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# A Few Words from the President

Well, it's been a quiet month - sometimes the winter days pass slowly, and then suddenly warm weather is upon us! Our projects continue apace, with Red Square slowly but steadily coming together. In the meantime, we are making plans for warm-weather activities - and even before then we may have a Molossia Ranger - Volcanology Institute visit to far-off Death Valley, so stay tuned for that. We are always seeking adventures here in Molossia, never content to just sit still and let life come to us. Our country is small but the world is at our doorstep, ready to be explored. In fact, that is one of my standard suggestions to new micronationalists, after they have built the basis for their nation, and then ask what's next. Explore the world in the name of your nation, plant your flag and make your mark - that's what we do here in Molossia!



# Western Drought

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Molossia and the Western United States, within which it lies, are experiencing a major drought. Yes, the concept of a drought seems odd considering that Molossia lies within a desert. However, our desert is in fact liberally sprinkled with rivers, lakes and streams. These water features are refreshed annually during our "wet season", roughly from October through April. After April the climate becomes much drier and very little rain falls during the warmer months. This year's wet season has been anything but, with very little precipitation falling. There have been few snow storms, and snow in our many mountain ranges is the source of our rivers. The lack of snow and rain has been profound especially in nearby California, where lakes and reservoirs are drying up. While water levels normally decline through the summer, for them to be so low this early in the year bodes ill for the warmer months. Already this lack of water has spurred a "water war" between agriculture and environmentalists, over how limited water resources will be allocated.

Here in Molossia all of our water comes from a single well, which is also fed from an aquifer refreshed from water accumulated during the wet season. As the dry weather continues, measures have thus been taken to conserve water, and to prepare for the drier months ahead. A recent major storm dumped a large amount of snow and rain in our area, but water reserves are still far below normal. Hopefully





more wet weather is ahead of us, and will thus diminish the threat of drought.

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# Molossia Art Show

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On 23 January 2014 XXXVII Molossia held its first art show. With an eye toward showing off the various creative abilities of our citizens, all genres of art were presented. His Excellency, The President showed off a composition of layered Tibetan prayer flags in our National Colours, titled "Windhorse". The First Lady presented "Bam, Molossia!", with our National Colours running across the canvas from melted crayons. Chief Constable Alexis submitted several compositions, including a few drawings, a blue, white and green craft stick creation and a sheep also painted in our National Colours. Nathan showed off an explosive mix of our Colours, Carson decorated a plastic cup in stripes and Bryce concentrated on our nation's name. All our citizens present did a fine job showcasing Molossia in art. We are all very proud of our creations and look forward to another art show, probably next year.









# Visiting Molossia

Tourist season is fast upon us, so here are some details about visiting Molossia.

Molossia is a real place and we welcome visitors. It is important to note a few points about visiting our nation:

Visitors to Molossia must not come unannounced. This is our home as well as our nation and we may be unavailable to receive you. Visitors cannot tour the nation unescorted, again because it is also our home. We require at least two weeks notice before any visit. Tourist Season is from 15 April through 15 October, weather permitting. Please contact us at Government of the Republic of Molossia, 226 Mary Lane, Dayton, NV 89403, or via e-mail at mininfo@molossia.org, for permission to visit, and to arrange a date and time. We will give you directions to Molossia, as well.

Passports not required for entry into Molossia from the United States. Passports are, however, recommended and will be stamped upon entry. There are no visa requirements for entry into Molossia. Please note, for visitors wishing to visit Molossia from outside the United States, there may be visa requirements to enter the United States. The Molossian Government cannot assist in obtaining visas to enter the United States.

Our nation is very small and very remote. We are over forty-eight Imperial Nortons ( 48 km / 30 mi) from the nearest airport and eleven Imperial Nortons (11 km / 7 mi) from the nearest hotel accommodations and restaurants. Visitors will be responsible for their own transportation and accommodations; our government can make recommendations but has no travel office to help with arrangements.



The size of our nation prohibits all but a short visit. While there are things to see and do in Molossia, our nation is not a major tourist attraction. Plan to spend only about an hour touring. There is plenty to do in the surrounding area to occupy you after your visit and make your trip worthwhile.

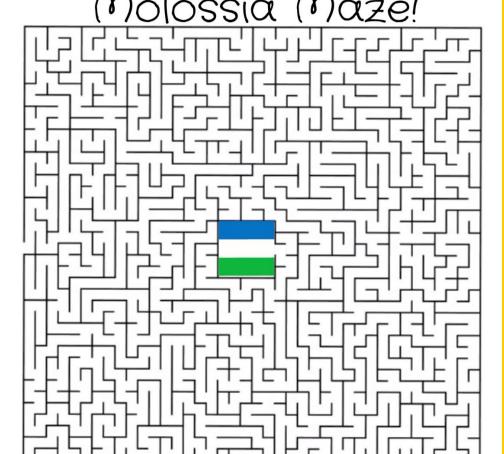
We look forward to your visit to our nation. Welcome to Molossia!

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# Molossian Broomball

Let's face it, we Molossians aren't a real athletic bunch. But when the mood strikes us, we take up brooms and head out to play broomball. Sure, there's broomball such as is played on ice 'way up north in the Cheese States (as His Excellency calls them). But none of that sissy messing about on ice stuff for us Molossians! Here, we have brooms, we have a ball and we have a rock strewn dirt patch called the Alphonse Simms Memorial Cosmodrome and Broomball Field. On this dusty sward we valiantly whack that poor ball back and forth toward the vague goals (also made of rocks), and spend enormous amounts of time retrieving it from the surrounding sagebrush. Eventually we tire of this and call it a game. Rules? Not many. Hit the ball, avoid fingers and knees and aim for the goals. The team that makes the most goals, wins. And have fun!









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#### March Calendar

**Mir Day** - March 23rd Remembers the day in 2001 when the former Soviet space station came crashing to Earth.

#### 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 / 69° F
Minimum Temperature	22° C / 72° F	-6° C / 22° F
Average High Temperature	22° C / 72° F	10° C / 50° F
Average Low Temperature	22° C / 72° F	-4° C / 25° F
Monthly Precipitation	0 mm	16.8 mm
Sunshine hours	Pretty much every day!	

# The Last Word With The First Lady



March comes in like a lion and out like a lamb. This old saying refers to the stormy weather that occurs in early March and then settles down towards the end of the month. Our lives are a lot like that, everyone experiences ups and downs. It's how we ride out the storm that is important. Do you brave the storm alone or ask for help? It's important to shield your self from turbulent weather and situations. Have a go-to person or write your thoughts down in a journal. Remember that we all have different situations to handle in life. If you see someone going through something lend a helping hand. Wouldn't you want the same? Don't judge, just be there with an open heart and mind. Share your umbrella and keep safe and warm together.

Thank you and until next time..

Smile and keep your face in the sun!

~Adrianne