News from the Republic of Molossia

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October is upon us, and the busy holiday season awaits! That’s right, the important holidays, like Nevada Day, Guy Fawkes Night and of course the annual Day of Merriment - The First Lady’s birthday! Mixed in with all that is a planned voyage to the Pacific Coast, to introduce the mysteries of the sea to the Molossia Rangers. Our planned Volcanological Institute expedition was delayed, but now that cooler weather is upon us it may take place after all. Of course here in Molossia we celebrate a few better known holidays, such as Thanksgiving and Christmas, but those are further down the road.

Tourist season winds to a close on 15 October, so you’d best hurry if you want to visit our nation! And of course the aforementioned Nevada Day is a big event, as we celebrate the birthday of the Silver State in which Molossia lies. Come see us at the Nevada Day Parade in Carson City on 1 November! And stay tuned, who knows what else might happen in Molossia!

MicroCon 2015

The Republic of Molossia is pleased to announce that it will be hosting an intermicronational get-together and conference, MicroCon 2015. MicroCon will be a meet-up of micronationalists from around the world. The principal venue will be the Anaheim Central Library, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, 11 April 2015. Attendees are invited to present a short presentation on their micronation or a micronational topic of their choice. In addition attendees may present small displays about their nation of micronational project, in a second room. The media will be invited to attend and micronationalists are encouraged to attend in full micronational regalia. After the library conference there will be a subsequent public event, location and nature to be determined. It has been suggested that all attendees visit the nearby miniature golf facility, for an afternoon of fun and photos. Beyond all this, there will be a group dinner Friday evening, 10 April, at a location to be determined and there may also be a group dinner on Saturday evening.

We welcome micronationalists from around the world to come to this event. It promises to be entertaining, educational and fun. Come see us at MicroCon 2015!

Keep up on MicroCon 2015 developments on our Facebook page, at https://www.facebook.com/events/1688469851377545/?ref=4
2014 Dayton Valley Days Parade

On 20 September 2014 XXXVII, 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 Sam McCord, driving her pickup truck. This is the fifth 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.
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Desert Homestead Province
Molossia’s Other “Half”

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.

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October is here and it is one of my favorite months of the year! October brings fall and my birthday! Having a birthday means a new year, much like the changing of the seasons. When you have your birthday it brings a whole new chapter in your life! What is in store for me this year? What will I do? Who will I meet? Where will I go? What will I accomplish? These are questions I ask myself as my birthday approaches. Looking back on the last year many fond memories come to mind. I am happy with this year and all the things and people that it brought my way. My goals for this year are: 1. Find a way to connect with other micronational ladies. 2. Make a difference in my community. 3. Go somewhere I have never been before. 4. Start a blog/website.

Thank you to everyone that has been in my life this last year! Everyone I meet leaves an impact on my life and creates new thoughts and ideas that I didn’t have before. Everyone is unique and I thoroughly enjoy meeting new people and experiencing new things along this path of life.

Happy birthday to me!

Thank you all and until next time...

Touch lives and live yours to the fullest!

~Adrianne