



The Mustang

A Few Words From The President

Well, last month we attended MicroCon 2023 in Joliet, Illinois, and this month we're heading out for round two, MicroCon 2023, in Ypres, Belgium. That's right, a second MicroCon in one year, and the first time MicroCon has been held in Europe. This will be an amazing opportunity to meet up with micronations in Europe that we likely have never met before and who haven't been able to travel to our previous MicroCon events in North America. We are very excited for this auspicious event, and the opportunity to make new micronational friends from far away. It is always wonderful to meet up with other micronationalists and learn about their nations. Micronations, like established nations, come in all shapes and sizes, so to speak, each being a little different and unique. During this convention we will learn about these other nations, and what make them tick. Not only is it educational, it's often inspirational. Different views on what makes a nation include different applications of that idea and we sometimes come home with ideas that we can apply to Molossia. MicroCon EU is certain to be an amazing event and we are very much looking forward to it!



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Ponderosa Hills State Visit

15 July 2023 XLVI

On 15 July 2023 XLVI, President Leon Montan of the Socialist Federal Union of Ponderosa Hills visited Molossia for the first State Visit between our two nations. Ponderosa Hills' current base is in Tuolumne County, in California. President Montan arrived at 9:39 AM MST and was immediately escorted to Republic Square, where Ponderosa Hills' flag was raised alongside that of Molossia. Subsequent to the playing of both nations' national anthems, His Excellency awarded Molossia's Friendship Medal to President Montan, customary for visiting Heads of State. Following the ceremony, The President and First Lady took President Montan on a tour of Molossia, accompanied by a large group of tourists, as this day was also the July tour of Molossia. During the tour the group saw all the sights of our nation. Following the tour our other guests bid farewell to Molossia as they returned to their homes, and President Montan sat down with His Excellency in the in the shade next to Government House to discuss micronational matters, especially regarding the development of Ponderosa Hills. Thereafter, President Montan departed Molossia, thus ending a successful diplomatic meeting, a milestone for both of our great nations.



President Baugh and President Montan in Republic Square



Two Presidents Conferring



Molossia Visitors



Two Flags

MicroCon 2023

6 July 2023 XLVI

On 29 June through 2 July 2023 XLVI the Republic of Molossia was honored to participate in the fifth major intermicronational get-together and conference, MicroCon 2023. Hosted this year by the Royal Republic of Ladonia, MicroCon is a meet-up of micronationalists from around the world. The entire event was held in Joliet, Illinois. On the evening of 29 June a micronational trivia contest was held in the hosting hotel restaurant, which the Molossian delegation won in the face of stiff competition. The following day many micronations participated in the Nemean Games, a micronational Olympics, on a playing field near the Ladonian Embassy. The struggle was mighty against strong opposition but Molossia again prevailed, taking first in the shot-put (tennis ball) and 50 meter dash, and third place in the discus (Frisbee). That evening many micronationalists gathered for a diplomatic reception the Ladonian Embassy, hosted by Queen Carolyn of Ladonia. This allowed the leaders of the assembled nations to gather socially, exchange ideas and generally get to know each other. Most micronationalists come from locales far from each other and the opportunity to meet and greet was a welcome one.



Molossians Representing at MicroCon.



Rapt Audience at MicroCon.

The conference proper began the following day at the Joliet Holiday Inn, and from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM delegates from over 41 micronations gathered to share their ideas, dreams and worlds with each other. Throughout the day presentations were given on a wide variety of micronational topics, ranging from cyber security, conlangs, a micronational rescue mission, how one of our citizens became involved in micronations and much more. Introductions to many newer micronations, such as Maristan, Hankland, Curnon and many more were also made. Breaks were taken, including lunch, to allow time for networking and socializing - and there many photo-ops in front of each nation's information display. The media was also in attendance, of course. Following the presentations awards were given out, with His Excellency President Kevin Baugh giving out 17 Molossian Medals of Statesmanship to most of the newer micronations in attendance. After an all-too-brief seven hours the conference adjourned and the delegates departed to prepare for the evening's event, the MicroCon Gala.

The MicroCon Gala was a semi-formal ball, arranged as a soiree following the convention. Attendees arrived in the hotel conference room-turned-ballroom at 7:00 PM, dressed in their finery for an evening of dining and hobnobbing. After a magnificent dinner, dancing and socializing continued afterward until the evening wound down and each leader and their party took their leave. Thus ended this year's MicroCon Joliet event; a second MicroCon 2023 will take place in August in Ypres, Belgium, the first such in Europe. This promises to be an exciting event as well! After this year, the next MicroCon is planned for Montreal in 2025. Until then, MicroCon

2023 was an amazing event and one of memories and experiences that will last for a very long time!



Queen Carolyn of Ladonia Opens MicroCon.



The President with Young World Leaders.



Molossia's MicroCon Display.



Smiles at the Diplomatic Reception.



Awarding a Medal.



Molossia's Nemean Games Team.

Molossia At The Odeon

8 July 2023 XLVI

On Wednesday, 5 July 2023 XLVI The President, First Lady and Chief Constable visited the historic Odeon Hall, in Dayton, Nevada. The purpose was to talk all about our great nation, spreading the word about Molossia to yet another audience. The Odeon Hall is an historic saloon and dance hall that was built in 1863, and has hosted such celebrities as Mark Twain and Adolph Sutro among its patrons and speakers. Recently remodeled and reopened, the Odeon again hosts talks and presentations, among them our President. For over an hour His Excellency, the First Lady and Chief Constable spoke about Molossia before a crowd of rapt listeners, showing pictures of our nation and answering questions. The audience was very appreciative and applauded frequently, evidently enjoying the idea of a self-declared nation right down the road. In addition, Molossia's signature drink, the Molossolini has been added to the Odeon Saloon menu, our money, the Valora will be accepted there and a barstool has been proclaimed to be the official Molossian Embassy to the Hall. It is wonderful to be able to share the stories, culture and mere existence of Molossia, and we look forward to future opportunities to do so.



The President Is Coming



Molossolini and Valora



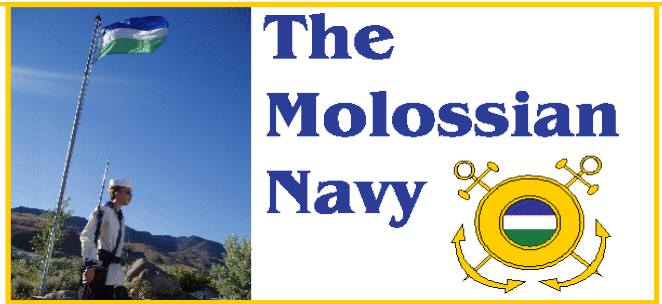
The President Telling Tales



The First Lady Answering Questions



The Chief Constable Chimes In

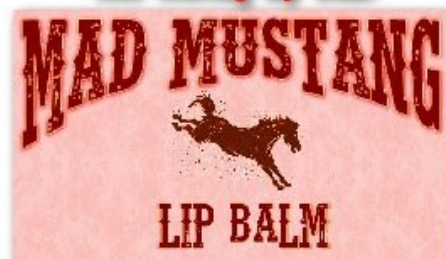


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Upcoming Tours Of Molossia

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

- Saturday, 19 August 2023 XLVI at 9:00 AM PST
- Saturday, 16 September 2023 XLVI at 10:00 AM PST
- Saturday, 14 October 2023 XLVI at 10:00 AM PST (Last Tour Of 2023)

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AUGUST CALENDAR

Chocolate Chip Cookie Day - 4 August
Because who doesn't like chocolate chip cookies?

The Running of the Dogs - August 26th
Our annual celebration of all the canine friends and citizens of Molossia - dog biscuit anyone?

Katrina Day - August 29th
Remembrance day in honor of the victims of Hurricane Katrina, August 29th, 2005.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Carson Baugh - 15 August



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	40° C / 104° F
Minimum Temperature	22° C / 72° F	12° C / 53° F
Average Temperature	22° C / 72° F	26° C / 78° F
Monthly Precipitation	0 mm	0 mm
Sunshine hours	Pretty much every day!	

The Last Word With The First Lady

Hello everyone! August is here and so is the heat! I cannot believe that we are towards the end of summer already. The stores are stocked full of back to school supplies and Halloween decorations. I do love Molossia in the fall, but I'm not quite ready for that yet. In fact, here in Molossia we are still very much enjoying the summer. We have been busy traveling, and haven't had time to do any Naval expeditions yet. Our citizens are craving the lake!

We have enjoyed spending time with over 100 tourists so far this year. Meeting people that are interested in our nation is always exciting! We have the opportunity to learn a little about them and where they are from. We always seem to have the most interesting tourists. It's such a nice feeling to know that we attract curios, intelligent individuals who seem to be world travelers! Speaking of traveling the world, at the beginning of this month we head to Europe to Micro-Con EU. This will be the first time the Chief Constable has travelled abroad. I am so excited to share new parts of the world with her. The best part is, we will be touring some cities with Micronational leader friends of ours that are locals there, in Paris and more! What an awesome opportunity!



I hope that you've had some fun adventures this year. If not, get on Google and start to plan your dream trip. Once it's down on paper, your dream can come alive. What small steps can you take to make it a reality?

Thank you all and until next time,

Keep adventures in your heart and a smile on your face.

~Adrienne