

## *The Royal Scots.. Another Successful and Fun-Filled Year*

January is often a time of reflection and new beginnings, and The Royal Scots O'Mocha are fortunate to be able to look back at 2011 with pride and fond memories.

We started 2011 helping with the Scottish Appreciation night held annually by Kilwinning Lodge, and then participated in the Shrine Club Robbie Burns night. These are two events that are always favourites for a bunch of Scots!! Then we settled down to business to get ready for our second annual Kiwanis competition held in April. (We aren't all play and no work!!)



John Johnston & Jim Carmichael taking a break at the competition



Ken Webster and Don Gale tuning up to compete at the Kiwanis Festival.

In June we played for Kilwinning's Sunrise Breakfast held at the RCR barracks. This event is always a treat for those who attend, but we really should march more to work off all those eggs and pancakes!

We played again at the Bothwell Car Show, and in the Sarnia Labour Day Parade.



Opening night parade at the Bothwell Car Show



A Soggy Labour Day

In September we took a trip the Great Lakes Shrine Association Meeting in Cleveland where we competed. Everyone who entered the individual competitions came home with a medal and we placed second in the Band competition.



The Band at GLSA (with their medals!!!)



Forming up on a chilly day in Wallacetown

In October we were at the Wallacetown Fair on a mostly bright but freezing day! We must have been getting acclimatized for our usual round of Santa Claus parades in Dutton, West Lorne, Park Hill, and Bothwell.



Playing for Santa in Dutton



The Royal Scots Christmas Orchestra  
John McIntyre, Don Gale, Charlie Thomson  
& Jim Carmichael



Dave Kincaid, Don Gale John McIntyre and  
a potential future Royal Scot enjoying haggis  
at John and Brenda Johnston's home

Our year culminated with our annual Christmas Banquet held at the Shrine Center on Dec 16<sup>th</sup>. We had a wonderful dinner which was followed by the musical entertainment of some of our multi-talented members, and then a few rounds of the horserace game.

Once again, if you are interested in becoming a Royal Scot piper or drummer we would welcome your enquiry. Just call our secretary, Stew Watt, at 472-4879. Check out our web site at [www.royalscots.ca](http://www.royalscots.ca)