News from the Republic of Molossia

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Well, here it is, November already! Seems like only yesterday it was October. And what a busy month October was, with the Misfit Regatta, the Governor’s Banquet, Nevada Day Parade, Halloween and the First Family’s Disneyland trip thrown in there for good measure. Now on to November, which starts out right away with the 30th Anniversary of the War with East Germany, followed immediately by Laika Day, our annual dog-centric holiday and then Guy Fawkes day on 5 November. Later in the month we will be finally expanding our telephone system throughout Molossia, a long-awaited project, and begin the expansion of Red Square, another long-awaited project. Of course the holidays are right around the corner, too. Wonderful times in Molossia, so stay tuned!

A Few Words from the President

The Mustang

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Busy Nevada Day Weekend

Nevada Day is an important holiday in the State of Nevada, celebrating the state’s admission to the Union on 31 October 1864. The annual holiday is held on the last Friday of each October and the days surrounding it are filled with Nevada-centric activities. As Molossia is located within and surrounded by the state and because we are of course Nevadans as well as Molossians, we always join in to the celebrations. This year was no exception. Festivities began on the evening of 24 October as The President and First Lady attended the third annual Governor’s Banquet, held at the Grand Sierra Resort in Reno, Nevada. The evenings activities included dinner, speakers expounding on the greatness of the Silver State, an auction and of course a meet and greet with Nevada’s Governor, Brian Sandoval. In addition to meeting the Governor, His Excellency and The First Lady were themselves the center of attention, being somewhat well-known local celebrities. It was an excellent evening and a fine time was had by all.

Saturday, 26 October was the day of the annual Nevada Day Parade, an event in which The President and First Family participate every year. The day began with a pancake breakfast at the Nevada Governor’s Mansion, after which The First Family gathered to appear in the parade. Included were The President, The First Lady, M. Nathan, Mlle. Alexis and M. Zack, a friend of Nathan. In addition, His Excellency’s mother rode in the parade, her first ever. On this seventh appearance in the parade, His Excellency and the First Family rode in a 1962 Mercedes Unimog Truck, in which they had ridden in three previous parades. The truck was driven like always by Aaron Brockway, and The President awarded him the Molossian Friendship medal for his stalwart service to Molossia. The parade route stretches for about 1.2 Imperial Nortons (1.2 km) through the middle of Carson City, the state capital of Nevada. Along the route several reviewing stands are set up, with announcers introducing each parade entry. Unlike past parades, the announcers were somewhat better this year at pronouncing the name of our nation correctly. As the President passed the spectators, many called out, wanting to know where Molossia is located. His Excellency and the First Lady responded and the good humored crowd generally took it in stride that there was a sovereign nation right down the road from them, inside their own state. A fine time was had by all and we all look forward to next year’s Nevada Day weekend!
On 6 October 2013 XXXVI, the Republic of Molossia hosted the 2013 Misfit Regatta. Inspired by the famous Henley-on-Todd Regatta held in Alice Springs, Australia, the Misfit Regatta is a dry land cardboard boat race. It takes place on Misfit Flats, some 16 Imperial Nortons (16 km / 10 mi) east of Molossia. Famed for being a filming location for the Clark Gable/Marilyn Monroe movie "The Misfits", the Flats are an open, dry lakebed, perfect for racing. At 11:50 AM Molossian Standard Time (MST) the racers arrived at the Flats and helped set up the start and finish lines. Then at about 12:00 PM MST the first race took place, with cameras rolling and spectators cheering. There were several races held, including kids only, adults only, group, guys only, ladies only, and backward for kids and for adults. A total of eight racers competed. Molossian citizen Bryce Cardoza was to be the racer to beat, winning every race in which he competed. Close seconds were His Excellency, The President and Molossian citizens Alexis Baugh and Nathan Harrison. The racers competed with all their might and had much to be proud of. After seven races, the event was ended and declared a resounding success. Today's Regatta was just the second of many, with one planned every other year at this time. Future races may include an obstacle course and a competition for best "boat", which will include non-racers and fans of Molossia from around the world. Well done racers, and see you in two years!

The Passing of Tigger

The Official Dog of Molossia and loyal Molossian citizen, Tigger was our stalwart Old Man and general Dog In-Charge. On 16 October 2013 XXXVI, Tigger passed away after a short illness, at the age of 11. Once bouncy and flighty, age had settled him a bit and he had grown from crazy puppy to loyal, steady companion. He was a serious fellow, very dedicated to keeping his home safe and his fellow canines in line. Tigger was a very sweet, loyal dog, always eager to please and attentive to your every need. He was buried with honors in the Molossia Cemetery, and His Excellency, The President directed that the Molossian flag be flown at half-staff for three days in his memory. Tigger will truly be missed.
Hello all! I hope everyone had a fantastic Halloween! Now we are on to November. November is the month of gratitude. This is the time that we reflect on who and what in our life that we truly cherish and are thankful for. Here in Molossia we are thankful for our citizens, family and friends. We truly appreciate that all of you are here for us and care about our nation in ways that are very special. Take a quiet moment to think about what you appreciate. Make sure to let people know that they are special to you and that they mean something in your life. You're sure to make someone smile!

Thank you and until next time...
Stay warm out there!

~Adrianne