




A Few Words From The President

Well, it's that time of year again, the holiday season! A time for gatherings and fellowship and a time for good cheer. As Molossia is a family nation, these traditions are important to us, and we thus place great emphasis on family gatherings. So, as other activities wane in December, Christmas and other holidays celebrations reign supreme. This month we will celebrate Christmas around the National Christmas Tree in Government House, and then Boxing Day (with accompanying shepherd's pie) the day after. And, like most, we will count down the minutes to the new year (even though our official new year celebration is also Chinese New Year). And of course we will be sending out our annual Christmas Cards again this year. So join us in this season of merriment and have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!




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MOLOSSIA HOLIDAYS




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- 3. New Orleans Festival
- 4. First Lady's Birthday
- 6. A day for giving gifts
- 7. The President's Birthday
- 8. The day we became a nation

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- 1. Also known as Bonfire Night
- 2. Honoring Leboswski
- 5. Night for Tricks and Treats



Railroad Remodel

18 November 2023 XLVI

Slowly but surely, over the last twenty years, the Molossia Railroad has shrunk. Originally filling the center of Norton Park, undergrowth has gradually overwhelmed the tracks of our railroad, eventually dwindling it down to half its initial size. This year The President mandated that this situation will be no more and that the original size and glory of the Molossia Railroad should be restored. Thus, throughout November, bushes have been cut back or eliminated and new track has been laid, returning trains to long abandoned corners of the original layout. In addition to restoring the old track, a new route has been added cutting through the middle of the layout, creating a figure eight pattern for trains to run upon. The venerable western town of Silver Hill has been relocated further west and a new river now cuts through the north edge of the railroad layout, appropriately named "New River". Other plans are in the works as well, to be debuted on Railroad Day, next spring. In the meantime we are quite proud of the progress made to restore the Molossia Railroad and look forward to it serving our nation for many years to come!



Overgrown Track



Bighorn Stopped at the New Silver Hill Town Site



Bridge Across the New River



No. 18 "Zephyr" at the new North Wye

Guy Fawkes Night

7 November 2023 XLVI

On 5 November 2023 XLVI, Molossians celebrated our annual Guy Fawkes Night. Guy Fawkes Night, or Bonfire Night, is a popular event in Great Britain, dating back to the foiled Gunpowder Plot of 5 November 1605 when Guy Fawkes and 13 of his cohorts conspired to blow up Parliament and King James I of England. After the plot was uncovered and the conspirators executed, the 5th of November became an official holiday in Great Britain, adopted likewise in Molossia, in recognition of our English roots. Prior to the holiday, Molossian citizens gathered in Government House and created their own Guys, to burn in effigy. That done, on the 5th of November, the bonfire in Norton Park was lit and Molossians gathered for the evening festivities. Dinner was shepherd's pie, Molossian style, accompanied by hot apple cider and hot chocolate. Dessert was caramel apples. Then the Guy Fawkes rhyme was recited by the company, after which the Guys were committed to the bonfire, one by one, the President's going in first. The evening was concluded with gentle revelry around the fire until it became coals and the celebrants dispersed. A fine time was had by all and we all look forward to next year's Guy Fawkes Night!



The Many Guys of Molossia



The President's Guy



The First Lady and Lily's Guys



Guy Ready For The Fire



Guy On Fire

Molossian Holidays



As the holiday season -Thanksgiving (although not an official Molossian holiday), Christmas and the New Year - are upon us, it's nice to take a look at all the other holidays that happen through the year. Molossians celebrate many holidays annually at least one a month and most are a part of our culture - while some are adopted from other cultures. Though the January 1st New Year is celebrated, it is not an official Molossian holiday. Rather, the Lunar (or Chinese) New Year is the symbolic start of our year, even though this often takes place in late January or during February. Before that, though, is Emperor Norton Day, honoring the first micronationalist, Joshua Norton, Emperor of the United States. In March is the annual Day of the Dude, celebrating by bowling, and 30 April is Heroes Day, remembering the Heroes of Molossia. Founder's Day is Molossia's biggest holiday, celebrating the birth of our nation on 26 May 1977 I. A variety of other days follow, including Space Day on 5 May, Navy Day, celebrating our Navy, on 4 June, President's Day, honoring His Excellency, The President on 30 July, and The Running of the Dogs, celebrating Molossia's canine citizens on 26 August. Just three days later on 29 August we remember the tragedy of Hurricane Katrina, followed by Moonpie Day in September. The Day of Merriment, 15 October, celebrates our beloved First Lady, followed shortly thereafter by Halloween and Día de Muertos, honoring Molossians who are no longer with us, and Guy Fawkes, adopted from Britain. This brings us back to Thanksgiving, an American holiday but celebrated equally in Molossia by gathering families and feasting. Christmas and Boxing Day round out the year with merriment and family love. Yes, Molossians have a lot of holidays, but we also have a lot to celebrate in our wonderful nation!



Founder's Day



Halloween



Christmas

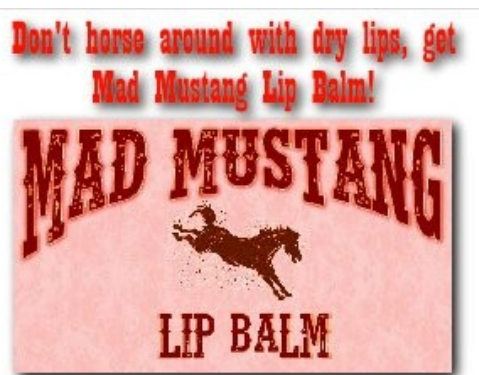
Upcoming Tours Of Molossia

Tours of our nation are currently planned on the following dates only:

- APRIL 2024, 10:00 AM PST, Date TBA (First Tour of 2024)
- MAY 2024, 10:00 AM PST, Date TBA
- JUNE 2024, 9:00 AM PST, Date TBA
- JULY 2024, 9:00 AM PST, Date TBA
- AUGUST 2024, 9:00 AM PST, Date TBA
- SEPTEMBER 2024, 10:00 AM PST, Date TBA
- OCTOBER 2024, 10:00 AM PST, Date TBA (Last Tour Of 2024)



Yes, it snows in Molossia! We get that question a lot, how does it snow in our desert nation? Well, Molossia in what is called the "High Desert", near the Sierra Nevada Mountains. We get snow several times a year, turning our dry desert into a winter wonderland!



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December Calendar

- **Christmas Day - December 25th** The biggest holiday of the year, celebrated with presents, music, Christmas movies, Christmas cookies and lasagna for Christmas Dinner . The Christmas Eve meal is a more traditional fare of turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, etc.
- **Boxing Day - December 26th** Celebrated with our own version of "Shepherd's Pie".



- **Bradley Harrison's Birthday - December 18th**

- **Penny Baugh's Birthday - December 27th**



Molossia's weather is always gorgeous, with plenty of sunshine and temperatures year-round of 22° Celsius (72° Fahrenheit). However, our little country is surrounded by the US and they are so close, their awful weather invades frequently! So the weather report reflects both our weather and theirs.

	Molossia	US
Maximum Temperature	22° C / 72° F	20° C / 68° F
Minimum Temperature	22° C / 72° F	-10° C / 14° F
Average Temperature	22° C / 72° F	5° C / 41° F
Monthly Precipitation	0 mm	0 mm
Sunshine hours	Pretty much every day!	

The Last Word With The First Lady

Hello everyone! I can't believe that it's Christmas time already! December is here and that means that this is the season of giving. Giving gifts to people makes us feel good and the person receiving them feel good as well. A gift doesn't have to be a monetary item. You can give from the heart by helping someone out with something that you excel in. Giving knowledge to each other is the best kind of gift, it never expires and encourages personal growth. Think of a way that you can give someone a gift this season. You can volunteer your time at a local youth center or even just hop on a message board and offer advice to young micronationalists. Giving of yourself is the most rewarding gift anyone can give. Think outside of the (gift) box this season!

Thank you and until next time...

Merry Christmas!
~Adrienne

