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A Few Words from the President

Summer is over but the pace never slows in Molossia! Last month we had a wide variety of activities, from new construction – the Bottle House and Weather Station – to a State Visit from Ponderosa Territory, and even a memorial, Katrina Day. Tourists came by as well, and all of this made for busy times. And is the pace slowing in September? No, of course not! More tourist visits, a Naval Mission, moonpies and even a parade promise to liven the early fall days – and even more planned for October. It’s always interesting here in Molossia, so keep an eye on the news and even come by and be a part of it, here in the world’s smallest sovereign republic!



Rim Fire

27 August 2013 XXXVI

The Republic of Molossia has been plagued for over a week by heavy smoke from a distant forest fire, the Rim Fire. The Rim Fire is an ongoing wildfire in the central Sierra Nevada region of California, which started on 17 August 2013 XXXVI. By 22 August the fire had grown so large that prevailing winds were blowing heavy smoke and ash all the way to Molossia, over 300 Imperial Nortons (300 km) away. The smoke has caused burning eyes and throats and has also resulted in canceled outdoor activities in the areas around Molossia.

Wildfires are the most common "natural disaster" in the areas around Molossia and Molossians are very vigilant in preventing the possible spread of fire by clearing brush throughout our nation and monitoring thunderstorm activity, often the catalyst for fires. As recently as 2011 XXXIV lightning spawned a wildfire that came within 700 Nortons of Molossia's borders.

To date, the Rim Fire is listed as one of the largest in recent California history, and has burned nearly 730 Square Imperial Nortons (730 sq km) of forest land. As of 27 August 2013 XXXVI the fire was described as 20% contained; here in Molossia we hope that it is vanquished soon!



Smoke and Our Flag

Smoke From Space

Ponderosa Territory State Visit

18 August 2013 XXXVI

On 17 and 18 August 2013 XXXVI, The Magistrate of Ponderosa Territory, Shaun Kasimir, visited the Republic of Molossia for the first State Visit between our two nations. Ponderosa Territory is currently located in North Hollywood, California. The Magistrate arrived in nearby Reno, Nevada on the afternoon of Saturday, 18 August and was met there by His Excellency, The President, The First Lady and The Chief Constable. The group traveled first from Reno to Virginia City, Nevada, for a brief stop at the Ponderosa Saloon, a Virginia City landmark and namesake of the Ponderosa Territory. They then traveled to Molossia, where The President, First Lady and Chief Constable took The Magistrate on a tour of our nation, interrupted by a brief, violent thunderstorm. During the tour discussions were held in the Office of the President pertaining to micronational matters and our two respective nations. Tour and storm over, His Excellency and The Magistrate made the visit official by posing with their nations' flags in Republic Square. The President, in addition, awarded The Magistrate with the Molossian Friendship Medal, and the Magistrate reciprocated by giving His Excellency a Stetson hat and The First Lady a heart-shaped bolo tie. The group then retired to Government House for the evening, continuing their micronational discussions over a pizza dinner before retiring for the night.

The following day, The President, First Lady and Chief Constable returned with The Magistrate to Reno in the afternoon, to bid farewell to The Magistrate as he returned to Ponderosa Territory. Thus ended a successful diplomatic meeting, a milestone for both of our great nations.



Two Flags



The President and The Magistrate in Republic Square

August Visitors!



Larry, Tom and Fred

Matt Roth, Ace Photographer



Our annual Hurricane Katrina Party and Memorial, 29 August 2013 XXXVI, complete with hurricane food, games and no electricity!



Bottle House and Weather Station

Bottle House Begins

On 9 August 2013 XXXVI construction finally began on our long-planned bottle house. That's correct, we are building a house made of bottles, much like those seen throughout the west in places like Rhyolite, Nevada and Calico, California. Granted, our building will be much smaller, about 77 square Nortons, but the concept is the same, walls made of bottles. Already we have collected over 1200 bottles for the project, including six XXX Root Beer bottles from the XXX Drive-In in Indiana, courtesy of our friends the Millers. Thus far only the floor has been laid, with the first bottles likely going in around September. After that we estimate it will take about a year for the bottle house to be complete. It will be a long process but a worthwhile one as this building adds to the beauty and character of our nation. Keep posted for developments as the Bottle House grows - and if you'd like to send us a bottle to be included in the house, please feel free!



Can You Spot The Differences?



New Weather Station

The time has come to update our weather old station. The first small station was built in 2008 XXXI, in a spot just in front of Government House. After five years in the desert weather the old station was pretty shopworn and it came time to replace it. Thus on 9 August 2013 XXXVI the new station was installed. Larger and more detailed, the new station includes a simple anemometer, wind direction indicator, rain gauge and of course thermometer. It is important to note that we do not actually need a weather station to gauge Molossia's weather, which is always a balmy 40 degrees Zenda (72 F / 22 C). However our close proximity to the US means that their lousy weather creeps across our border with alarming regularity. Thus we need this new weather station to keep an eye on US weather!



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September Calendar

- **Flag Day - September 9th** - Remembers the day the Molossian flag first flew over our sovereign territory, in 1998. It still does.
- **Moonpie Festival - September 15th** - Adaptation of the Chinese Moon Festival, marking the end of summer and the beginning of autumn. Celebrated by eating Moonpies, of course!

THIS MONTH'S WEATHER

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	36° C / 96° F
Minimum Temperature	22° C / 72° F	12° C / 53° F
Average High Temperature	22° C / 72° F	31° C / 88° F
Average Low Temperature	22° C / 72° F	11° C / 51° F
Monthly Precipitation	0 mm	27.4 mm
Sunshine hours	Pretty much every day!	

The Last Word With The First Lady



Hi everyone!! September is here and that means a new school year for many. New teachers, new friends, new projects and adventures. How was your summer? Ours here in Molossia was super busy and full of activity. The hustle and bustle of tourist season really keeps us on our toes and lets us make many new friends. With so much going on sometimes we need a quiet moment. Quiet time give us a chance to think, reflect and plan new adventures. What kind of adventures do you have planned coming up? An adventure doesn't have to be a grand plan it could simply be a new trail that you haven't taken before. Tell me by email at FirstLady@molossia.org or on Twitter [@molossia](https://twitter.com/molossia) #adventure. Send me a picture! I can't wait to see what everyone is up to! Keep your eye on us, you'll never know what we will do next but we will be sure to share it with you all! :)

Thank you all and until next time...

What time is it? Adventure time!