



CRUZIN' FEW



Monthly Newsletter

January 2014

On The Horizon

Dec 31st - **New Years Eve**
Jan 1st - Happy New Year 2014
Jan 20th - Martin Luther King Day
Feb 2nd - Groundhog Day
Feb 14th - Valentine's Day
Feb 17th - President's Day
Mar 5th - Ash Wednesday
Mar 9th - Daylight Savings Time Begins
Mar 17th - St Patrick's Day
Mar 20th - 1st Day of Spring



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The Prez Sez

Hi Gang,

I sincerely hope that our extended Cruzin' Few family had a blessed and joyous Christmas, and on behalf of myself, my family and all your officers and their families, I extend a wish for a happy, prosperous and most importantly a **HEALTHY** New Year!!

Our January meeting will be a very important one. We will be nominating Club Officers and Club Trustees for 2014. If you are interested in serving and would like to be nominated, you have to be at the meeting!!

In looking ahead, I see a full list of events already pre-planned for our general area. It's not too soon to begin making your own calendar arrangements for upcoming cruises, shows and car club trips. Keep Summit Motorsports Park's "Blue Suede Cruise" in mind!!

Happy New Year!!

Keep The Shiny Side Up!!
Scotty

Featured Car of The Month



Bill & Paula Wagoner's **1973 Dodge Charger**

If you have never seen your car in the newsletter, please let me know. I am trying to cover our newer members then get back to seeing our older ones!!



New Year signifies an end of the 365 days of the present year and the start of a new year, yet again. It is celebrated all over the world with the same zeal, vigor and enthusiasm. There are lots of preparations undertaken for the event and it can be categorized as one of the occasions that the whole world celebrates together. All across the globe, cities are decorated. Most of the news channels get special reporters and correspondents geared up to show the live coverage of the celebration. For many it's a new day, a new life and a new beginning. Let us explore more on what makes New Year Day special, by dwelling on the trivia given in the lines below.

Interesting New Year Facts

New Year is the oldest of all holidays, as it was first observed in ancient Babylon as many as 4000 years ago.

Check out these unique collection of New Year Trivia! The collection includes some of the most bizarre and peculiar New Year rituals from across the world. Surprise yourself by reading these New Year Fun Facts or perplex your guests by framing questions around these jolly fun-facts in the New Year Quiz you plan to host.

Baby New Year Tradition

Tradition of using a baby to signify the New Year was started by ancient Greeks around 600 B.C. They would carry a baby around in a basket to honor Dionysus, the God of Fertility and symbolize his annual rebirth.

Burning "Mr. Old Year"

In Colombia, Cuba and Puerto Rico families stuff a life-size male doll with things that have bad memories or sadness associated with them, and then they dress it up in old clothes from each family member. At the stroke of midnight, this 'Mr. Old Year' is set on fire.

Eating 12 Grapes

In Spain people eat 12 grapes as the clock strikes midnight (one each time the clock chimes) on New Year's Eve. This peculiar ritual originated in the twentieth century when freak weather conditions resulted in an unseasonable bumper harvest of grapes. Not able to decide what to do about so many grapes at Christmas time, the King of Spain and the grape growers came up with the idea of the New Year ritual.

Eating Noodles

Late on the evening of December 31st, people of Japan would eat a bowl of buckwheat noodles called "toshikoshisoba" ("year-crossing noodles") and listen for the sound of the Buddhist temple bells, which were rung 108 times at midnight. The sound of these bells is said to purify the listeners of the 108 sins or evil passions that plague every human being.

White Clothes

In Brazil most people wear white clothes on New Year's Eve to bring good luck and peace for the year that will follow.

Gifts in Shoes

In Greece children leave their shoes by the fireside on New Year's Day (also the Festival of Saint Basil in Greece) with the hope that Saint Basil, who was famous for his kindness, will come and fill their shoes with gifts.

Carry a Suitcase

In Venezuela, Argentina, Bolivia, and Mexico, those with hopes of traveling in the New Year carry a suitcase around the house at midnight. Some even carry it around the block to ensure traveling at greater distances.

- Celebrating New Year on January 1 is purely arbitrary, as neither it has agricultural significance nor astronomical. Many countries still celebrate it in spring, the season of rebirth of new crops.
- The Roman senate declared January 1 as the New Year in 153 BC. Though even this date saw major tampering, it was Julius Caesar who again declared January 1 in Julian calendar as the New Year, in 46 BC.
- New Years is still observed as the Feast of Christ's Circumcision by some denominations.
- The first month of the year i.e. January has been named after God Janus (Latin word for door), in the Roman calendar. Janus is the God with two faces, one looking backwards and one forward, at the same time and marks the 'spirit of the opening'.
- The Romans began a tradition of exchanging gifts on New Year's Eve, by giving one another branches from sacred trees, for good fortune. The gift phenomenon is prevalent from those times, till date.
- January 1 was revived as New Year in 1582, by the Gregorian calendar and so celebrated by most of the countries till date.
- New Year is celebrated like a festival throughout the world and everyone around is in festive mood, partying, singing and dancing to ring out the old year and ring in the new.
- In Britain, when the Big Ben clocks strikes 12, everyone gathers around to sing 'Auld Lang Syne', a Scottish song. It was written by Robert Burns in the 1700's, literally meaning "old long ago," or simply, "the good old days", to remember old and new friends.
- It was once believed that the first visitor on New Year's Day would bring either good luck or bad luck for the rest of the year, depending on who he/she was.
- Many cultures believe that anything given or taken on New Year, in the shape of a ring is good luck, because it symbolizes "coming full circle".
- Many parts of the U.S. celebrate New Year by consuming black-eyed peas and other legumes, as it has been considered good luck in many cultures.
- The tradition of making New Year resolution dates back to the early Babylonians.
- Traditionally, it was thought that people could alter the luck they would have throughout the coming year by what they did or ate on the first day of the year. It has, therefore, become important to celebrate first day of the New Year in the company of family and friends.
- The Spanish ritual on New Year's eve is to eat twelve grapes at midnight. The tradition is meant to secure twelve happy months in the coming year.
- Noisemaking and fireworks on New Year's Eve is believed to have originated in ancient times, when noise and fire were thought to dispel evil spirits and bring good luck.