



## A Few Words from the President

The New Year is upon us! Well, technically it is, since the ceremonial Molossian New Year celebration is actually held on Chinese New Year, this year in February. But setting that aside, the new year is here and we have much to look forward to. This year will see another visit to distant Desert Homestead Province in February, and the much anticipated MicroCon micronational conference in Anaheim on 11 April. Building projects will be at a minimum this year, but I think it's time we return to Misfit Flats and launch rockets as part of our Space Program. Also discussed is new event called the "Molossia Games", a kind of mini-Olympics, and of course this October we will again hold our famous Misfit Regatta dry-land boat race. Summer will bring naval missions to nearby Lake Tahoe and a planned visit by the First Family to the wilds of neighboring Utah. All in all it looks to be a busy year for us here in the World's Smallest Sovereign Republic!



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## Molossian Christmas

27 December 2014

Christmas is a major holiday in Molossia and a time of great tradition as well as festivity. Christmas is one of the most important holidays in the Republic of Molossia, and is traditionally a three-day celebration. The holiday actually begins on December 24th with Christmas Eve activities, including watching movies, baking (and eating) cookies, drinking eggnog and playing board games as a family. Christmas Eve dinner is our traditional meal of lasagna, reflecting the Italian heritage of Molossia. The evening ends with the reading of the "Night Before Christmas", and with tracking the arrival of Santa Claus using NORAD's website. Christmas morning, December 25th, begins early, as the family descends upon the hoard of presents beneath the National Christmas Tree. Once the frenzy of present-opening ends, Christmas breakfast is made and served, and afterward everyone settles down to enjoy their gifts. Christmas dinner takes place in later afternoon, largely wrapping up a lazy, relaxing day. Christmas dinner consisted this year of turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, stuffing, and all the trimmings. Boxing Day is on December 26th, and is the last day of the Christmas holidays. While no special events take place, dinner on Boxing Day is traditionally Shepherd's Pie, in keeping with the British theme of the day. This wraps up the Christmas events for the year, with everyone eagerly looking forward to the distant arrival of next year's Christmas.



The National Christmas Tree Inside Government House.



The Flag And National Christmas Tree On A Wintry Christmas Day.

## Zamenhof Day

15 December 2014

15 December is Zamenhof Day, the birthday of the creator of the Esperanto language, L.L. Zamenhof. Esperanto is the second language of Molossia and was created in 1887 by Dr. Zamenhof. It was designed as a neutral language, to be used to facilitate communication between speakers of different languages without requiring them to learn each other's language. Esperanto is relatively easy to learn with simple grammatical rules and a vocabulary derived from existing European languages supplemented with ample suffixes and prefixes.

Here in Molossia Esperanto is used as a second language, both for internal communication as well as a teaching tool about language in general. Besides English, Esperanto is the only language allowed on Molossia's Facebook page.

On Zamenhof Day 2014, His Excellency, The President gave lessons on Esperanto in Government House. Over a period of several hours he explained the various parts of speech and grammar rules and worked with a very attentive audience to improve their Esperanto understanding. After the lessons all present watched a few videos on YouTube to enhance the learning experience. It is hoped that a better understanding of this simple, yet valuable language will serve our nation well in the coming years, making Molossia an even more unique place than it already is.

### ZAMENHOFA TAGO

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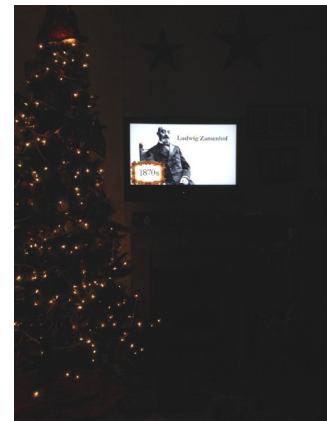
15 Decembro estas Zamenhova Tago, la naskiĝtago de la kreinto de la Esperanta lingvo, L.L. Zamenhof. Esperanto estas la dua lingvo de Molossia kaj estis kreita en 1887 de D-ro Zamenhof. Ĝi estis desegnita kiel neŭtrala lingvo, esti uzitaj por faciligi komunikadon inter parolantoj de malsamaj lingvoj sen postuli ilin lerni alies lingvon. Esperanto estas relative facile lernebla kun simplaj gramatikaj reguloj kaj vortprovizo derivita de ekzistantaj eŭropaj lingvoj suplementu kun ampleksaj sufiksoj kaj prefiksoj.

Tie en Molossia Esperanto estas uzata kiel dua lingvo, tiel por internaj komunikadon tiel kiel instruanta ilo pri lingvo ĝenerale. Krom Angla, Esperanto estas la sola lingvo permesita sur Molossia Facebook paĝo.

Sur Zamenhova Tago 2014, Lia Ekscelenco, La Prezidanto donis lecionojn sur Esperanto en Domo de Registaro. Dum periodo de pluraj horoj li klarigis la diversaj partoj de parolado kaj gramatikaj kaj laboris kun tre atenta aŭskultantaro plibonigi sian Esperanton kompreno. Post la lecionojn ĉiuj ĉeestantaj spektis kelkaj videoj en YouTube por plibonigi la lernadon sperto. Ĝi atendas ke pli bona kompreno de tiu simpla, tamen valora lingvo servos nian nacion bone en la venontaj jaroj, farante Molossia eĉ pli unika loko ol ĝi jam estas.



The President Teaching.



Zamenhof on TV.



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## Neptune Deep

## Molossia's Undersea Territory and Marine Sanctuary

Neptune Deep is a territory of the Republic of Molossia, as well as a Marine Sanctuary. It is located at about 7.00.00 N, 115.00.54 W, in the North Pacific Ocean, about 750 Imperial Nortons (750 km / 466 mi) southwest of Clipperton Island and 1860 Imperial Nortons (1860 km / 1155 mi) southwest of Mexico. The territory is located deep underwater, about 2374 Royal Nortons (3800 m / 12,467 ft) below the surface and is 1580 Square Royal Nortons (.40 ha / 1 ac) in area. Neptune Deep is located on an abyssal plain, an area of almost featureless deep ocean floor covered with a thick layer of sediment. It has a gently sloping topography, and is not far from the Clipperton Fracture Zone. Political administration of the territory lies in the hands of the Molossian Government, while physical administration is controlled by the Molossian Navy. Molossia has no legal territorial rights to the waters over Neptune Deep, only to the sea floor itself. However, as a sovereign nation we consider the waters above Neptune Deep to be an integral part of our territorial claim (especially as they are required for physical access to the territory), and are thus a part of the territory. In addition, we have established Neptune Deep as a marine sanctuary. We are dedicated to safeguarding the future of our world's oceans and their ecology, and this tiny enclave is a symbol of Molossia's commitment to environmental preservation.

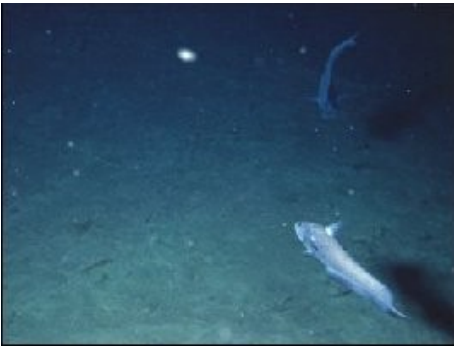
The water in the area of in Neptune Deep is very cold, around 5° Z (3° C), highly pressured, high in oxygen content, but low in nutritional content. The pressure at that depth is about 380 atmospheres. The abyssal zone in general supports many species of invertebrates and fishes.

Some examples of sea life are the Black Swallower, Tripod Fish, deep-sea Anglerfish, and Rattail Fish.

Neptune Deep was purchased for \$25.00 US in December 2006 from ISLE, a deep ocean claim by Bob Schott. Mr. Schott's claim is similar in concept to the fellow that is selling real estate on the Moon. Although the claim may be spurious and not generally recognized by national governments or the U.N., it suits Molossia's purposes, since we will never go there anyway. Distance and depth generally prohibit our nation from actually visiting our undersea territory. Instead, we see ourselves as custodians and stewards of this tiny area of the deep ocean.



Location Of Neptune Deep.



## The Mustang, Molossia's National Animal

The Mustang is a free-roaming horse of the North American west that first descended from horses brought to the Americas by the Spanish. Mustangs are often referred to as wild horses.

In 1971, the United States Congress recognized Mustangs as "living symbols of the historic and pioneer spirit of the West, which continue to contribute to the diversity of life forms within the Nation and enrich the lives of the American people." Today, the Mustang population is managed and protected by the US Bureau of Land Management. More than half of all Mustangs in North America are found in Nevada (which features the horses on its State Quarter in commemoration of this). Mustangs frequent the area around Molossia and are generally respected and protected by the local residents. In 1998 the Mustang was adopted as the National Animal of Molossia in recognition of the strength, hardiness and independent characteristics that these noble animals represent.



Mustang (Wild Horse)  
(*Equus caballus*)  
Photo taken in Molossia

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## January Calendar

**January 8th - Emperor Norton I Day** - In memory of Emperor Norton I, Emperor of the United States and protector of Mexico. The "patron saint" of unrecognized nations. This holiday is traditionally celebrated with a "Cookie Dough Fest" (see also "The Molossian Kitchen")

**28 January - Molossaphone Day** - A day to laud our National Musical Instrument, the Molossaphone!

**26 January - Tom Baugh's Birthday**

## 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	18° C / 65° F
Minimum Temperature	22° C / 72° F	-13° C / 7° F
Average Temperature	22° C / 72° F	2° C / 36° F
Monthly Precipitation	0 mm	.007 mm
Sunshine hours	Pretty much every day!	

## *The Last Word With The First Lady*

New year, new opportunity, new you! It's that time again, time to start fresh. What will you do differently this year? What new hobby will you start? How will you improve on your current hobby? We don't have to make official resolutions to decide that we want to improve our lives, we just need to recognize that we need to improve and take small steps to accomplish our goals. We don't have to wait for this once a year anniversary to make changes but this is a nice starting point. How you decide to start this new year is up to you! Take this time and make it yours!



Thank you all and until next time...

Happy New Year!

~Adrienne