News from the Republic of Molossia

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Molossia Places: Desert Homestead Province

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, grandfather of Our President, who originally homesteaded this land in the 1950’s. He 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.
2013 Dayton Valley Days Parade

On 21 September 2013 XXXVI, 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 Chief Constable Alexis and her friend Azurine, and by Sam McCord, driving her pickup truck. This is the fourth time Molossia has been represented in this parade, referred to as a "fixture" of Dayton Valley Days by the parade staff. The parade was chosen as an event because Molossia was featured in the Dayton newspaper a few years ago, and it was believed that the crowd would thus be familiar with our nation. This proved to be quite correct.

The parade began at 10:39 AM MST, near the courthouse in Dayton, and followed Pike Street and then Main Street in that town. All along Main Street 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 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. By 11:10 AM MST, the event was over, a very short but pleasant parade. Nevertheless, the informality and brevity is always a welcome change from the much more formal and grandiose Nevada Day Parade, and the Molossian contingent was quite pleased. A fine time was had by all, and there are plans in the works to repeat this entertaining event every year.
On 1 September 2013 XXXVI the Republic of Molossia hosted our largest single tour group yet, besides the large crowd that attended last Founder's Day. At about 2:39 PM MST the Dayton Valley Car Club and Carson City Raider Boosters rolled up the street from the US, several carloads in all, bring sixteen tourists to our nation. Shortly thereafter more tourists arrived, an oddly dressed group from nearby Reno, Nevada...or perhaps from even further away, possibly East Germany? Upon arrival the visitors were met by His Excellency, The President, The First Lady and Chief Constable Alexis, and escorted on a tour of our nation. The tour included all the sights of Molossia, including Red Square, Norton Park and the Tower of the Winds. The President as usual regaled our visitors with the story and culture of Molossia, ensuring they had an enjoyable visit. Several tourists took the opportunity to launch our air rocket, this making them Honorary Molossian Space Cadets. The oddly dressed group from Reno - or somewhere - insisted on sneaking around Molossia for some reason, which earned them a stern dressing-down from Our President. On the whole, though, the visit was an excellent one, and our tourists had an enjoyable time!
Hello everyone! It's October and fall is here. I'm not shy to say that this is my favorite month of the year! Not only because my birthday is coming up (the Day of Merriment, my birthday, is on Oct 15th), but also because of Halloween! Halloween is the holiday where people can dress up and be whoever they want to be. For a micronationalist this seems silly. Who wants to wait all year for one special day? We as micronationalists dress up and be who we want to be all the time! Halloween gives us a chance to explore other costumes and personas. So while you're trying to figure out what to be for Halloween, think about who you are today and who you really want to be everyday.

Thank you all and until next time...

Be spooktacular!

~Adrianne