

**Testimony before the Oregon State Senate Committee on Rules
Hearing on House Bill 2352 – Boring & Dull Day
March 27, 2013 - 8:30 AM**

Chair Rosenbaum, Vice-Chair Ferrioli and honorable committee members:

Thank you for this opportunity.

My name is Steve Bates. Boring is an unincorporated area on the fringe of the Portland Metro area in rural Clackamas County.

Boring has a Citizens/Community Planning Organization known in Clackamas County as a CPO. I serve as the Chair of the Boring Community Planning Organization.

About a year ago, I received an email asking if Boring, Oregon would consider twinning with Dull, Scotland.

After some deliberations, a Declaration was prepared and shared with the people of Dull by email. They liked it so much, that they proceeded to enlist their elected officials to adopt the pairing of Boring & Dull. They have erected a sign honoring this pairing.

After the news of the adoption in Scotland went around the world with thousands of written news articles, television and radio reports on every continent; The Boring Community Planning Organization voted unanimously to adopt the Declaration that Boring, Oregon and Dull, Scotland are paired communities.

Boring & Dull, a Pair for the Ages.

Scotland argues that it is Dull & Boring; we maintain it is Boring & Dull.

This attention has attracted tourism and commerce to our section of the State of Oregon. We ask that the State Senate help us promote our Community and local economy by adopting House Bill 2352.

We are working with Clackamas County and the Oregon Department of Transportation for appropriate signage to match the Boring & Dull sign in Scotland.

It has been said that while New York has its Times Square, Boring must have its Boring & Dull sign! The Boring & Dull sign will be a monument for tourists to visit.

With a name like Boring, we really needed Dull to help us attract attention. Just so you know, we are serious about our jocularly!

Dry humor or not, think about it. Dull is a short distance from St. Andrews and the Old Course which is the birthplace of Golf. Boring has a lot in common with Scotland as it has two golf courses.

The pairing of Boring & Dull is helping us reach for a spirit of community. Shirts, hats and mugs are being sold around the country honoring this pairing. This merchandise is purchased from a local Boring business.

This is an example of increased commerce.

Boring is currently selling seats on a Boring To Dull Group Tour to Scotland which is administered by a Boring Travel Agent. (A brochure was given to each of you inviting you to join us on this trip.) ***This is an example of Tourism and Cultural Exchange.***

The Boring, Oregon Foundation is raffling a trip to Dull, Scotland to raise money towards a Boring Multi-Generational Community Center. Several Boring businesses and Boring residents are selling these tickets. (Please be aware that I will gladly assist anyone who wishes to have a ticket.) ***This is an example of a Community utilizing a theme to make itself better.***

We are urging one of our newest businesses, the Boring Brewing Company, to create a recipe and brew a Boring & Dull Scottish Ale.

This is an example of a Community embracing its local businesses.

Plans are in the works for a Boring & Dull Day Community Social in the Park this coming August 9th.

This is an example of a Community coming together and appreciating one another.

Please join with us as we reach for that spirit of community and make every August 9th a Boring & Dull day throughout the state of Oregon.

As you can see; this is a big deal for Boring.

This is a big deal for Oregon.

What is good for Boring can only help the whole of Oregon!

Please pass this bill on and let Oregon have a Boring & Dull Day every August 9th!

October 13 Sunday



Sadly we say goodbye to our new Dull friends and head back to Edinburgh. Visit Glamis Castle, the legendary setting of "Macbeth" and

childhood home of the Queen Mother. South to Dundee, the Tay Rail Bridge, and St. Andrew's, the home of Royalty & birthplace of golf. Here you will be free to explore the ruins of St Andrew's Cathedral, take in an ale while enjoying views of the Old Course or simply enjoy the quaint village. This evening enjoy a Scottish Banquet where you can sample some haggis and enjoy traditional bagpipe music, songs and dancing. Breakfast and Jamie's Scottish Dinner Show
Edinburgh City Hotel – Edinburgh

October 14 Monday

Bid farewell to Scotland. Check out of hotel and be transported to the airport for flight home. Those taking the optional England extension will continue tour after passengers are dropped off at the airport.

Optional England Extension

Oct.14-18th

Continue your tour from Edinburgh south past Hadrians Wall through the picturesque countryside of the Lake District, Stratford Upon Avon and The Cotswolds, (designated as the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty). Travel to the ancient Roman Baths and the mysterious Stonehenge. A full day city of London awaits, Experience Westminster Abbey, cruise the River Thames, climb the Tower of London.

\$1127.00 per person double (based on min.20)

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TOUR INCLUSIONS:

Roundtrip air *optional, Government taxes and fees
Travel by air-conditioned Motorcoach with Drive/Guide – limited commentary
7nts First Class hotel accommodation featuring twin rooms inc. tax (2nts Glasgow, 2nts Inverness, 2nts Pitlochry, 1nt Edinburgh)
Daily breakfast (except arrival day), 2 dinners and 1 Scottish dinner show
Sightseeing, local guides and admissions as stated
Official Boring/Dull quality jacket, hat and name tag

Sightseeing Highlights.

Admission to Falkirk Wheel
Glasgow Panoramic tour and main sights
Edinburgh city sightseeing with local guide, Edinburgh Castle, famous Princes Street, the Royal Mile and views of the new Parliament Building.
Admission to The Royal Yacht Britannia
Admission to Glengoyne Distillery
Loch Lomond and Glencoe, also known as the Glen of the Weeping
Cruise on the Loch Ness
Inverness city tour
Admission to Dunrobin Castle and Birds of Prey
Admission to Culloden Battlefield
Scottish Shepherd and Sheep dog display
Admission Glamis Castle
St. Andrews Old Course, University & village
Traditional Scottish Banquet

A Scottish Journey

Prices are per person double based on
min 20 passengers

\$3480.00 Double Air/Land
\$2280.00 Land Only
\$430.00 Single Supplement
\$265.00 Standard Trip Protection Insurance

Exclusions

Hotel Portage
Tips for driver, guide and other services
Meals not listed
Visa, Passport, entry/exit fees
Travel insurance



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Boring to Dull "A Scottish Journey"



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October 6 Sunday

Prepare to board your flight from Portland to Glasgow

October 7 Monday Arrive in Glasgow



This morning we will arrive at Edinburgh airport and meet our Scottish driver –guide. Once we are settled on the coach we will

depart for Scotland's famous Falkirk Wheel. It is the world's only rotating boat lift – one jump instead of navigating 11 locks. The wheel itself uses the same power as one light bulb to raise and lower barges from one level to another. This ingenious system which only takes approximately 5 minutes saves an entire day of traveling through the traditional loch system. We then continue on to Glasgow where we will enjoy a short panoramic tour of the main sights, such as George Square, Glasgow University, Kelvingrove Museum and much more before checking into our hotel. The balance of the day is free for you to enjoy.

Express By Holiday Inn – Glasgow

October 8 Tuesday



This morning after breakfast we will enjoy a tour of Edinburgh City. First we will visit the Royal Yacht Britannia, which was the Queen's

own ship and where Prince Charles & Princess Diana spent their honeymoon. It is now retired from service and permanently moored in the port of Leith. We continue on to see Princes' Street, the main shopping area of Edinburgh, the Sir Walter monument and the Royal Mile. Our tour concludes at Edinburgh Castle where we will enjoy a tour of this magnificent castle. After centuries of destruction, it was used more recently as a military garrison and houses the Scottish Queen Jewels. You can see where Mary Queen of Scots gave birth to James



VI of Scotland (later James I of England) in 1566. This evening we will enjoy dinner together as a group at the hotel or a local restaurant.

Breakfast & Dinner

Express By Holiday Inn – Glasgow

October 9 Wednesday

After breakfast we head to Glengoyne Distillery where you will be welcomed with a wee dram of Scottish whiskey followed by a tour of the distillery.



We continue on to the "Bonnie, bonnie banks of Loch Lomond" where we will stop for a picture opportunity. So much myth, legend and history precedes a visit to the expanse of Glencoe and Loch Leven, that many visitors are unprepared for the



sheer beauty and breathtaking serenity of this vast sweeping pass. A stop in Fort William before enjoying a cruise on Loch Ness,

Scotland's 2nd largest loch. On your 1 hour cruise you will enjoy a 20 minute presentation about what lurks beneath the waters then you will pass the Lochs only Island, Cherry Island, before giving you a loch side view of the Stunning and historical Fort Augustus Abbey. We travel past, Urquhart Castle into Inverness, the capital of the highlands.

Breakfast

BW Palace Hotel and Spa – Inverness



October 10 Thursday



This morning enjoy a short tour of Inverness city before we head into the very North of Scotland to visit Dunrobin Castle. This seat

of the Earls and Dukes of Sutherland dates back to the 13th Century. Enjoy a tour of the castle and then wander in the formal gardens before seeing a wonderful exhibit of the Peregrine Falcons and Eagles that are native to Scotland. The balance of the afternoon is free for you to shop and explore.

Breakfast

BW Palace Hotel and Spa – Inverness

October 11 Friday



This morning we depart Inverness and head south to visit the historical Culloden Battlefield where Bonnie Prince Charlie's army

was defeated by the government troops in 1746. We then continue on to visit a Scottish shepherd at work with his faithful sheepdog. Watch dogs working at the same time on the sheep and hear their individual whistle commands, something to see! Making our way to Pitlochry, a charming village on the banks of the River Tummel, you will have the opportunity to visit one of Scotland's smallest distillery, Edradour. Tonight we will enjoy dinner together at the hotel.

Breakfast and Dinner

Crerar Scotlands Hotel and Spa - Pitlochry

October 12 Saturday

A DULL DAY!! The grand finale of our trip – a chance to meet our Dull neighbors. Get ready for a great day of chatting, exploring Dull and some fun festivities. A moment in history!

Breakfast

Crerar Scotlands Hotel and Spa - Pitlochry