



A Few Words From The President

The Republic of Molossia has a population of 40, but most of our citizens live outside the nation; only the First Lady and I, plus our four canine citizens, live in the Molossian Home Territory. The remainder of our citizens are expatriates, scattered across the US in such diverse locales as Seattle, Los Angeles, Texas, Florida, Vermont, North Carolina and closer to home here in Northern Nevada. The remoteness of many of our citizens was made especially apparent during the last week of September when the aftermath of Hurricane Helene trapped the First Parents, Tom and Penny Baugh, high on a hilltop surrounded by floodwaters in Western North Carolina (they're unscathed). As well, the wedding of Molossian Bryce Cardoza to his sweet-heart Jazzy earlier this year was also far from the Molossian homeland, in distant Florida. These events, though far away, are still a part of the greater Molossian experience. In spite of their distance, our far-flung citizens are of course still Molossians, each special to our nation. We see them as often as we can, and in the meantime, we hope for all the best to all of our distant Molossian Family!



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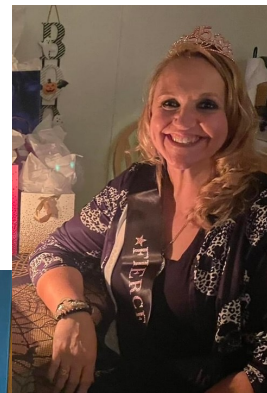
Around Molossia...

Molossia's resident alien feline is under protective surveillance for the foreseeable future, to defend against nefarious pet eaters.



A very Happy Birthday to the amazing First Lady of Molossia, Adrienne Baugh!

Bounty from Molossia's Victory Garden - minus the corn the wild horses ate!



State Visits, Media, Tour and MoonPies!

15 September 2024 XLVII

Saturday, 14 September 2024 XLVII, was quite the amazing day in Molossia! To start with, President Lehfeldt of the United Republic of Khalata visited Molossia for the first State Visit between our two nations. Khalata's home is in the Bay area, about five hours drive west of Molossia. President Lehfeldt arrived with his First Lady, Jessica, at 9:39 AM MST and was immediately escorted to Republic Square, where the Khalatan 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 Lehfeldt, customary for visiting Heads of State. In turn, President Lehfeldt awarded the Khalata Medal of Unity to The President. As well, we were honored to welcome Princess Larissa of the Queendom of Hotdamastan, a prominent state in the great nation of Slowjamastan. The Princess was welcomed with honors to our nation in a ceremony in Republic Square; the President was proud award her the Molossian Friendship Medal, as well. Following the ceremony, The President and First Lady took President Lehfeldt and Princess Larissa on a tour of Molossia, accompanied by a large group of tourists, as this day was also the September tour of Molossia. At the beginning of the tour a bounty of MoonPies were shared to all our visitors, celebrating the MoonPie Festival, one of Molossia's tastier holidays. It was very special to share this holiday with our visitors. During the subsequent tour the group saw all the sights of our nation. Following the tour all our guests bid farewell to Molossia as they returned to their homes. His Excellency then sat in the shade next to Government House to participate in an interview with a media team visiting from Southern California. It was a busy, wonderful day in Molossia, and we wish all the best to our visitors - dignitaries, royalty, media and everyone!



President Baugh and President Lehfeldt in Republic Square



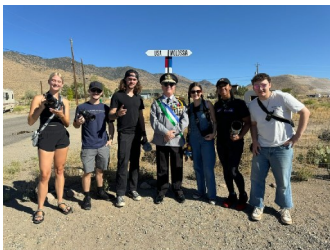
President Baugh Awarding A Medal



Awarding A Medal To Princess Larissa



Two Flags



President And The Film Crew At The Border



The President Doing An Interview



Molossia Visitors



Two Presidents and the Princess



Launching Rockets

An advertisement for 'Mad Mustang Lip Balm'. On the left is a close-up of a brown horse's face with its mouth open. On the right is a product box with the text: 'Don't horse around with dry lips, get Mad Mustang Lip Balm!', 'MAD MUSTANG' (with a horse silhouette), and 'LIP BALM'.

The 2024 Misfit Regatta

30 September 2024 XLVII

On 28 September 2024 XLVII, the Republic of Molossia hosted the 2024 Misfit Regatta. Inspired by the famous Henley-on-Todd Regatta held in Alice Springs, Australia, the Misfit Regatta is a dry land cardboard boat race. It takes place on Misfits Flat, some 16 Imperial Nortons (16 km / 10 mi) east of Molossia. Famed for being a filming location for the Clark Gable/Marilyn Monroe movie "The Misfits", the Flat is an open, dry lakebed, perfect for racing. At 11:39 AM Molossian Standard Time (MST) the racers arrived at the race location and helped set up the start and finish lines. Then at about 12:00 PM MST the first race took place, with cameras rolling and spectators cheering. There were several races held, including kids only, adults, group and group backwards, guys only, ladies only, sideways, spinning and a special Princess race. A total of seven racers competed, and competed with all their might with much to be proud of. After nine races, the event ended with a demolition derby, generally destroying the cardboard "boats". This year's Regatta was a resounding success, the seventh of many, with one planned every other year at this time. Future races may include an obstacle course and a competition for best "boat". Well done racers, and see you in two years!



Ready Racers!



Mario Racers!



A Couple Of Cards!



Preparing For The Races



The Adult Race



The Sideways Race



The Mario Race

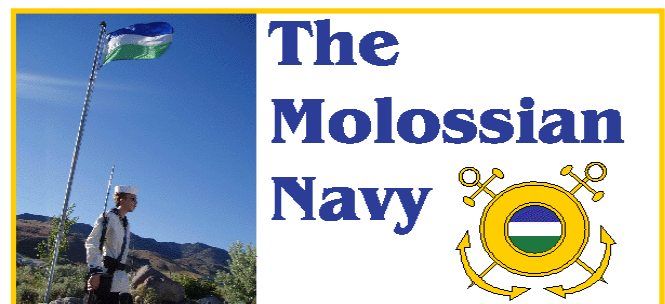


Demolition Derby!

Upcoming Tours Of Molossia

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

Saturday, 12 October 2024, 10:00 AM PST (Last Tour Of 2024)



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OCTOBER CALENDAR

Day of Merriment - October 15th - Our First Lady's Birthday, a day of happiness and celebration - and presents, cake and ice cream!

Halloween - October 31st - A huge holiday in Molossia, with all of the usual trappings, including costumes, candy and trick-or-treating.



October Birthdays

**The First Lady's, of course!
15 October is the Day of Merriment!**

**Liliana Grace Erickson,
31 October**



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 / 95° F
Minimum Temperature	22° C / 72° F	6° C / 42.8° F
Average Temperature	22° C / 72° F	20.5° C / 69° F
Monthly Precipitation	0 mm	10.4 mm
Sunshine hours	Pretty much every day!	

The Last Word With The First Lady

Hello all! With the arrival of October, fall is here. I cannot believe that we are already entering the holidays! It's that special time of the year where we spend time together around a bonfire outside, or cuddling on the couch or deciding between activities such as carving pumpkins, visiting baby animals, and going to community events. Watching our grandchildren enjoy these events with us is a rewarding experience. What fun traditions can we share with them next? It's always nice when they begin to ask about something we have done together, when are we going to do this or that again? That feels nice. It's also quite something to watch your children replicate traditions with their children. Sometimes as parents you get so caught up in the day to day tasks that you aren't sure if you've left an impression or not. Then one day, there it is! It's not just your children that are impressionable, I've had many coworkers and friends that have been inspired to start new traditions because of activities that we do in Molossia. What kind of unique traditions do you have for yourself or your family? We love trying out new activities and then making it part of our life as well. Let us know! Tag us on Twitter or in our Facebook group and use #MolossiaTraditions to tell us yours. I cannot wait for all the fun this holiday season will bring!



Thank you all and until next time...

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

~Adrienne