



### *A Few Words From The President*

Later on in this edition there's a short article about Neutral Moresnet, the tiny European proto-nation that was born from a diplomatic settlement over who owned a mine. Moresnet is long gone, erased by war and time, but it made me think about how nations come and go. Molossia exists inside the US and at the moment we are nearly completely dependent on that nation, but will it always be so? I am often asked, who will take over the reigns of Molossia after I'm gone. Will there even be a Molossia then? I always reference my successor, the First Lady and hers, our Chief Constable. But as for the nation itself, I come back to places like Moresnet. Not in the sense of a tiny almost-nation disappearing, but in the sense that nations can change, borders shift, countries rise and they fall. No nation lasts forever without change and thus I believe that over time things may change with our giant neighbor, allowing Molossia to grow, thrive and change as well. Yes, unlike Moresnet, I do believe our little nation will stand the test of time and be around for a long while.



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## *Las Vegas Meet And Greet*

7 September 2018 XLI



The First Couple, Meetup Ready

On 4 September 2018 XLI The President and First Lady went far afield for their latest Meet and Greet, this time to distant Las Vegas at the famous Caesars Palace Casino. The venue was the Fountain of the Gods, a regal location within the Forum Shops mall. Arriving at 7:39 PM MST, the First Couple engaged in requisite photo ops and waited for any possible fans to arrive. None were forthcoming, unfortunately, and unlike more local meet and greets, there were few casual passers-by that even noticed the President and First Lady, let alone spoke to them. Las Vegas is well-known for being unusual and eccentric, and apparently the First Couple were but a minor blip on the oddball radar of the town. After lingering at the Fountain of the Gods for while, The President and First Lady promenade through the mall, then into the Caesar's Palace Casino itself. It was there that they met their lone fan of the day, John Car, with whom they chatted for a short while. The First Couple then took their leave, counting the meetup as a success, even if only a minor one. But there's no such thing as bad publicity and thus there will be more meet and greets to come!



Hanging with John Car

# 2018 Dayton Valley Days Parade

15 September 2018 XLI

On 15 September 2018 XLI, His Excellency, The President and First Lady of Molossia appeared in the Dayton Valley Days Parade, which is located in the town of Dayton, about 10 Imperial Nortons from Molossia. The parade is part of the annual Dayton Valley Days celebration, held each year in that town. His Excellency and The First Lady were accompanied by First Son Carson Baugh, driving his pickup truck and Chief Constable Alexis. This is the ninth time Molossia has been represented in this parade, referred to as a "fixture" of Dayton Valley Days by the parade staff. The parade is attended annually by the President and First Lady as a part of their commitment to Dayton, the nearest community to Molossia; Molossia and the First Couple are very well-known in the area.



Parade Ready



Christening The Railroad

The parade began at 10:39 AM MST, near the courthouse in Dayton, and followed Main Street and then Pike Street. All along the streets were vendor booths, set up for the celebration. In addition, there was a decent crowd of spectators, there to enjoy the parade. The crowd was very pleasant and friendly, smiling and waving to The President and First Lady. It was and always is an amazing, enjoyable experience. Shortly after the vendor booths ended along the route, so did the crowd, and shortly after that, so did the parade. After the parade, the First Couple were invited to dedicate the speeder railroad adjacent to the parade route and old railroad station. The First Lady christened the railroad as the Official Speeder Railroad of the Republic of Molossia. The President presented a certificate stating the new status of the speeder railroad, and the manager of the railroad, Linda, awarded The President with a medal for his support of the railroad and flowers for the First Lady. It was a great honor. By 1:00 PM MST, the event was over. A fine time was had by all, and it is certain that the First Couple will repeat this entertaining event every year.



Receiving A Medal



Dayton Valley Days!

## Upcoming Tours Of Molossia

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

Saturday, 13 October 2018 XLI at 10:00 AM PST (last tour of the year)



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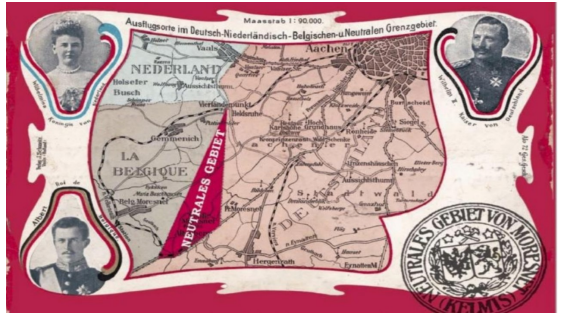


# Neutral Moresnet - The Esperanto Country That Almost Was

Neutral Moresnet was part of the map of Europe for more than a century, from 1816 until the end of World War I. If you've never heard of it, that's probably because of its size: just one square mile in area, smaller than Central Park. It was located on the Belgian-German border, and belonged to both nations—or neither.

This is what happened: The Congress of Vienna in 1815 gave the Dutch back their independence from France, dividing Prussia from the newborn Kingdom of the Netherlands, which included Belgium. But neither the Germans nor the Dutch were willing to cede the border village of Moresnet, because its zinc mine was the only place in continental Europe where zinc ore could be processed to make brass. So the village was carved into three parts: one Dutch, one Prussian, and one little neutral slice, containing the mine, to be figured out later. No permanent arrangement was ever made, so the two powers set up a joint government that lasted 100 years.

Moresnet was an irregular pentagon tapering to a point at a hill called Vaalserberg at what is today the southeastern tip of the Netherlands, and still the country's highest point. Once Belgium was granted its independence from the Dutch, that was the point where Germany, Belgium, and the Netherlands all met. If you count Neutral Moresnet as a fourth nation, since it was neither part of Germany nor Belgium, then Vaalserberg was an international quadripoint, the only one on earth, until World War I. To this day, the road up Vaalserberg is called the Viergrenzenweg—"Four Borders Way."



Neutral Moresnet had its own flag and even circulated its own coins, though the franc was the official currency. Its big chance at international fame came in 1908, after the zinc mine was exhausted. The mine's medical doctor, Wilhelm Molly, was a big fan of the international language of Esperanto, and proposed turning Moresnet into Amikejo ("friendship place"), the world's first Esperanto-speaking utopia. The World Congress of Esperanto, meeting in Dresden, even named Moresnet the new capital of their movement. Sadly, World War I intervened, dashing the dreams of the Esperantists, and Moresnet was permanently ceded to Belgium at the end of the war. Molly's dreams of a linguistic paradise were mortintoj as a doornail.



## Around Molossia...

Balloons! The First Family Voyaged To Nearby Reno, Nevada For The Annual Great Reno Balloon Race!

The President and First Lady Celebrated Their Seventh Wedding Anniversary On 10 September - Happy Anniversary!



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## OCTOBER CALENDAR

**Day of Merriment - October 15th - Our First Lady's Birthday, a day of happiness and celebration - and presents, cake and ice cream!**

**Halloween - October 31st - A huge holiday in Molossia, with all of the usual trappings, including costumes, candy and trick-or-treating.**



### October Birthdays

**The First Lady's, of course!  
15 October is the Day of Merriment!**

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	32° C / 90° F
Minimum Temperature	22° C / 72° F	2° C / 37° F
Average Temperature	22° C / 72° F	17° C / 63.5° F
Monthly Precipitation	0 mm	0.0 mm
Sunshine hours	Pretty much every day!	

## *The Last Word With The First Lady*

October is here and I couldn't be happier! There are so many exciting things happening this month. First, my birthday is on the 15th and I'll be the big 4-0! I'll tell you a silly secret about me, I've always looked forward to being an old grandma playing with my grandkids. This works well because every year instead of getting depressed about getting old, I'm excited that I'm one year closer! Please don't think that I don't enjoy my life along the way, you can see that we do just fine keeping busy and having fun! It's just a different way to look at the world, which is what I like to do!

Also this month, is our cruise with our micronation friends. What could be better than sailing along the ocean with like minded people that you love to spend time with? We have been looking forward to this event for over a year and it has finally arrived! Don't worry, there will be plenty of pictures to come!

Besides these two big events, I'm happy to have October here as my favorite season is fall. It's the beginning of the holiday season. A time for sweatshirts, bonfires and warm tea. The leaves will change and beautiful colors will emerge. So look around and take it all in: the smell and feel of the crisp air, the trees, and more pumpkin spice than any one person should handle. :) Thank you all and until next time,

Have a latte fun this October with a little pumpkin spice to go with it!

~Adrianne

