



News from the Republic of Molossia



A Few Words from the President

Warmer weather is upon us and with MicroCon behind us it's time to look ahead to what's next in our nation. But first, a few words about the aforementioned MicroCon. It was truly an amazing experience. The chance to meet other world leaders and learn about other nations was remarkable. It was definitely a landmark event in our lives and we look forward to future micronational gatherings!

In the meantime there's business at home to attend to. The beginning of tourist season is already sending us visitors from far off lands. Beyond that we'll have naval expeditions, deploy our new drone to see Molossia from the skies and soon be able to broadcast Radio Molossia over the airwaves. And that's just the tip of the iceberg. We're always busy in Molossia, so come and visit the World's Smallest Sovereign Republic!



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MicroCon 2015

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On 11 April 2015 the Republic of Molossia was pleased and honored to host a major intermicronational get-together and conference, MicroCon 2015. MicroCon is a meet-up of micronationalists from around the world. The principal venue was the Anaheim Central Library, and from 10:30 am to 2:30 pm, delegates from 17 micronations gathered to share their ideas, dreams and worlds with each other. The conference began with a keynote address via YouTube by Mr. Steven A. Scharff, noted micronational patriotologist, speaking about micronational history and concepts. Mr. Scharff was followed in succession by Grand Duke Travis of Westarctica, Queen Carolyn of Ladonia, Princess Samantha of Shiloh, Grand Duke Jacob of Broslavia, Vice President John Farr of West Who, Queen Anastasia of Ruritania, King George II of Slabovia, Lord Henry of the Grand Duchy of Broslavia, Grand Marshall Yagjian of Obsidia, King Christopher of Vikesland, President Staples of the California Republic, King Adam I of Überstadt, Prince Arthur and Lady Edith of the House of Homestead, Supreme Dictator Veselovsky of the F.A.R.T., His Holy Highness Yan the First of YAN (via YouTube) and finally First Lady Adrienne Baugh and President Kevin Baugh of Molossia. Presenters used slides and video to highlight their presentations, and various unique perspectives were shared with the audience. One of the significant moments of the event was a medieval warfare demonstration by Shiloh, including knights battling it out in the midst of the convention. Breaks were taken, including lunch, to allow time for networking and socializing - and of course many photo-ops in front of the bank of national flags displayed. The media was also in attendance, including an affiliate of the Today Show and of course stalwart micronational photographer Matt Roth. After an all too brief four hours the conference adjourned and the delegates departed, some to their home nations, and others to prepare for the evening's event, the MicroCon Cotillion.

The MicroCon Cotillion was a semi-formal ball, arranged as a social event following the convention. Attendees arrived at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Anaheim at 5:30 PM, dressed in their finery for an evening of dining and dancing. After a catered dinner and some dancing, awards were presented by various micronational leaders to their peers and associates.

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Among the presenters were Grand Duke Travis of Westarctica, King Christopher of Vikesland, King Timothy of Shiloh, Queen Anastasia of Ruritania and Prince Arthur of Homestead. Following the awards ceremony dancing and socializing continued until the evening wound down and each leader and their party took their leave. Thus ended this year's MicroCon event. Such was the success that future MicroCon events are already being planned, perhaps again in 2017. Until then the memories of this remarkable MicroCon will remain with all for a very long time!



Flags of Nations



Micronational Assembly!



Molossia's Display



Rapt Audience



Cotillion Attendees



Regal World Leaders

The Great Basin

The Republic of Molossia is a desert nation, lying largely within the Great Basin - but what is the Great Basin?

The spare, seemingly empty land between the Rockies and the Sierra plays lovely music for those who stop to listen.

The Great Basin Desert, the largest U. S. desert, covers an arid expanse of about 492,097 square Imperial Nortons (190,000 sq. mi.) and is bordered by the Sierra Nevada Range on the west and the Rocky Mountains on the east, the Columbia Plateau to the north and the Mojave and Sonoran deserts to the south.

Fifteen thousand years ago, toward the end of the last Ice Age, the lakes covering most of present-day Nevada and parts of Utah, California, Oregon, and Idaho dried up. Left behind was a vast, arid, high-elevation basin, with deep canyons and steep, north/south-trending mountain ranges, piercingly cold in winter and blisteringly hot in summer.

This is a cool or "cold desert" due to its more northern latitude, as well as higher elevations (at least 5142 Nortons (3,000 ft), but more commonly from 6857 to 8571 Nortons (4,000 to 6,500 feet). Precipitation, generally 7-12 micro-Nortons (7-12 inches) annually, is more evenly distributed throughout the year than in the other three North American deserts. Winter precipitation often falls as snow.

Playas are a conspicuous part of this desert, due to its recent geological activity. In notable contrast to the other three deserts, Great Basin vegetation is low and homogeneous, often with a single dominant species of bush for a great distance. Typical shrubs are Big Sagebrush, Blackbrush, Shadscale, Mormon-tea and greasewood. There are only occasional yuccas and very few cactus.

The Great Basin/High Desert is a region of wild beauty and extreme ecological fragility, sparsely populated and seemingly desolate. Yet its ranges sustain bobcats, mountain lions, deer, and numerous other animals. Many Great Basin species have become uniquely adapted to these highlands because the dryness of the desert floor prevents migration between ranges. Fleet-footed pronghorns are a notable exception, as are raptors: golden eagles, red-tailed hawks, goshawks, peregrine and prairie falcons, harriers, kestrels, and even bald eagles sweep the skies of this sere landscape.



Twilight observation of Heroes Day, 30 April 2015 XXXVIII, at the Molossian Heroes Monument in Red Square



His Excellency, The President and Grand Duke Travis in a relaxed moment at the world-famous Chinese Theatre in Hollywood, 10 April 2015 XXXVIII

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May Calendar

Boulder Day - May 1st - The day we moved that very large boulder, celebrated with meatball subs!

Founder's Day - May 26th - Founder's Day is Molossia's principal National Holiday. This day remembers the date, in 1977, when Molossia (then known as Vuldstein), first became a nation. Usually celebrated with a general get-together of all Molossians and a barbecue, all in Norton Park.

THIS MONTH'S WEATHER

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	21° C / 76° F
Minimum Temperature	22° C / 72° F	5° C / 44° F
Average Temperature	22° C / 72° F	12° C / 63° F
Monthly Precipitation	0 mm	17 mm
Sunshine hours	Pretty much every day!	

The Last Word With The First Lady

Hello everyone! Wow, MicroCon is over and I can't believe what a great time we all had! We met so many fellow micronationalists. What great ideas everyone had and shared with all of us! "How to Have a Micronation on a Budget", "Micronations That Matter" and "The North American InterMicronational Trade Organization" were just a few of the topics at hand. Once again, I was enthralled as I listened to many peoples presentations thinking, my goodness, where do these young leaders come from? What makes these youth choose this path, a path of leadership, creativity and determination as opposed to what others are doing with their time? This display of thoughtfulness in action really gave me hope for today's teens in the midst of so much negativity going on in the outside world. I am proud of you, the young leaders that I saw and the older seasoned dignitaries as well. I am proud to stand next to you all in this world as a fellow micronationalist!



Thank you all and until next time..

Stay amazing and keep moving forward!

~Adrienne