

At the Summit

the e-zine of Summits Wayside Tavern



November 24, 2009

Pint Nights

Pint Nights are held from 7-9 pm at all locations. Drink a pint and keep the glass! (while supplies last!)

- 11/27 Bridgeport Pint / Tshirt
- 11/28 Sierra Nevada Celebration
- 12/04 Shiner Pint + Falcons Tick's
- 12/05 Moylans
- 12/10 Flying Dog K-9
- 12/12 Newcastle
- 12/17 N'Chouffe
- 12/18 Peroni Lager
- 12/19 Kona Pipeline Porter
- 12/23 Kronenbourg
- 12/26 Widmer Hefe

See online calendar for details!

Calling Mug Holders

Passport Club Brunch!

Each year we host a special breakfast in appreciation of our Passport Club Members. Our breakfast a few months ago was such a success we have decided to host another one at each store!

For every \$50 in gift certificates you purchase you'll receive an extra \$10. These will be great holiday gifts or to save and redeem on your future visits!

Snellville

Sat., Dec. 5th 11 am – 2 pm

Woodstock

Sat., Dec. 12th 11 am – 2 pm

The brunch is FREE for ALL MUG HOLDERS **with advanced sign up!** Please sign up ahead of time so we can plan for you! The cost for all Passport Club members is \$9.99 **with advanced sign up.**

Happy Thanksgiving From Summits!

Summits Tavern wishes you all a peace filled Thanksgiving holiday! We will be closed on Thanksgiving day to give our staff time to spend with loved ones, but we'll see you Friday!

Thanksgiving Fun Facts www.historychannel.com

Over the Years

Though many competing claims exist, the most familiar story of the first Thanksgiving took place in Plymouth Colony, in present-day Massachusetts, in 1621. More than 200 years later, President Abraham Lincoln declared the final Thursday in November as a national day of thanksgiving. Congress finally made Thanksgiving Day an official national holiday in 1941.

Sarah Josepha Hale, the enormously influential magazine editor and author who waged a tireless campaign to make Thanksgiving a national holiday in the mid-19th century, was also the author of the classic nursery rhyme "Mary Had a Little Lamb."

In 2001, the U.S. Postal Service issued a commemorative Thanksgiving stamp. Designed by the artist Margaret Cusack in a style resembling traditional folk-art needlework, it depicted a cornucopia overflowing with fruits and vegetables, under the phrase "We Give Thanks."

On the Table

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, Minnesota is the top turkey-producing state in America, with a planned production total of 49 million in 2008. Just six states—Minnesota, North Carolina, Arkansas, Virginia, Missouri and Indiana—will probably produce two-thirds of the estimated 271 million birds that will be raised in the U.S. this year.

The National Turkey Federation estimated that 46 million turkeys—one fifth of the annual total of 235 million consumed in the United States in 2007—were eaten at Thanksgiving.

In a survey conducted by the National Turkey Federation, nearly 88 percent of Americans said they eat turkey at Thanksgiving. The average weight of turkeys purchased for Thanksgiving is 15 pounds, which means some 690 million pounds of turkey were consumed in the U.S. during Thanksgiving in 2007.

The cranberry is one of only three fruits—the others are the blueberry and the Concord grape—that are entirely native to North American soil, according to the Cape Cod Cranberry Growers' Association.

According to the Guinness Book of World

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Happy Thanksgiving! (cont. page 1)

Records, the largest pumpkin pie ever baked weighed 2,020 pounds and measured just over 12 feet long. It was baked on October 8, 2005 by the New Bremen Giant Pumpkin Growers in Ohio, and included 900 pounds of pumpkin, 62 gallons of evaporated milk, 155 dozen eggs, 300 pounds of sugar, 3.5 pounds of salt, 7 pounds of cinnamon, 2 pounds of pumpkin spice and 250 pounds of crust.

Around the Country

Three towns in the U.S. take their name from the traditional Thanksgiving bird, including Turkey, Texas (pop. 465); Turkey Creek, Louisiana (pop. 363); and Turkey, North Carolina (pop. 270).

Originally known as Macy's Christmas Parade—to signify the launch of the Christmas shopping season—the first Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade took place in New York City in 1924. It was launched by Macy's employees and featured animals from the Central Park Zoo. Today, some 3 million people attend the annual parade and another 44 million watch it on television.

Tony Sarg, a children's book illustrator and puppeteer, designed the first giant hot air balloons for the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in 1927. He later created the elaborate mechanically animated window displays that grace the façade of the New York store from Thanksgiving to Christmas. Snoopy has appeared as a giant balloon in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade more times than any other character in history. As the Flying Ace, Snoopy made his sixth appearance in the 2006 parade.

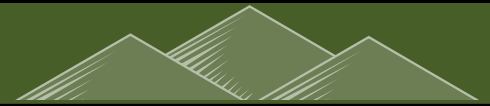
The first time the Detroit Lions played football on Thanksgiving Day was in 1934, when they hosted the Chicago Bears at the University of Detroit stadium, in front of 26,000 fans. The NBC radio network broadcast the game on 94 stations across the country--the first national Thanksgiving football broadcast. Since that time, the Lions have played a game every Thanksgiving (except between 1939 and 1944); in 1956, fans watched the game on television for the first time.

Beer Spotlight

Gordon Biersch Fest California

Gordon Biersch FestBier celebrates fall and the flavor profile of beers served at the modern-day Oktoberfest. FestBier emphasizes rich, malty undertones with a moderately hoppy finish. The maltiness is created via combination of dark-roasted, Munich-style malt and Pilsner malt. The hoppy aroma is achieved via the imported Hallertau aroma hops.





Cooking With Beer!

Questions on Cooking with Alcohol

<http://recipes.howstuffworks.com/questions-on-cooking-with-alcohol.htm>

by the Editors of Easy Home Cooking Magazine

Q. What is bourbon? Is it the same as whiskey?

Whiskey is a type of alcohol made by slowly cooking fermented, mashed grains. The steam and other vapors that are produced by this are collected and cooled and aged in wooden barrels.

Just as different wines are made from different grapes and different cheeses are made from different milks, different whiskeys are made from different types of mash.

Bourbon is whiskey made from mash that contains from 51 percent to 79 percent corn. In addition to being primarily corn-based, bourbon is aged for at least two years in oak barrels that have been charred on the inside - the charred wood gives the bourbon a smooth, smoky flavor

Q. When a recipe calls for wine, what should I use?

A. First, use a wine that you would enjoy drinking. It doesn't need to be a fine wine; a good table wine will do. Avoid products labeled as cooking wines because they contain salt. After adding wine to sauces and stews, simmer the food for 10 to 15 minutes to evaporate the alcohol and blend flavors.



Cooking with Champagne Tips and Hints

Save leftover champagne to cook with

By Peggy Trowbridge Filippone, About.com

Champagne is not uncommon at New Year's celebrations and parties year-round. For a delightfully different theme, try a dinner using a bit of the bubbly as an ingredient in each course, from salad to dessert, using some of the featured champagne recipes.

Champagne Cooking Tips

- Using champagne in your recipes is much like cooking with any wine. You need not use expensive champagne, and leftovers will work fine as long as they are not over a week old. Wine tends to turn to vinegar quickly after opening, and you do not want a sharp, vinegar flavor to pervade your finished product.
- If you do not get a chance to use that leftover champagne within about a week, all is not lost. Save it to use as champagne vinegar.
- Domestic champagnes are just fine for cooking.
- You may also substitute corresponding non-sparkling white wines for most of these recipes, if you don't want to splurge on champagne.
- The majority of any alcohol content will burn out during cooking processes, but be aware that even a tiny amount may still be enough to trigger reactions in those sensitive to alcohol.

Great option for lunch under \$10!

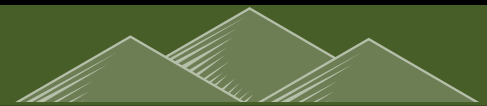
Steak Pompano Salad \$ 8.99

A bed of romaine lettuce with marinated grilled steak, bleu cheese crumbles, vine ripened tomato and Parmesan & Romano cheeses. Served with garlic bread and tossed in our own bleu cheese dressing. Add Applewood bacon \$0.99

See our menu:

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This Week in History - 11/23

November 24, 1859 On the Origin of Species by Means of Natural Selection, a groundbreaking scientific work by British naturalist Charles Darwin, is published in England. Darwin's theory argued that organisms gradually evolve through a process he called "natural selection." In natural selection, organisms with genetic variations that suit their environment tend to propagate more descendants than organisms of the same species that lack the variation, thus influencing the overall genetic makeup of the species.

November 26, 1941 President Franklin D. Roosevelt signs a bill officially establishing the fourth Thursday in November as Thanksgiving Day.

The tradition of celebrating the holiday on Thursday dates back to the early history of the Plymouth and Massachusetts Bay colonies, when post-harvest holidays were celebrated on the weekday regularly set aside as "Lecture Day," a midweek church meeting where topical sermons were presented. A famous Thanksgiving observance occurred in the autumn of 1621, when Plymouth governor William Bradford

invited local Indians to join the Pilgrims in a three-day festival held in gratitude for the bounty of the season.

November 28, 1520 After sailing through the dangerous straits below South America that now bear his name, Portuguese navigator Ferdinand Magellan enters the Pacific Ocean with three ships, becoming the first European explorer to reach the Pacific from the Atlantic.

November 30, 1886 Once a hall for operettas, pantomime, political meetings, and vaudeville, the Folies Bergère in Paris introduces an elaborate revue featuring women in sensational costumes. The highly popular "Place aux Jeunes" established the Folies as the premier nightspot in Paris. In the 1890s, the Folies followed the Parisian taste for striptease and quickly gained a reputation for its spectacular nude shows. The theater spared no expense, staging revues that featured as many as 40 sets, 1,000 costumes, and an off-stage crew of some 200 people.

The SUMMITS Calendar!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
22	23 RANDALL! check your weekly email	24 Family Night! 5-9pm	CRAB!! 25 Trivia ALL locations:8p double!	26 THANKSGIVING closed...	27 Bridgeport Pint + Tshirt C + W: Trivia 9p S Trivia 10p	7-9p 28 Sierra Nev. Celebration
29	30 RANDALL! check your weekly email	Dec. 1 Family Night! 5-9pm	CRAB!! 2 Trivia ALL locations:8p double!	3	4 Shiner Pint & Falcon Tick. C + W: Trivia 9p S Trivia 10p	7-9p 5 Moylans
6	7 RANDALL! check your weekly email	8 Family Night! 5-9pm	CRAB!! 9 Trivia ALL locations:8p double!	10 Flying Dog K-9th	11 C + W: Trivia 9p S Trivia 10p	7-9p 12 Samuel Smith
13	14 Beer & Cheese Tasting Cumming RANDALL! check your weekly email	15 Beer & Cheese Tasting Snellville Family Night! 5-9pm	CRAB!! 16 Trivia ALL locations:8p double!	17 Beer & Cheese Tasting Woodstock	18 Peroni Lager C + W: Trivia 9p S Trivia 10p	7-9p 19 Kona Pipeline Porter