



THE GYROLOG

THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON

Club Charter No.18, July 29, 1921

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Those celebrating their birthdays are **Jack Little** on the 1st, **Larry Wang** on the 5th, **Cliff French** on the 7th, **Fred Schulte** on the 13th and **Mort Morter** on the 24th. [Val and Linda Pohl](#) celebrated their **50th wedding anniversary** on the 1st.

**FRIENDS
ARE CONNECTED
HEART TO HEART
TIME AND DISTANCE
CAN'T KEEP
THEM APART**

President Peter Carter welcomed 33 Gyros and three guests to the April 4th luncheon meeting held at the Royal Mayfair Golf Club. **Taras Chmil** led the group in the singing of Cheerio and **Jim Lochhead** presented the Grace.

Chuck Gerhart introduced his guest **Paul Fairbridge** and **Peter Gommerud**, a friend of **John Ross**, was welcomed again.

Past President, Jack Little presented the proposed **Slate of Officers** for the 2017-18 term:

President- **Ray Dallaire**

1st Vice-President- **Bruce Swanson**

2nd Vice-President- **David Winfield**

Past President- **Peter Carter**

Secretary- **Barry Walker**

Treasurer- **Gary Campbell**

Directors- **Tracy DesLaurier, John Mann, Leon Lubin** and **Len Evenson**

Since no additional nominations were received from the floor, **Jack Little** moved that the proposed Slate of Officers be approved, **Mike Matei** seconded and the members unanimously approved the motion.

Our speaker **Jack Bowen**, a one-year member of the Edmonton Club and a retired member of The Loyal Edmonton Regiment and **Kathleen Haggerty**, Museum Collection Manager, The Loyal Edmonton Regiment Military Museum presented information on the equipment and role of Edmonton soldiers in various battles in France during the First World War.

The **49th Battalion (Edmonton Regiment)**, an infantry battalion of the Canadian Expeditionary Force was authorized on November 7, 1914. The battalion received considerable financial support from Edmonton citizens and 1000 men were recruited from Edmonton and Northern Alberta in just eight days in January 1915. The **first Commanding Officer** was **William Griesbach** who was the son of Henry Arthur Griesbach, the first North-West Mounted Police officer to be commissioned. William Griesbach was Mayor of Edmonton in 1907, Member of the Canadian House of Commons for Edmonton West, December 1917-September 1921, and the Alberta Member of the Canadian Senate from 1921 to 1945.

The 49th Battalion embarked for Great Britain on June 3rd, 1915 and disembarked in France on October 9th, 1915, where it fought as part of the 7th Infantry Brigade, 3rd Canadian Division. It saw action in France and Flanders until the end of the war. A total of 4050 men served in the 49th, 977 were killed in action and 2282 were wounded. Two members of the 49th were awarded the **Victoria Cross**. **Private John Chipman Kerr** received the Victoria Cross for his actions on 16 September 1916 at Courcellette, France. **Private Cecil John Kinross** was awarded the Victoria Cross for his actions on 30 October 1917 during the Battle of Passchendaele. The battalion was disbanded on September 15, 1920. The 49th was re-designated the Edmonton Regiment with two battalions. During the Second World War Italian Campaign, The Edmonton Regiment was re-designated **The Loyal Edmonton Regiment** in recognition of their alliance to the British regiment.

The **Vimy Ridge** forms a barrier nine miles long across the western edge of the Douai Plain between the Rivers Souchez and Scarpe, and offers the most favourable position for an army advancing either eastwards or westwards in that district. The general direction of the Ridge is from N.W. to S.E. The northern end rises abruptly from the Souchez ravine, 200 feet in half a mile which includes a summit known in 1917 as "The Pimple"; southwards is the main body of the massif, rising another 150 feet in the next mile to the main summit where the Canadian Memorial now stands. The south-western slope of the Ridge, at the foot of which lay the Canadian trenches, consisting of open, rolling farmlands. The German side of the ridge was wooded and fell sharply to the Douai Plain.

In the first week of October 1914, the French forces were met by the German Sixth Army and driven back across the Vimy Ridge. On December 16th, 1914, the French Tenth Army opened a preliminary offensive in fog and deep mud which resulted in 7,771 casualties. The main attack of six divisions was postponed. The first winter of static warfare began with bitter trench fighting. The spring offensive began on May 9th, 1915 with 18 French Infantry divisions, a force of more than 250,000 men, supported by 1,160 guns and two million shells. The army advanced a mile and a half on a front of five miles, captured 24 guns, 134 machine guns and 7,500 prisoners, and suffered over 100,000 casualties. The Germans, employing nine divisions, by desperate fighting and at a cost of 80,000 casualties, succeeded in preventing a break through and retained possession of Vimy Ridge.

There was no secrecy about the Canadian preparations for the capture of Vimy Ridge in early January 1917. All elements of activity were followed by the German

army and correctly interpreted; the commander of the German Reserve Division at the end of March issued an accurate summary of the situation, closing with ominous words: "The Canadians are known to be good troops and are, therefore, well suited for assaulting".

In general, the Canadian scheme was to destroy the enemy's defences by a carefully applied artillery bombardment, lasting two weeks; for this period observed fire would be carried out daily on dugouts, rearward positions, forward trenches, and barbed wire entanglements; by day and night the lines of communications would be harassed with incessant shell and machine gun fire. The work of destruction completed, every known hostile battery still in action would be silenced by heavy guns, and the infantry assault would be launched under a rolling barrage by the field artillery. The infantry would follow the advance of this barrage closely, each battalion and company having a definite task. As each objective was secured there would be a pause for a stipulated period; machine guns-one to every 25 yards of frontage-would come into action to help in the consolidation of the ground gained, fresh troops following close on the original assaulting battalions would pass through and as the prearranged rolling barrage again opened, the forward movement would resume until the final objective was attained. Once captured the Ridge would be held.

Capture of The Ridge: At half-past five on the morning of Easter **Monday, 9th April 1917**, the 983 guns and mortars supporting the Canadian attack opened with a concerted and deafening roar, the assaulting troops, some lying in saps(trenches) and shell holes close to the enemy lines, others in the tunnels and trenches further back, moved forward in the cold north-west wind and chilling sleet which swept the countryside on that momentous day.

By April 12 the Canadians completed the assault on the Ridge and the German army had moved two miles further back in the open plain in the area of Avion, Mericourt, Arieux-en-Gohelle, Oppy and Gavrelle. At the capture of Vimy Ridge, the strength of the Canadian Corps was 170,000, of these 97,184 were Canadians, of all arms and services, from every province of The Dominion.

This information was taken from the official report Canada on Vimy Ridge, The Canada Year Book, 1936.

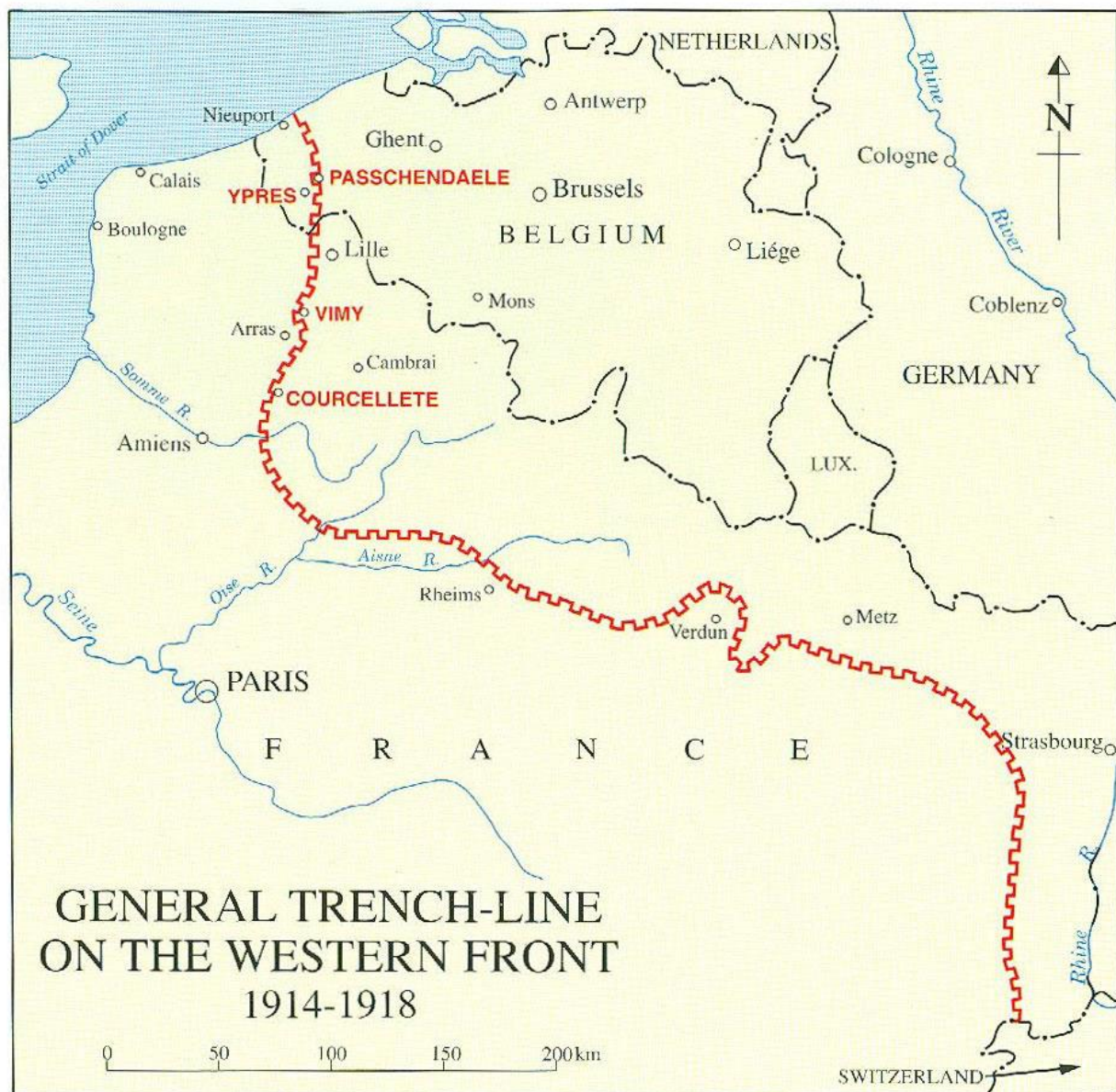
More than 3,500 Canadian soldiers died at the battle of Vimy Ridge and most of them were brave but ordinary men: 2641 privates were killed, compared with 150 Sergeants, and 143 Lance Corporals, as well as Lieutenants and Majors.

The Vimy Ridge Memorial contains the names of over ten thousand of the Canadian dead who have no known grave.

Jack Little thanked our speakers, Jack Bowen, and Kathleen Haggerty for their impressive presentation.

Cliff French was the winner of the book about Edmonton's involvement in the First World War entitled ***"A City Goes to War"***.

Cliff was also the winner of the Free Lunch Draw. Well done Cliff!





Canadian National Vimy Memorial in France

Dedicated to the memory of Canadian Expeditionary Force members killed during First World War. Opened July 1936.

Dick Nichols reports on the results of the **Hockey Pool**:

Game 19 March 23	Winners	First Period	Second	Final
Oilers vs. Avalanche				
First 1 2	Jack Brown	Bronwyn Swanson	Janet Hughes	
Second 2 4	Jill Hastings	Lucas Burnett	Chuck Gerhart	
Final 7 4	L. Luo	Unsold	Unsold	

Game 20 April 8	Winners	First Period	Second	Final
Oilers vs. Canucks				
First 0 0	Ken Willan	P. Bourbonnais	Cliff French	
Second 1 1	Arline Dagg	Marcia Kashani	Jill Hastings	
Final 3 2	Bill Taylor	Gord Robertson	Rebecca Burnett	

Thanks Dick for completing another highly successful Hockey Pool campaign!

President Peter Carter welcomed 56 Gyros, Gyrettes and guests to the **Annual Installation of Officers and Directors** held at the University of Alberta Faculty Club on April 22nd.

Jack Little led the group in the singing of Cheerio and **David Burnett** presented the Grace. President Peter also welcomed our **District Governor, John Hodgson**, and his partner **Laura Young**.

Our club donated **\$2000 from our Benevolence Fund to the Valley Zoo Development Society** and received a letter of appreciation dated March 20th. The text of the letter follows: *WOW! Please accept our sincerest appreciation for the wonderful gift in support of Nature's Wild Backyard. Thank you for helping to create a space that will inspire new generations of ambassadors who care about and are committed to preserving our planet. Members of the Gyro Club of Edmonton, THANKING YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT, Building Our Zoo and Our Future. Stephanie and your friends at the Valley Zoo Development Society.*

Cliff French for several years supplied his own baked cookies for our luncheon meetings at the Royal Mayfair golf Club. This was a special treat for our members and in recognition of his efforts, **\$500 has been donated in Cliff French's name** to the Stollery Children's Hospital.

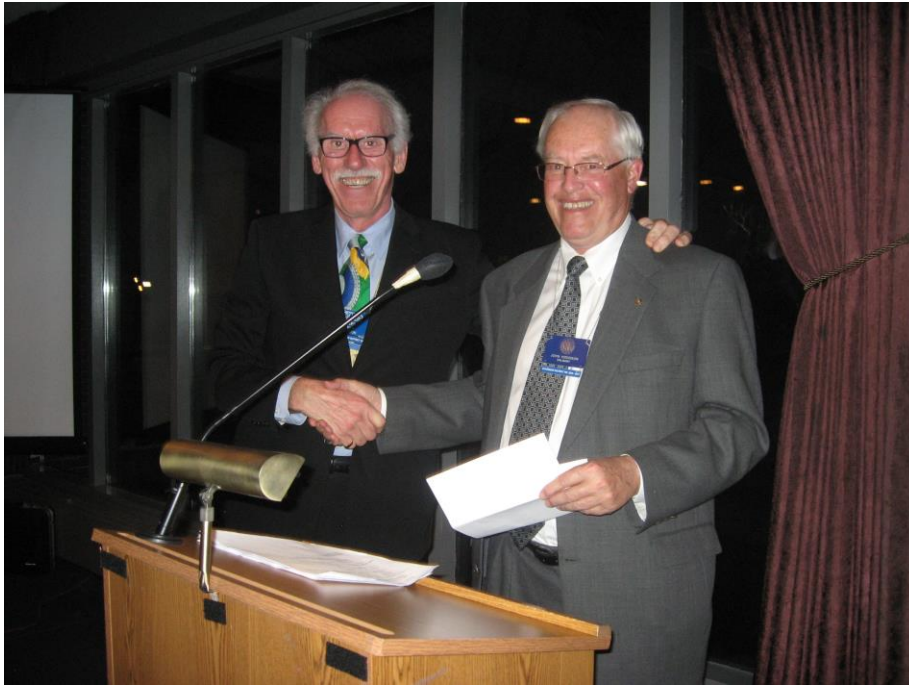
Governor John presented greetings from District VIII and provided an update on various initiatives. He also complimented our club on a strong commitment to membership and advised that with 60 members, we are the largest club. John also with some trepidation, acknowledged our hockey prowess and stated, **"GO OILERS"**.

Gyrette President, Eileen Kuhl stated that *"There are no strangers here, only friends we haven't met"*. She encouraged Gyro spouses to consider joining the Gyrettes.

Marty Marcus, the professional magician presented numerous sleight of hand tricks for our amusement. Besides the usual rope and handkerchief tricks, Marty amazed the audience with the apparent destruction of Shirley Larson's ring with a hammer. He also managed to use John Hodgson's closed palm to change a pink scarf into more exciting ladies' underwear. Again, it was confirmed that the hand is faster than the eye!

President Peter Carter presented a brief picture slide show entitled **"Thanks for the Memories"**. He also thanked the members for their support over the past year and to four senior Gyros who provided mentoring on an ongoing basis.

Governor John Hodgson then proceeded to install the Officers and Directors for 2017-18.



Past President Peter Carter and Governor John Hodgson



Directors John Mann, Len Evenson and Leon Lubin



Treasurer Gary Campbell



1st Vice-President Bruce Swanson



2nd Vice-President David Winfield



President Ray Dallaire

Your editor recently reviewed a copy of the **June 1927 Roster** for the **Gyro Club of Edmonton**. The roster listed 72 members representing a large portion of the Edmonton business community. The following members were Presidents from 1927-31.

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Bill

President 1930-31

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday Luncheon Meeting, Royal Mayfair Club, May 2nd

Speaker: Dr. Jan Conradi of Kelowna

Topic: The Science of Climate Change

Meeting Organizers: Chuck Gerhart and Jim Lepp

Tuesday Luncheon Meeting, Faculty Club, University of Alberta, May 16th

Saskatchewan Room, downstairs. Parking \$2

Speaker: Luca Vanzella

Topic: Solar Eclipse

Meeting Organizers: Allan Warrack and Eric Spink

Tuesday Luncheon Meeting, Royal Mayfair Golf Club, June 6th

Speaker: TBA

Topic: Valley LRT

Meeting Organizers: Jack Brown and Bob Kerrison

GYRO International 2017 Convention, Vancouver, B.C. June 9th-14th

Registration Fee: \$540 per couple, online registration below:

<http://international.gyro.ws/2017%20con.htm>

Host Hotel: [Coast Plaza Hotel and Suites](#), 1763 Comox street. Negotiated room rate: \$199 per night plus taxes. Gyro rate can be booked directly online using this link:

https://resweb.passkey.com/Resweb.do?mode=welcome_ei_new&eventID=15891421

District VIII Convention, Wallace, Idaho, June 14th-18th

Thursday, June 15th-Registration-see registration form page 14

Friday, June 16th- Meetings, tours, bocce, Taste of Wallace

Saturday, June 17th- Lead Creek Derby, Mullan to Wallace

Governor's Ball and installation of Peter Carter as District VIII Governor

Tuesday Luncheon Meeting, Faculty Club, University of Alberta, June 20th

Business Meeting: Approval of Financial Statements 2016-17 et al.

Meeting Organizers: Ray Dallaire, Bruce Swanson and Gary Campbell

PARTY AT THE CENTER OF THE UNIVERSE!

AKA: ONE LAST CHANCE TO DANCE WITH ARCHIE!

WALLACE GYROS HOST
THE 2017 DISTRICT VIII CONVENTION

JUNE 14 - 18, 2017



**"Fun for Fun's Sake
and Friendship for
Friendship's Sake"**

COME JOIN THE WALLACE GYRO CLUB
CELEBRATE OUR 76TH LEAD CREEK DERBY
AT THE "CENTER OF THE UNIVERSE"

Chairperson: David DeRoos

'There are no strangers here, only friends we haven't met!'

Registration Form

Name: _____

Spouse / Guest: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ Province/St: _____ Postal: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____ Email: _____

Name of Club: _____ District: _____

Arrival Date: _____ Departure Date: _____

Accommodations while in Wallace: _____

Registration Fee (US Funds):

\$300 (couple) \$150 (single) \$ _____

- Radio Day BBQ and Hospitality Wednesday
- Dine Around Thursday Night
- Ladies Luncheon on Friday
- Bocce Tournament
- Hospitality
- Dine Around and Parade Friday Night
- Museum Pass for Wallace Museums
- Lead Creek Derby participation and refreshments on Saturday
- Governor's Dinner and Awards Saturday Night
- Float away Breakfast on Sunday

Golf Tournament - \$65 per Golfer (includes ½ a cart, greens fee & lunch)

Gyro (yes / no) Handicap: _____ \$ _____

Gyrette (yes / no) Handicap: _____ \$ _____

Drive yourself the 8 miles from Wallace to Shoshone Golf Course. There will be a BBQ at the clubhouse after the Tournament.

Total Fee Enclosed: \$ _____

Make check payable to Wallace Gyros and mail to:

Wallace Gyros

1101 Pearl St.

Wallace, ID 83873

Questions: email: bderoos1@suddenlink.net

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

We've got a different line-up this year so we hope you're ready for a Wallace convention. We wanted to allow our Gyro Brothers in District VIII to celebrate our 76th Lead Creek Derby on Saturday with us. So we have to mix things up a bit, we sincerely hope you enjoy your weekend!

Wednesday June 14 - Radio Day! If you can join us early we take over the local Radio Station, KWAL, and are the DJs for the day. We promote Gyro Days, BBQ, sell tickets & have fun.

Thursday June 15 - A Taste of Wallace

Registration - Elks Club	1:00 - 5:00 pm
Hospitality Room - Nite Rock	3:00 - 4:00 pm
Past Governors Meeting - 1313 Club	4:30 pm
Carnival Opens	4:00 pm
A Taste of Wallace Dinner	5:00 - 7:00 pm
Archie's Dance - Nite Rock	7:00 pm

A Taste of Wallace dinner will provide you the ability to visit various restaurants in Wallace. Each participating establishment will provide a couple choices for your dinner and you will give them a card to pay for the food. You pick where you want to eat, when and with whom. Then everyone can gather at the Nite Rock for some lite entertainment and 'A Chance to Dance with Archie'!

Friday June 16 - Meetings & Tours

Registration - Elks Club Foyer	8:00 - 10:00 am
Business Meeting	9:30 - 11:00 am
Ladies Lunch	11:00 am
Tours	11:00 am - 5:00 pm
Bocce Ball - NP Depot Lawn	1:30 pm
Hospitality Room	3:00 - 5:00 pm
Taste of Wallace Dine around & Parade	7:00 parade @ 1313 Club

Tours feature: NP Depot Museum (Northern Pacific Railroad), Wallace Brewing Company (get the history of Beer in Wallace), and the Wallace District Mine Museum. They are all within 3 blocks of each other so you can walk at your own pace and visit them throughout the weekend.

Use your voucher card to dine where you want early, then get to the 1313 Club for the start of the Parade. After the Parade there will be drinks and dancing at the Nite Rock.

Saturday June 17 - Lead Creek Derby

Golf Tournament - Shoshone Golf Course, Registration open at 8:00 am - 9 am start	
Optional One Way Shuttle for Derby - Wallace Inn	11:00 am
Lead Creek Derby - Last Chance bridge Mullan - Ball Drop	Noon
Governor's Ball - Gangsters & Molls	6:00 pm cocktails

The ball drops in Mullan, East of Wallace. You can follow the ball down the river on bike, in your auto with friends, or just meet everyone at the end. Lots of stops along the way for fun!

Governor's Ball will have a Gangsters and Molls theme, so find a flapper dress or pinstripe suit to match a fun hat. It'll be a night of Charleston and other dances Archie remembers from High School.

Sunday June 18 - Float Away

Float Away Breakfast - Wallace Elks	8:00 - 10:30 am
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ACCOMODATIONS DIRECTORY

The Wallace Inn- 60 rooms in the spacious and recently renovated hotel located at the West end of Wallace. Pool, Hot Tub, Sauna, Wi-Fi, Exercise Facility, Restaurant and Bar all located on site. 1-800-N-IDA-Fun or www.thewallaceinn.com for reservations. Ask for the GYRO rate and get a deep discount from Gyro member/Manager, Rick Shaffer.

The Stardust Motel- Located just behind the Elks. This Motel has nice rooms, A/C, and offers a great location for the Convention. They're offering a 30% discount for Gyros. Call 208-752-1213 for reservations.

Ryan Hotel- Located in the heart of Downtown Wallace, this clean and affordable hotel makes a great option. Reserve your room quickly, the Ryan always fills up fast. www.hotelryan.com for more information or call 208-753-6001.

Brooks Hotel- Located in the heart of downtown Wallace by the Elks and the Nite Rock. Call 208-556-1571 for your reservations today!

Wallace RV Park- 208-753-7121 Information available at <http://wallacervpark/>