News from the Republic of Molossia

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!

MOLOSSIA HOLIDAYS

Crossword:

Across
3. New Orleans Festival
4. First Lady’s Birthday
5. A day for giving gifts
6. The President’s Birthday
7. The day we became a nation
8. The day outside the Hotel

Down
1. Also known as Bonfire Night
2. Honoring Ledowski
3. 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](image1)  
![Bighorn Stopped at the New Silver Hill Town Site](image2)  
![Bridge Across the New River](image3)  
![No. 18 "Zephyr" at the new North Wye](image4)

**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 President’s Guy](image5)  
![The First Lady and Lily’s Guys](image6)  
![Guy Ready For The Fire](image7)  
![Guy On Fire](image8)
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!
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!

~Adrianne