



A Few Words From The President

Of late we have been traveling and exploring outside Molossia quite a bit. Mammoth in June, Berlin in July and Hat Creek in August have all been voyages made beyond our borders. Not that there isn't plenty to see and do in right here Molossia, but if you want volcanoes, caves, ghost towns and lakes you have to go a bit further afield. The Western US is an amazing place, with an incredibly diverse selection of sights to see and places to go. I have an especially deep affection for the desert realm in which Molossia lies. To many, this is an empty barren land, bereft of life, but to me this is life. In places with abundant water life has it easy. But here, in this dry land, every creature and plant has to fight to survive and to me that makes life all the more precious. I still marvel at the tiny flowers that appear in the springtime, little spots of color that would be mundane somewhere wetter but here they are special. Life finds a way, Dr. Malcolm said, and here it does in its own rare and unique way. I celebrate this every day, here in our desert world.



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Wildfire Safety

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Fire Equipment At The Ready!

Molossia is no stranger to natural disasters. Our desert nation has been lashed by destructive windstorms, swamped by roaring flash floods and even rattled by earthquakes. But one danger that looms over the rest is the threat of wildfire. During the warmer months of the year wildfires rage throughout the western part of North America, causing great destruction. Thousands of hectares of forest and rangeland are burned every year, fires caused by lightning and, unfortunately, man. Here in Molossia over half of the Home Territory is sagebrush desert, particularly susceptible to fire. We are always cautious to avoid any activity that might cause fires and to take precautions to prevent fires from happening at all. One measure that has recently been implemented by Molossia's Directorate of Emergency Management is our new fire prevention stand. Located adjacent to Red Square, the fire stand includes hoses, a shovel and sand bucket, all ready to be used to suppress any fire within our nation. With this new equipment we are now prepared to stop wildfires in their tracks and keep our nation safe from at least this form of disaster!



Cones And Caves

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On Saturday, 29 August 2020 XLIII the Molossian Institute of Volcanology set out on a survey of another volcanic region some distance from our nation. Located about 270 Imperial Nortons (270 km / 168 mi) northwest of Molossia, the Hat Creek Lava flow volcanic area erupted about 30,000 years ago. Erupting in fountains and gushing from a series of vents, the lava built small spatter cones along a 3 Imperial Norton (3 km / 2 mi) long fissure. While the top crust of lava cooled and hardened, rivers of red-hot lava continued to flow beneath, insulated by the newly formed rock above. Eventually the lava drained away, leaving hundreds of tube-like caves.

The Institute team set out early and arrived in the region around 11:00 AM MST, choosing to first explore the Spatter Cones. Here, fountains of lava fragmented in mid-air as gasses escaped. The lava landed in showers around each vent, forming the cones. The team visited three of these cones along the trail, as well as one volcanic vent. Also along the trail could be seen several collapsed lava tubes, evidence of the lava moving underground. These tubes today are homes to bats and other animals.

After exploring the Spatter Cones, the team moved to nearby Subway Cave, a large lava tube that once was filled with lava flowing downhill from the original vents. The team explored this .5 IM (.5 km / .3 mi) tube as their last stop on this latest volcanic survey. This final exploration complete, the science team returned to Molossia, having gained new insight into the amazing, powerful and sometimes violent forces that mold and shape our world.



Lava Tube



Lava Tube With Lavacicles



Peering Into A Lava Tube



Spatter Cone



Entrance To Subway Cave



Inside The Cave

The Molossian Flag Inside The Cave



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Farewell To Hutt River



The Principality of Hutt River is no more. The micronation was founded on 21 April 1970 when Leonard Casley declared his farm to be an independent country, the Hutt River Province. He attempted to secede from Australia over a dispute concerning wheat production quotas. A few years later, Casley began styling himself as "Prince Leonard" and granting family members royal titles, although he did not include the word "principality" in the official name until 2006.

The principality was located 517 km (354 mi) north of Perth, near the town of Northampton in the state of Western Australia. It had an area of 75 square kilometers (29 sq mi), making it larger than several independent countries. It was not recognized as a country by the Australian Government nor any other national government, and the High Court of Australia and Supreme Court of Western Australia rejected submissions arguing that it was not subject to Australian laws.

The principality was a regional tourist attraction until it announced it was closed to tourists after 31 January 2020. It issued its own currency, stamps and passports (which are not recognized by the Australian government or any other government). In February 2017, at the age of 91 and after ruling for 45 years, Casley abdicated the throne in favor of his youngest son, Prince Graeme. Prince Leonard died on 13 February 2019.

In December 2019 the principality announced that it would close its borders and cease its external government services as of 31 January 2020, until further notice. On 3 August 2020 the principality formally dissolved.



Around Molossia...

The Republic of Molossia is pleased to announce 30 August as Missy Barrett Day - A Day to Do Good Deeds. All Molossians and friends of our nation are encouraged to do good deeds on this day - and every day - to make the world a better place!



Wildfires Around Molossia. Wildfires are a threat throughout the western part of the United States, in which Molossia lies. The year-to-date total is 39,829 fires that have burned 3,980,809 acres. Molossia remains vigilant every day over the threat of fire.

The Molossian Flag on a smoky day, from wildfires.



The Molossian Navy



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Upcoming Tours Of Molossia

Tours of our nation are currently planned on the following dates only:

Saturday, 19 September 2020 XLIII at 10:00 AM PST

Saturday, 10 October 2020 XLIII at 10:00 AM PST (Last Tour of the Year)

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SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Flag Day - September 9th
Remembers the day the Molossian flag first flew over our sovereign territory, in 1998. It still does.

Moonpie Festival - September 15th
Adaptation of the Chinese Moon Festival, marking the end of summer and the beginning of autumn. Celebrated by eating Moonpies, of course!

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Lyla Baugh - 2 September



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	35° C / 96° F
Minimum Temperature	22° C / 72° F	11° C / 53° F
Average Temperature	22° C / 72° F	23° C / 74.5° F
Monthly Precipitation	0 mm	3.8 mm
Sunshine hours	Pretty much every day!	

The Last Word With The First Lady

September has arrived and school has started. Everyone is adjusting to the changes that life has brought us. Most kids are doing some sort of at home/ in class combination. This is a unique set up and in many ways a nice alternative to regular school. These whole last six months, since the pandemic started, have changed our lives. Some people have experienced tragedy while others have grown and have had positive changes happen in their life. Due to social distancing, one thing that changed is the pace of our life. Students can see this in the form of classrooms and sports. Adults see it with less out of work, and even in work meetings. We have less events going on around us altogether. Even though we have missed many of our usual activities over the last six months, I really don't mind the change of pace. It's kind of like a reset. What is important in your life? Here in Molossia, that is our family, our citizens. Almost any country would agree that the health and safety of their people is priority number one. It's nice to take a step back from the hustle and bustle to see each other and spend time together. What will life look like when things return to normal? We have been there. We know. I'm not ready to rush back into that. Let's enjoy this slowed down time and see what else it can offer us.



Until next time, keep your head up and let good things come your way. ~Adrienne