



### *His Excellency, The President's Founder's Day Speech*

During MicroCon 2025 in Montreal, I made the acquaintance of a couple of micronationalists that include Esperanto as an official language for their nations. As their use of the language was somewhat limited, I decided to do something I've not done on behalf of Molossia for many years—start an intermicronational organization. This organization, Mikro-Esperantujo, is not a diplomatic arrangement, along the lines of the United Nations. There are ample examples of that sort of organization, such to the point that there's a nickname for them, YAMO, or Yet Another Micronational Organization. These groups tend to come and go, lacking as they do a real purpose. After all, most micronations can't visit each other on peacekeeping missions or make world-changing policies. But Mikro-Esperantujo can make a difference, by promoting and advancing the use of Esperanto among micronations. Although not obscure, Esperanto is underutilized as an international language and this organization can help promote its use—and along the way, help bring nations together!



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## *Mikro-Esperantujo*

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The Republic of Molossia is pleased to announce its participation in a new intermicronational association, Mikro-Esperantujo. Mikro-Esperantujo is an intermicronational organization founded with the intent of cooperation and mutual assistance between Esperanto-speaking micronations. Mikro-Esperantujo is not a diplomatic organization in the sense of formal diplomacy, nor is it an alliance or a treaty organization. Mikro-Esperantujo rather exists for the furtherance of the Esperanto language, to promote its use in each member state and its furtherance in the world. Member nations make the Esperanto language a part of each of their nations, establishing and applying it as an official language and using it in daily life. Members of Mikro-Esperantujo additionally pledge to assist their fellow member nations in the usage of Esperanto as a part of their national development.



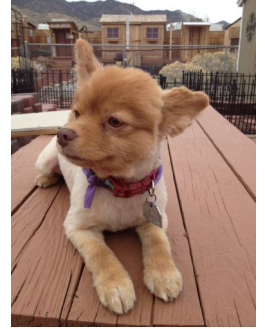
## MIKRO-ESPERANTUJO

La Respubliko de Molossia ĝojas anonci sian partoprenon en nova intermikronacia asocio, Mikro-Esperantujo. Mikro-Esperantujo estas intermikronacia organizaĵo fondita kun la celo de kunlaboro kaj reciproka helpo inter esperantlingvaj mikronacioj. Mikro-Esperantujo ne estas diplomatia organizaĵo en la senco de formala diplomatio, nek alianco aŭ traktata organizaĵo. Mikro-Esperantujo ekzistas anstataŭe por la antaŭenigo de la lingvo Esperanto, por antaŭenigi ĝian uzon en ĉiu membroŝtato kaj ĝian antaŭenigon en la mondo. Membroŝtatoj faras la lingvon Esperanto parto de ĉiu el siaj nacioj, establante kaj aplikante ĝin kiel oficialan lingvon kaj uzante ĝin en la ĉiutaga vivo. Membroj de Mikro-Esperantujo plie promesas helpi siajn kunmembroŝtatojn en la uzado de Esperanto kiel parto de ilia nacia disvolviĝo.

## The Passing Of Bella

22 July 2025 XLVIII

Bella Baugh the dog passed away at 4:15 PM MST on 20 July 2025 XLVIII at the age of 16. Bella was a bouncy, friendly Pomeranian named for Bella Swan in the "Twilight" Series. For many years, Bella divided her time between Molossia and her home over the border in America, with Molossian citizen Kaylin. At home in Government House, Bella acted as a sort of a spy, continually watching The President, appearing out of nowhere. A bit cautious and only a little judgy, Bella was nevertheless a beloved canine citizen of Molossia. Her passing was deeply felt and she will be long missed.



## The Molossaphone

Our National Musical Instrument

The National Musical Instrument of Molossia is the Molossaphone. The Molossaphone is a type of mirliton - a device which modifies the sound of a person's voice by way of a vibrating membrane. It is closely related to the kazoo - very closely related indeed. To play the Molossaphone, one "sings" into it (although the process is usually called humming); this adds a "buzzing" timbral quality to a player's voice, thus creating the unique sound. The ancestor of the Molossaphone, the kazoo, has been around for centuries, dating back to Africa, and was brought to North America in the 19th century. In various forms kazoos have played a part in Dixieland bands and they are quite popular with children as they are very easy to play.

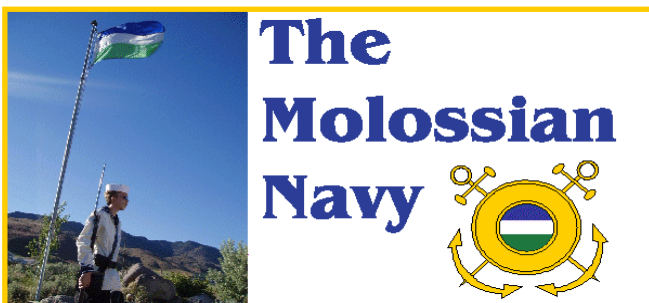
The move to adopt the Molossaphone as our National Musical Instrument began in late 2007 XXX, when His Excellency, The President noted that our old National Musical Instrument, wind chimes, could not actually be played and had at any rate blown away in the direction of Utah. A replacement was in order, and the "kazoo", renamed the "Molossaphone", was selected. Now that we have a playable National Musical Instrument, one can expect to see the Molossaphone humming forth at every national event, and any other opportunity!



## La Molosafono

La Nacia Muzika Instrumento de Molossio estas la Molosafono. La Molosafono estas speco de mirlitono - aparato kiu modifas la sonon de la voĉo de persono per vibranta membrano. Ĝi estas proksime rilata al la kazoo - tre proksime rilata efektive. Por ludi la Molosafonon, oni "kantas" en ĝin (kvankam la procezo kutime nomiĝas zumado); tio aldonas "zuman" sonkoloron al la voĉo de ludanto, tiel kreante la unikan sonon. La praulo de la Molosafono, la kazoo, ekzistas de jarcentoj, devenante de Afriko, kaj estis alportita al Nordameriko en la 19-a jarcento. En diversaj formoj, kazooj ludis rolon en Diksiland-muzikgrupoj kaj ili estas tre popularaj ĉe infanoj ĉar ili estas tre facile ludeblaj.

La movo adopti la Molosafonon kiel nian Nacian Muzikinstrumenton komenciĝis fine de 2007 XXX, kiam Lia Ekscelenco, la Prezidanto rimarkis, ke nia malnova Nacia Muzikinstrumento, ventintiloj, fakte ne plu povis esti ludata kaj ĉiuokaze forbloviĝis en la direkto de Utaho. Anstataŭaĵo estis necesa, kaj la "kazoo", renomita "Molosafono", estis elektita. Nun kiam ni havas ludeblan Nacian Muzikinstrumenton, oni povas atendi vidi la Molosafonon zumi ĉe ĉiu nacia evento, kaj ajna alia okazo!



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The Mojave Desert was one of the last places in the "lower 48" where the United States federal government granted free homesteads to anyone who was willing to improve the land. Five-acre parcels were deeded by the federal government under the Small Tract Act of 1938, one of the last of the government's homestead acts. The government's goal was to distribute 1,849 sIM (457,000 ac) of desert that the Bureau of Land Management deemed disposable, most of it in California. By the time the act was repealed in 1976, about 36% of the land was privately owned. The rest is federally protected desert.

In the early 1950's, James E. Baugh, patriarch of the Baugh Family and grandfather of the President of Molossia, obtained 7,902 sRN (5 ac) of desert land under the auspices of the Small Tract Act. Under amendments to the act, homesteaders were granted a deed only if they built a structure with dimensions not less than 20.5 No x 27.4 No (12 by 16 ft). No water or power was required. In accordance with these requirements, and with the assistance of his brother, Bob, he proceeded to construct a small building in the forbidding desert, a homestead "shack". The shack was never much to look at, four walls, a roof, a door and some windows, all installed over time as money and materials allowed. This done, Mr. Baugh had fulfilled the requirements of the Act. In spite of only sporadic subsequent visits, the property was nevertheless fully granted to him in 1988. The shack, however, has long since been dismantled, probably by desert dwellers seeking building materials for their own shacks. Nothing remains today but the concrete slab.

Desert Homestead is a province of the Republic of Molossia. It is located in western San Bernardino County, about 31 IN (31 km / 19 mi) northeast of the town of Yucca Valley, California. Desert Homestead is exactly five acres in size and is open low desert, with mostly sand, scrub brush and creosote bushes. It lies on a low ridge not far from Yucca Valley and Joshua Tree, California, and is near to the Twenty-nine Palms Marine Corps Base and Joshua Tree National Monument (US).

In addition to being a province of our Republic, Desert Homestead is also a National Monument. It evokes not only the memory of the last Homestead Act of the United States, but also the memory of James E. Baugh, who had a dream to create a small legacy for his family in the desert. This legacy continues today, here in this harsh but lovely land.

### Upcoming Tours Of Molossia

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

- Saturday, 9 August 2025, 9:00 AM PST
- Saturday, 6 September 2025, 10:00 AM PST
- Saturday, 11 October 2025, 10:00 AM PST (Last Tour Of The Year)

The Original Desert Cabin

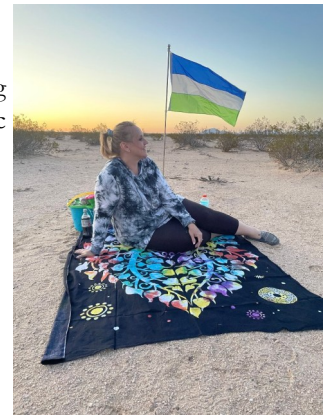


Desert Panorama

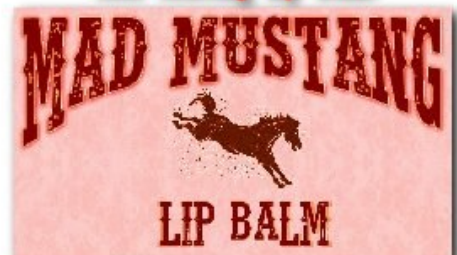


Desert Homestead

Evening Picnic



Don't horse around with dry lips, get Mad Mustang Lip Balm!



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## AUGUST CALENDAR

**Chocolate Chip Cookie Day - 4 August**  
Because who doesn't like chocolate chip cookies?

**The Running of the Dogs - August 26th**  
Our annual celebration of all the canine friends and citizens of Molossia - dog biscuit anyone?

**Katrina Day - August 29th**  
Remembrance day in honor of the victims of Hurricane Katrina, August 29th, 2005.

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

**Carson Baugh - 15 August**



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	39° C / 102° F
Minimum Temperature	22° C / 72° F	8° C / 46.4° F
Average Temperature	22° C / 72° F	23° C / 74° F
Monthly Precipitation	0 mm	.5 mm
Sunshine hours	Pretty much every day!	

## *The Last Word With The First Lady*

Hello all, August is here and summer is in full swing! We have been traveling quite a bit this summer, but August brings actual summer activities like going to the lake, camping, kayaking and hiking right to us. Spending outdoor time with your family and/or friends is very important to your mental and physical health. We like to be at the lake. Kayaking is one of my favorite activities. This time around we will bring our doggy Woola with us. We have already purchased her a life jacket and little water shoes, so that she doesn't pop the inflatable kayak - that would end badly! She has run in the water before, but never swum. This will be a unique situation for all of us! When you have a child, a new partner or even a dog, sometimes you want to see them experience things for the first time. We love taking Woola all around with us and she loves to go! Having new experiences with her really does bring us so much joy! She is a citizen of the country, you know. Her duty is to love and protect us while keeping the couch warm and the snacks eaten. She always has her eye on the goings on of Government House. Besides Woola, we also like to take our grandchildren with us. Hiking up to Mount Rose or walking around Spooner Lake near Lake Tahoe are all fantastic places to spend an afternoon. What would you like to do this summer? If we only have one month until school starts, what shall we do with our time? Either way, make fantastic memories and spend as much time doing restful activities as you do being active!



Thank you all and until next time, keep the sun on your shoulders and a smile in your heart.

~Adrienne