

ROBERT THE BRUCE, KING OF SCOTLAND PART TWO...

by Kim Trimble - Bullseye Staff Writer

Robert the Bruce, crowned King of Scotland in Scone Palace on March 25th 1306, had but one goal; defeat the English in order to win freedom for his country. After the killing of John 'the Red' Comyn a mere six weeks earlier in Greyfriars Church in Dumfries, Bruce found that he had made enemies in Comyn's family. Also, he was excommunicated from the church by Pope Clement V for the murder.

As to be expected, the new king was outlawed by King Edward I of England. He was now a hunted man, Edward commanded Aymer de Valence, brother-in-law of John Comyn, to hunt down and capture or kill Bruce. Valence defeated Bruce's forces in a battle at Methven and Bruce himself was very nearly captured by other of Comyn's kinsmen at Tyndrum.



Elizabeth de Burgh

Things went from bad to worse for Robert the Bruce. For their safety, he had sent his family to Kildrummy Castle in Aberdeenshire but the attempt at protecting them proved futile. By September his wife Elizabeth de Burgh and Marjorie Bruce, his daughter by his first wife, Isabella of Mar, were captured and imprisoned. His brother Neil was hanged and beheaded and his sister Mary and the Countess Isabella were put in cages.

Bruce fled to the isle of Rathlin off the Irish coast. He remained hidden until his return to Scotland in 1307. During this period of exile many legends arose regarding Bruce. One of the better known tales is that while hiding in a cave the king observed a spider trying to spin a web across the mouth of the cave. After two failed attempts the spider finally succeeded in its task on its third try. Bruce was supposedly inspired by this and knew that he would try again and if necessary again to conquer the English king and lead his people to the freedom that they so craved.

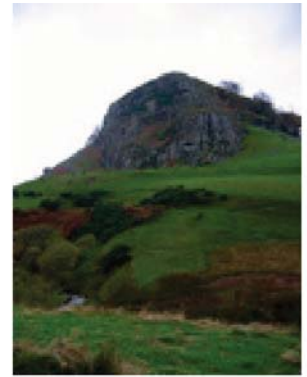
King Robert returned to his beloved Scotland in February of 1307 acutely aware of the strength of the English army as well as its affiliation with the Comyn family and their followers. His only option was to follow the example set by William Wallace which was to conduct a guerilla war and try to demoralize and frighten his enemies. Victory was achieved by the Scots on several occasions. In April of 1307 John Mowbray and his troops were ambushed in Glen Trool, Galloway. Though it was a minor battle, the English suffered heavy losses while the Scots lost few men. The Scottish Army was greatly encouraged by their triumph however small.

In May of the same year the battle of Loudoun Hill near Kilmarnock was fought. While Bruce's forces were again greatly outnumbered, roughly 600 against 3,000, the Scottish prevailed against once more over the English, defeating Aymer de Valence, the 2nd Earl of Pembroke and Edward's first cousin, soundly crushing the opposition. Following William Wallace's guerilla tactics, Bruce used his intimate knowledge of the landscape to overcome a force five times larger than his own. He ordered that a series of trenches be dug to force the English troops to approach across a large boggy area and through a narrow gap between the trenches. His men lay in



Edward I

wait then struck hard and fast using pikemen to stop the English. The battle of Loudoun Hill was to be a training ground for Bruce and his troops. Similar tactics were used seven years hence in the decisive battle of Bannockburn. This battle though small brought King Robert the Bruce his first major victory against the English; it was not to be his last. (continued on page 4)



Loudoun Hill

From the President

by Rhet Turnbull

If you've been reading the Bullseye (and I'm sure you have been!) you've seen the TCA Annual General Meeting (AGM) mentioned several times recently. This year's TCA Annual General Meeting will take place September 17-19 at the New Hampshire Highland Games in Loon Mountain, NH. The Turnbull Clan will have a large tent and plenty of room to host everyone.



I plan to attend and I hope that you do to. I know that for those who don't live nearby, it takes quite an effort to attend the AGM but I hope that many of you will be able to make it. The AGM is a great chance to meet the officers of TCA and many other Turnbells. It's also a chance for our members to take an active part in the workings of TCA. Our Association exists for each of you, our members. The TCA officers want to hear your thoughts on how the Association is doing and how we can better serve you.

I hope to see you at the Turnbull Clan Association Annual General Meeting!

BIG WEEK FOR TCA PRESIDENT

On July 1st, TCA President Rhet Turnbull was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the United States Air Force. Vice Admiral Carl V. Mauney, Deputy Commander of United States Strategic Command, presided at the ceremony.



Lieutenant Colonel Turnbull's wife, Sarah, and their children, helped pin-on his new rank. Lieutenant Colonel Turnbull currently serves at United States Strategic Command.

Rhet graduated from the United States Air Force Academy (class of '95) with a degree in Astronomical Engineering.

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Remembering the brave men and women serving our countries all around the world.

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Just three days prior to the promotion, a son was added to Rhet and Sarah's family (more about this on page 5). Big Sister, Vivian (7) and Big Brother Camden (4) were delighted to welcome Stirling Robert Turnbull to the family, born Monday evening, June 28.



TURNBULL TRAILS

A HISTORY OF THE BORDER CLAN TURNBULL

THE TROUBLED YEARS IN THE BORDERS PART II

by Norman Turnbull
Turnbull Clan High Shenachie

As one outrage followed another, the two kingdoms (Scotland and England) became engulfed in a war of attrition that was destined to last for 300 years. The Borderland became their battleground and as the scavenging armies of both nations invaded and retreated across the "line," towns and villages were put to the torch, their inhabitants slaughtered, crops were looted or burned and vast areas of arable land were reduced to impoverished wastelands. Wallace was later defeated at Falkirk in 1298, but then Robert the Bruce, gathered the Scottish nobles to his cause and crushed the army of Edward II at Bannockburn. Bruce went on to wrested Berwick from English hands in 1318 and his victorious Scottish armies plundered England's northern shires unopposed, exacting tribute and blackmail from the terrified population.

After Bruce's death, Edward III defeated the Scots at Halidon Hill and Berwick was recaptured in 1333.

Fifty years later the Scots were victorious at Otterburn and, in 1402, the English had their revenge at Homildon Hill. Although Berwick passed briefly into Scottish hands in 1461, it was retaken and finally ceded to the English in 1482.

Both nations continued to mount sporadic raids and armed

incursions that bedevilled the Border country and, in 1513, James IV of Scotland led a large-scale invasion into Northumberland, which culminated in a devastating battle at Flodden Field, his own death and the loss of a significant proportion of Scotland's no-

bility. It was, without doubt, the worst military defeat in Scotland's history.

Throughout all the former mentioned battles, the Turnbull clan played a big part, as indeed, did all of the border clans. When it came to defending their name and their country never was a thought given to the consequence of life and death. The most important thing was the protection of their name. To have their name taken away they saw as a fate worse than death itself.

For the Borderland, there was worse to come when 30 years later, Henry VIII attempted to contrive the marriage of the English Prince Edward to the infant Mary, Queen of Scots. Having failed to woo the Scots with a mixture of threats and diplomacy, the bellicose monarch attempted to force the union by means of a devastating show of military force and from 1544 to 1549, in a period that became known as the "Rough Wooing," English armies supported by foreign mercenaries brought "fyre and sword" to the Scottish Lowlands.

In this constant war of attrition, both governments encouraged their Borderers to harass their embattled neighbours across the pine by way of incessant raiding and, even in periods of comparative peace between the two kingdoms, violence along the Borderline continued unabated. Inevitably, such appalling conditions bred a ruthless and resourceful society who had, by the beginning of the 16th century, become "maisterful theeves" and rustlers, skilled in the arts of skirmish, raiding, ambush and extortion-they added the word "blackmail" to the English language. (It was also recognized that they were by far the finest light horsemen of their day and in times of national conflict, both governments were quick to conscript Border horsemen into their armed forces as scouts or "prickers.")

Caught up in the vicious cycle of warfare, raiding and reprisal, survival became the most important element in the Border's uncertain life.

Due to the ever-present threat of sudden violence descending upon him and his loved ones, the Borderer's well being lay firmly amongst his own clan or "grayne" and his loyalty to his surname invariably overrode any national allegiance. It should also be born in mind that raiding was not confined solely to forays into the opposite realm. Cross-border alliances were not uncommon and in 1525, it was noted that "the Armstrangs of Liddersdail and the theiffs of Ewysdail were joined with the rebels of Tyndaill...and kepet all (continued on page 8)



Monument at Flodden Field, the place of Scotland's biggest defeat during the Border battles.

The 31st Anniversary of the Rule Call

Mr. Buzz Burling of Omaha, Nebraska invites all Rules from the Heartland area to the 31st "Rule Call" family reunion. The 31st Rule Call is Saturday, August 7th, in Dow City Iowa at the Brasel American Legion Hall on Main Street. The Rule Call starts when the "noon whistle blows" and all are invited to bring eating utensils and a dish to share.

Last year's Rule reunion included Rule's from across Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, and Missouri.

Mr. Burling, a Rule through his Grandmother's side, was unaware of the Rule - Turnbull connection until recently. He contacted TCA and we shared the story of William Rule. TCA President, Rhet Turnbull, is planning on going to the Rule Call to share more about our common heritage.

Anyone interested in attending the Rule Call is invited to contact Mr. Buzz Burling at (402) 393-1455 or ahb4444@aol.com.



2009 Rule Call Reunion brought family together from Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas and Missouri.



This Year's AGM Don't Miss the Excitement!

Mark your calendars! You don't want to miss this year's annual general meeting (AGM) in beautiful Loon Mountains. New Hampshire! The events run Friday, September 17 through Sunday the 19th. This is your chance to meet lots of Turnbells, meet TCA's new president, Rhet Turnbull and catch up with old friends and family. Wally Turnbull, Honary Clan Chief will be present as will the Turnbull Clan High Shenachie, Norman Turnbull. Norman will be coming from Scotland especially for the games and AGM! He's coming with Turnbull tales to tell so you won't want to miss story time.

An AGM dinner is planned for Fratello's in Lincoln on Saturday night. The AGM will take place at 5:30 and dinner will begin at 6:30. This is a local favorite restaurant. **Please reserve** a spot so we know how many to plan for. Dinner is \$30.00 per person. Email editor@turnbullclan.com with your reservation. Include names, # of people and home state/province.

ROBERT THE BRUCE...

(continued from page 1) Just over a month later, on July 7, 1307, the news spread that King Edward I, the 'Hammer of the Scots', was dead. Longshanks was gone at last. While coming north to deal once again with the Scots the English king died of dysentery at age sixty-eight at Burgh on Sands, Cumberland. The story goes that he was not very confident in his son's ability to carry on the fight to conquer his northern enemies and ordered his flesh boiled from his bones so that they could accompany the troops on the forthcoming battles. His son, Edward II disregarded this request and buried his father in Westminster Abbey among his predecessors.

The Battle at Loudoun Hull is considered by many to be a turning point in the fight for Scottish independence. There were to be many more battles before the Scots defeated the English at Bannockburn in 1314.

To be continued...

La Breith Sona! Happy Birthday!



Elizabeth Turnbull, Sally Turnbull Dupuis, Corie Ann Legue, William K. Trimble, Wallace R. Turnbull, Sr., Brittany Scott, Ariadne Turnbull, Fiona Turnbull, Franklin Turnbull Ripley, Jr., Ronald Jennings, Kim Trimble, George H. Turnbull, Rodney Tappan-Turnbull, Hilary Turnbull Preston,

Martha Sue Turnbull, Helen Turnbull King, Peter E. Turnbull, Peter Turnbull, Claudia Trimble, Patricia Turnbull, Cameron L. Turnbull, Kenneth R. Turnbull

Turnbull Tattoos...

Time to Vote

It's time to vote for your favorite tattoo. The past three issues of the Bullseye have displayed entries in the Turnbull Tattoo contest sponsored by Turnbull Clan Association and TotallyTurnbull. The winner receives a year's subscription to TCA and a Turnbull Arms Stein. Readers, now it is your turn to tell us your favorite. Vote by sending the number of your favorite by email to editor@turnbullclan.com. The last day to vote is August 7, 2010. Thanks to all who entered and shared a bit of your Turnbull pride with us.



Top Left:
1. Jason Turnbull



Top Center:
2. Jamie Turnbull



Top Left:
3. Scott Turnbull

Bottom Left:
4. Al Turnbull



Bottom Center:
5. Matthew Turnbull



Bottom Right:
6. Mike Wills



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Turnbull Tattoos... continued from page 5



Top Left:
7. Billy Trimble



Top Center:
8. Rob Turnbull



Top Right:
9. Robert Turnbull



Middle Left:
10. Bob Turnbull



Middle Center :
11. Dean Turnbull



Middle Right:
12. Jim Turnbull

Bottom Left:
13. Kelly Turnbull



Bottom Center:
14. Angelina Turnbull



Bottom Right:
15. Steven Turnbull



Games And More Games



Tis the season around the country for Highland Games and Festivals. And what's more, Turnbull Tents! Left, Mary Kay and Dale Hilding hosted at the Prosser, Washington Scottish Fest, on June 19. Bill (right) and Pat Trimble attended the games and were happy to help man the tent. Even Callie, Hildings' Cairn Terrier dressed up for the occasion!

Below, Turnbolls gather at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games at the tent hosted by Scott and Diana Turnbull. The weather was perfect and the games, as always, full of activity.

Pictured: Betty and Wally (Durham, NC), Diana and Scott (Greenville, SC), John and daughter Nina from Charlotte.



Left: TCA Teddy stands watch over a special bottle of Turnbull Whisky at the Prosser Washington Scottish Fest.

Next Month:
The Athena, WA games.



New Stirling Robert Turnbull Connection



These three names, strong in the heritage of our family clan have been once again united in the name of the new son of our president, Wallace (Rhet) Rutherford Turnbull III and his wife, Sarah.

Welcome to your Turnbull family and rich heritage, Stirling Robert Turnbull, born June 28, 8:55 pm CDT, 6 lbs 4 oz, 19 1/2"

Visit the Turnbull Tent at these upcoming games:

Aug. 14 - Central NY Scottish Games, Syracuse, NY, tent host Chris Nelson

Aug. 28 - Jamestown Celtic Festival, Mayville, NY, tent host Chris Nelson

Sept. 9-12, Long's Peak Scottish Festival, Estes Park, CO, tent host Helen Turnbull Goody

Sept. 17-19, New Hampshire Highland Games, Loon Mt., NH (AGM!), tent host Mark Turnbull

Sept. 18-19, Niagara Celtic Festival, Olcott, NY, tent host Chris Nelson.

TROUBLED YEARS...

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company togethers.” When a suitable opportunity presented itself, formidable war bands such as these were certainly not averse to plundering amongst their own countrymen. As a consequence, even families who shared the same nationality lived in constant suspicion of each other and fickle loyalties led to bitter rivalry, which could suddenly escalate into open hostility and deadly feud.

In an attempt to impose some degree of law and order on what had become an anarchic society, both kingdoms had agreed to divide their Border territories into East, West and Middle Marches and appointed wardens and keepers to govern and police them.

Between the west marches of each kingdom, however was a narrow strip of territory known as the Debateable Land. Although both kingdoms hotly



Map showing the Debateable Lands

contested ownership of this small piece of ground, neither of them was prepared to take responsibility for the crimes of the inhabitants and, so, it became the haunt of some of the most nefarious reiving bands and cutthroats in the Border country.

Amongst his many responsibilities, part of a warden's duty was to meet with his opposite number on truce days and dispose cross-border justice accordingly. Both governments acknowledged that the standard laws were quite inadequate when dealing with such a violent and unruly populace and as a consequence the unique Border Laws, which specifically governed behaviour across the Border Marches, supplemented those laws.

Legislation covered such criminals activities as aiding and abetting raids into one's own country, illegal marriage to a person from the opposite realm and the conditions that applied when engaged in the lawful pursuit of stolen goods, known as the "Hot Trod."

By the beginning of the 16th century, raiding, or "reiving", had become a way of life and against this background it is hardly surprising that when people built their homes, the emphasis was firmly on security. Fortified buildings on both sides of the Border ranged from large, well-defended castles to stark, imposing tower houses, fortified manor houses and defensible farmhouses known as bastles, a class of building unique in the British Isles.

In addition, many churches were strengthened against attack and, in times of trouble, served as austere sanctuaries for their congregation.



Notes from Around the World

SCOTLAND - Dr. Graham Turnbull and team from the University of St. Andrews have developed a remote-controlled laser "nose" to detect IEDs. The laser beam is able to detect microscopic vapours emitted by explosives, enabling land minds to be neutralised.



"If the gold standard in detection is a sniffer dog, this essentially creates an artificial nose that can sniff out the smells that hang around hidden explosives," Dr Graham Turnbull, a lecturer in physics and astronomy, said. "By controlling the light emissions — rather than being fluorescence, which is light emitted in all directions — you can engineer laser light in a well-defined output beam," Dr. Turnbull added.



USA – Susan Turnbull, South Dakota, wins a Silver Medal in the Mom's Choice Awards for her illustrations in the book, *The Raccoon and the Bee Tree*, by Charles A. Eastman and Elaine Goodale Eastman.

NEW ZEALAND - GNS Science geologist Dr. Ian Turnbull's new Fiordland map is the result of 10 year's work and seven summers of field work, involving geologists from around the world. The map includes Te Anau and Manapouri in the east, Hump Ridge in Western Southland, the steep slopes of west Fiordland and Foveaux Strait. The map replaces work published in the 1960s.



AUSTRALIA - In an extraordinary performance, the immensely talented young reinswoman Amanda Turnbull became the first female driver to achieve the feat of winning multiple Sires Stakes Finals in one year, guiding Just A Blue Chip and Usane Flash to victory. Amanda Turnbull has won more than 100 races this season and is currently third in the NSW Drivers Premiership.



Frank Turnbull, left, celebrates the band's recent successes.

SCOTLAND - The Hawick Pipe Band continues to win awards and bring recognition to the town. There are talks that the band's success will bring a National Championship competition to Hawick. Recent British Pipe Band Championships: G4 MSR - 2nd, G4 - 1st place Best Drum Corps & Best Bass Section.

How Turnbull Became Trommel In Holland

Excerpts from the story by Johan de Byl, Amersfoort, the Netherlands. Contributed by TCA member Cornelis Trommelen. For the complete story visit www.turnbullclan.com. For more on Turnbolls and Trommels visit www.trommelen.org.

The story of the Dutch Trommelen family starts in Edinburgh. In November of the year of 1598 a *baxter* (baker) named Paull Turnbull married Marioun Foster. In all of the certificates of baptism and marriage found in the Scottish Old Parish Registers from the middle of the sixteenth century until after 1600 he was the only Paul with a family name like that.

Handwritten signature: Paul Turnbull & Marioun Foster

Handwritten signature: Paul Turnbull Baxter Marioun Foster

source: O.P.R. Marriages 685/0010430024 Edinburgh

Seven months later, the baxter Paull Trumbull (sic) had his son Johnne baptized. There is no document to show that Paull and his wife had more children. It is possible that Marioun had died shortly after Johnne's birth and perhaps the son had not survived either.

One should not be confused about the use of the names Turnbull and Trumbull. Clerks and pastors wrote the names as they understood them. One and the same father in Dunfermline in Fife was called Trumble, Trumbil, Trumbill and Turnebull when his children were christened between 1585 and 1601. As a matter of fact, there are at least 107 spelling varieties in Scotland and other English speaking countries and 9 more corruptions in France, Germany and the Netherlands.

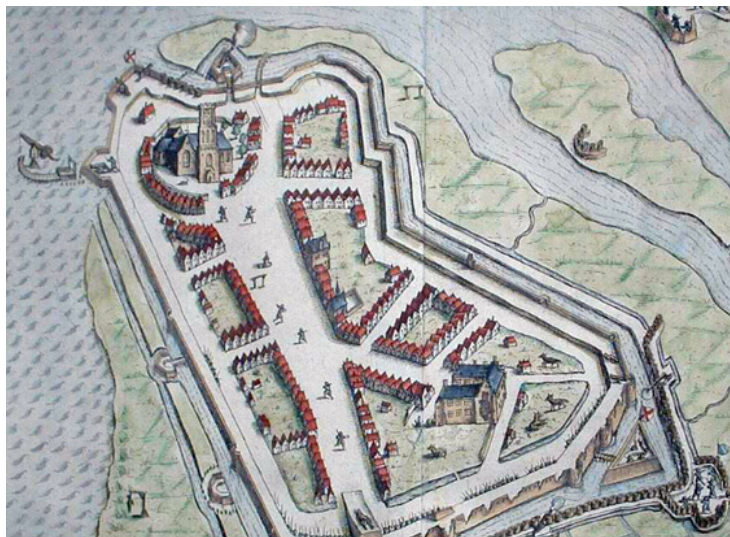
A few years after the birth of the boy we find a *Schotsman* Pouwels Tromel on the other shore of the North Sea, in the Republic of the Seven United Provinces. More precisely it was in the town of Gouda, famous for its cheese...

Why was Paull or Pouwels or Pauwels in Holland? From the late 1560s the northern, predominantly Calvinist, regions in the Low Countries had been revolting against the Catholic Habsburg rulers. The rebels did not have a standing army, but used mercenaries from the poorer pockets of the new Republic and from Germany, Switzerland, Sweden, England and Scotland - Protestants and Catholics alike. The first Scottish troops on Dutch soil arrive in 1572... Paull Turnbull might have been one of them... A list of new citizens (in the garrison town of Geertruidenberg) mentions "vjMay 1610 Pauwels Trommel van Edinborch in Schotlant III £."

Situated at the front with the Habsburg territory of Brabant, this was an important garrison town. In 1609 a truce had started, though, lasting until 1621. Perhaps Pauwels was released; perhaps he had to become a citizen in order to marry Bregtken Wil-

lems... The couple had three children; Trijntgen (a diminutive of Catharina), David and Willem.

From 1615 Pauwels Trommel was recorded in Geertruidenberg as a baker. Apparently, he had taken up his old trade again... The Trommel family lived from 1616 and 1622 to the south of church square...



The town of Geertruidenberg during the rebels' siege of 1593, after the English troops had sold the town to the Spaniards. Above is the east. Just to the right of the church are some trees, next to which was Pauwels Trommel's house from 1616-1622 (source: Cornelis Calsesz., in Ludovico Guicciardini. Descriptions des tous les Paid Bas, 1609).

For the entire story with documentation and resources go to www.turnbullclan.com.

Announcing New Turnbull Newsletter - Australia

Dedicated to recording and preserving the history of the Turnbull families from Ebenezer, a peacefully beautiful riverside spot on the Hawkesbury River in New South Wales, Australia.

Marie Turnbull and Percy Harrison are pleased to announce that, in an effort to inform and generate more interest in the Turnbull family histories from Ebenezer, New South Wales, Australia, they are producing a newsletter. Their desire is to keep Turnbull Clan members informed and to also be informed of new additions, lost relatives and news of events of interest to other members of this Turnbull line.

Percy asks that if, and when, you have such details, please pass them on to him – either at his email address, (perch@ol.com.au) or postal address (P. E. Harrison, 3 Storey St, Putney, NSW 2112).

Any information of interest received will be passed to Marie for possible inclusion in future issues of our new Newsletter.

Also, if you know of any member of the Turnbull Family Line who has not received this Newsletter, either by email or post, would you please ask them to contact us at by the email or postal mail address?



Part four in a series of the travel adventures of Kenneth and Patricia Turnbull (Australia) through the USA in 2009

We had been on the road for four weeks, yet the zest for more adventure beckoned. We were heading into the historically ancient outcrops of the Utah interior.

Before long, we were facing the natural weathered landscapes at Bryce Canyon. These massive formations become very apparent when one ventures into the heart of the Canyon. The overall depth of weathering dwarfs anyone who makes the trip to the valley floor in these outcrops.

Yet another, Arches National Park, offered many breathtaking and spectacular weather beaten sights. This time, nature was showing off some remarkable sandstone balancing acts. As illustrated below, this area was well worth the visit.

We had travelled on to the petrified sandhills along the Burr Trail, then to Capital Reef, which stretches south for over 70



The natural weathered arch from the top at Bryce Canyon

miles (112 km.) and completed our ventures in Utah with a climb along the Taylor Trail in Kolob Canyon where we witnessed the prolific native wildflowers in full bloom.

Crossing the border into Colorado toward Denver, we then drove into the Rocky Mountains NP, where at the 11,800 ft. level (3,600 m.) it offered some high altitude views of the city of Denver. Amongst the occasional patches of snow, many Alpine Tundra wildflowers were in full bloom. A few local wildlife were also grazing around the mountain peak.

Next, Old Bent's Fort, a Fur Trading Outpost near the old Mexican border and the local Museums, were in our sights.



Note: man on the right face. Awesome displays of nature!



Red Bellied Marmot in the wild Rocky Mountains area.



Spotted Lizard cooling itself in the Arches National Park.

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