonton Mall to cut a record "Mamas Don't Let Your Babies Grow Up To Be Clansmen". I sat down to try and remember the lyrics so here you will find a close resemblance to what was recorded. I do not know where any of the copies of the original may be but if you would like to re-record it. As a matter of fact, the owner of Alberta Lock Solid has offered to do the recording at his basement studio. Perhaps we should put together a "Greatest Shits" album?!!!



Andy Dalton, Paul "Hopalong" Cassidy, and DQ (Don Quinn) at the recording studio in West Edmonton Mall. Photo Ian Biggar

# Let's Get This Party Started!

Our initial Crann Tara (the traditional Scottish Fiery Cross summons) is paying off, and well over 160 people have indicated their interest in the 50th reunion of the Club. The numbers keep rising and we haven't even approached the existing playing membership yet!

A call for volunteers has resulted in **Kirby White** ([reonsdad@gmail.com](mailto:reonsdad@gmail.com)) stepping up as chairman, with Mick Walton, Pete Laird, Herb Walker, Dave Logan joining up to handle some of the potential events.

We have suggestions of Golf Tournament, Day at the Races, WEM trip, Museum, Muttart Conservatory, Wine Tasting (put me down for that) etc, plus the compulsory Rugby events. Preliminary bookings have been placed on Ellerslie Rugby Park (Friday and Sunday) and Fort Edmonton Banquet Hall (Saturday) but we still need your ideas to finalize a program. The Monday is a Canadian Holiday and could also be utilized. **SO GET THE SUGGESTIONS IN!**

There is a lot to organize before and during the events (e.g. sports wear, hotel deals, etc.) so step up to the plate, even if it's only a small step. "Many hands make light work, and I hate work" attributed to Ron "The Bear" Allen, according to Kirby White.



*Kirby White, the esteemed organizing chair, without the signature blue scrum cap fixed on his head.*

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CANADA vs USA  
FIRST ANNUAL NORTH AMERICAN RUGBY CHAMPIONSHIPS  
Saturday, May 21st, 1977  
2:30 P.M.  
Swangard Stadium  
INTERNATIONAL  
RUGBY  
Reception following: Banquet at Agriplex

*We will be holding a "Silent Auction" at one of our events, and as such we hope there will be donations of some suitable items. We have already received a rare item, namely the poster for the first International played between Canada and the USA in 1977, kindly donated by Don Kelly, a past president of the Vancouver Rugby Union. Many thanks Don...now where is my old Pulitzer Prize...*

*Herewith a 1968 recruiting poster*

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# A Wee Invasion

We got **Mick Barker** from London about the same time as **Jayne Dewar**. Jayne and her Nannie pals all arrived from Liverpool sporting the first miniskirts seen in Edmonton, thus causing hundreds of fender benders on Jasper Avenue. It was at the start of the British Rock and Roll invasion. Edmonton was a town of under 300,000 back then and was quite quaint to me eyes. It was, and still is, the Pick-up Truck Capital of Canada. This was due to the fact that these vehicles could be classed as "Farm Equipment" thus dodging certain taxes. Most of these trucks sported a bale of hay, a roll of barbed wire and a gun rack, mounted on the rear window, complete with rifle and shotgun!

Mick Barker was another thing the locals had never seen before, when crew cuts were the norm for the prairie boys, Mick had long black curls down onto his shoulders, and sported a full set of sideburns that curled back up his cheeks, like a sergeant's "Mutton-chops" in Queen Victoria's army. He wore a battered "Lum" hat and a claw hammer coat. He could have passed for "The Artful Dodger". Carnaby Street had arrived in Edmonton!

We were playing in Saskatoon one weekend, and a couple of us had got injured on the first day, including Mick, but his injury was deemed to be of a lesser nature and he was selected for the Sunday game. Before the game started, Mick came over and complained that "Me Fumb was 'urtin' It was rather swollen, but he was our only remaining hope to fill the ranks, so I told him to stay on the wing and tackle, if he must, with his other arm. So off he went muttering under his breath, again.

The second half was only a few minutes old when there was an ugly sound on the field. The players gathered around a body, and I saw Dr. Zenon Belak, who was playing, run to his car, presumably for his bag of tricks. Someone backed up a station wagon onto the field. The casualty was our boy Mick, and he had suffered a complete dislocation of the already affected limb. They strapped his arm to his body and started moving him to the station wagon, knuckles dragging. The little group was about to pass me when Mick looked up and caught my eye. He turned towards me and the entourage followed. Halting in front of me Mick said "Dave", "Yes Michael" I replied, Mick explained, "It's me fumb Dave...It doesn't fackin' bover me no more".



*Jayne Dewar, of the scouse Mini skirt fame, seen here importuning Willie John McBride, legendary Captain of Ireland and The British Lions. Willie was in town managing Balleymena Rugby Club fom Ireland.*

*The Clan drew 3-3 with Balleymena that day and the Second team beat a visiting British Army team, up from Suffield.... What a great party!*



# And the Tradition Continues...

On June 25th, the Clan played the Calgary Hornets in the 48th "Porridge Bowl", the oldest "friendly" in Alberta rugby. It was so named as both Clubs had a very strong Scottish flavour in their ranks, and the tradition of the players drinking a Porridge - Whisky mix was started at the first meeting...and has become a right of passage.



*Carlos McVale, gleefully dispenses the whisky flavoured Porridge...he has a nasty sadistic streak does oor Carlos.*



*Andy Stead, Clan Coach/Player, samples the delicacy for the first time and is trying to identify the subtle flavours.*



*As Carlos handles another victim, Andy is absorbing the peaty strengths of the dish.*



*Still trying to identify that elusive "Je ne sais quoi".*



*...and the beat goes on.*



*A demonstration of how to open a plastic bag, very quickly.*



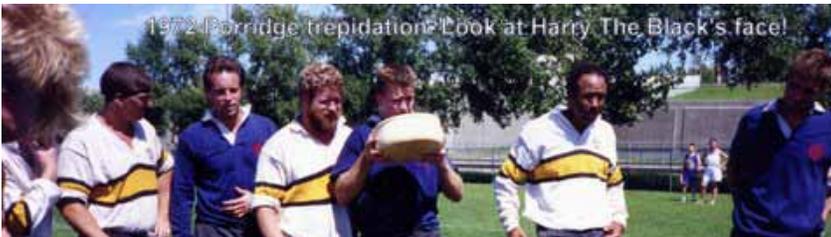
....a piece of gristle perhaps?



...and the thing that's make it all worth it!



A peek at past Porrige Bowl indulgers.



## Just for Fun

For all of you who listen to steam radio, the CBC Saturday show “Quirks and Quarks” had an item that caught my attention. It was some professor from the States talking about a study on what smells enhance the penile blood flow. (*He put his pen down , ran to the Marconi and eagerly turned the volume up. At last, something to catch the interest of an old Rugby man*). It seems that a combination of Pumkin and Lavender registered the highest with a forty per cent increase in the blood flow! (*There goes my, widely used, McEwan’s Heavy/Famous Grouse theory.*) The second best scent was Doughnuts with Black Liquorice! (*Should give you a run for your money.*) For older guys...now are we all paying attention? The best effect was achieved with, wait for it...Strawberries! (*I can visualize some drastic dietary changes being made.*) Now open your note book and write down the following word, “Cranberries”. Under no circumstances indulge in “Cranberries” for it seems that that foul berry has the least effect of all! Penile Flow indeed! (*Roger thought that it was some sort of Prisoner Release Plan!*)

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# The Stupendous List of Alumni & Accomplices

*Are you on it yet?*

\*New additions since the last newsletter are in green.

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Russ Brown (ON)	Lee Heighway	Rob McDonald	Bonz Smith
David Burke (ON)	Jim Hilsenteger (Clgy)	Bruce McFarlane	Frank Smith
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