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Next meeting, this coming Tuesday, December 2nd.

By now the Thanksgiving holiday has passed and you do not need yet another reminder that you should take a minute to ponder all the good things that have come to you and your family in this lifetime. There are some interesting 'facts' regarding the holiday, though. Thanksgiving Day goes back to about 1621 when it was celebrated to commemorate the harvest reaped by the Plymouth Colony after a harsh winter. By the mid-1800s, many states observed a Thanksgiving holiday, but not always on the same day.¹ The poet and editor, Sarah Hale, campaigned for many years for a national Thanksgiving holiday. Apparently it was Ms. Hale's letter to President Abraham Lincoln that gave him the idea that such a holiday could help unify the nation after the Civil War. President Lincoln, on October 3, 1863, gave his Thanksgiving Proclamation, declaring the last Thursday in November a day of thanksgiving.² I was thinking that whole idea of Black Friday and the start of Christmas shopping was a fairly recent designation. I found, however, that the concern over Christmas shopping started a very long time ago. President Franklin D. Roosevelt knew that Christmas shopping didn't start in earnest until after Thanksgiving and that the "last Thursday in November" was occasionally the 5th Thursday. That caused him to be concerned about the amount of time allocated to the Christmas shopping. So, in 1939, he moved Thanksgiving up to an earlier day in the month so that there was more time for the Christmas shopping season. It stayed that way until 1941 when Congress passed a joint resolution decreeing that Thanksgiving should fall on the fourth Thursday of November, where it remains.

1. <http://www.infoplease.com/spot/tgturkey1.html>

2. <http://history1800s.about.com/od/abrahamlincoln/a/Lincoln-Thanksgiving-proclam.htm>

There are other special days celebrated, theoretically, in November.
See page two of this bulletin for some of those.

Badge Board Greeters

- Nov 25th NO MEETING - Thanksgiving week
- Dec 2nd Tom Keleher - Keleher & McLeod
- Dec 9th Miguel Morrison - Gold Street Caffe
- Dec 16th Jim Asperger - Crest Mechanical
- Dec 17th through 30th NO MEETING Chanukah and Christmas holidays

Upcoming Speakers

- Nov 25th NO MEETING - Thanksgiving holiday
- Dec 2nd Bill Maxey - Butterfield Jewelers
- Dec 9th Lee Morgan - Eagles Eye Photo Imaging
- Dec 16th Round Table Discussions
- Dec 23rd NO MEETING - MERRY CHRISTMAS !
- Dec 30th NO MEETING - HAPPY NEW YEAR !

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Nov 2 Deviled Egg Day

Nov 2 Look for Circles Day

Nov 5 Gunpowder Day

Nov 8 Cook Something Bold Day

Nov 10 USMC Day

Nov 11 Veteran's Day

Nov 13 World Kindness Day

Nov 14 Operating Room Nurse Day

Nov 16 Button Day

Nov 16 World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims

The holiday is to bring attention to the fact "...that crashes are the leading cause of death for people 15 to 29 years old."
<http://www.un.org/en/roadsafety/remembrance.shtml>

Nov 17 World Prematurity Day

Premature birth kills 1 baby every 30 seconds worldwide

<http://www.marchofdimes.org/materials/born-too-soon-infographic-15-million-babies-every-year.pdf>

Nov 20 Absurdity Day

Nov 20 Beautiful Day

Nov 20 Universal Children's Day

Nov 23 National Cashew Day

Nov 25 National Parfait Day

Nov 27 Pins and Needles Day

Nov 28 Red Planet Day

Nov 28 You're Welcome Day - the day after Thanksgiving

Nov 29 Square Dance Day

Nov 30 Stay At Home Because You Are Well Day

Nov 30 International Men's Day

Nov 30 Universal Children's Day

Nov 20 World Philosophy Day

Nov 28 President's Day

Normally in February – New Mexico celebrates it on the Friday after Thanksgiving

Dec 5th EAGA Christmas Party 6:00PM to 11:00 PM Double Tree Hotel 201 Marquette NE

Dec 9th EAGA Member Open House Right after breakfast Waterjet Cutting 2711 Karsten Ct SE

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