Trivia

did you know that ...

October was the eighth month in the old Roman calendar and got its name from the Latin word 'Octo' meaning eight.

October's birthstone is the opal.

For Anglo-Saxons October was known by Winterfylleth (Winter full moon), and Wyn Monath which meant wine month.

October is the tenth month of the year in the Gregorian Calendar and has 31 days.

In the nineteenth century, the month of October was dedicated to the devotion of the rosary in Roman Catholic countries.

October's birth flower is the calendula.

More American Presidents were born in the month of October than any other month. They were John Adams, Rutherford B. Hayes, Chester Arthur, Theodore Roosevelt, Dwight Eisenhower and Jimmy Carter.

October ends on the same day of the week as February every year.

Samhainophobia is the fear of Halloween.

Trick-or-treating evolved from the ancient Celtic tradition of putting out treats and food to placate spirits who roamed the streets at Samhain, a sacred festival that marked the end of the Celtic calendar year.

"Halloween" is short for "Hallows' Eve" or "Hallows' Evening," which was the evening before All Hallows' (sanctified or holy) Day or Hallowmas on November 1. In an effort to convert pagans, the Christian church decided that Hallowmas or All Saints' Day (November 1) and All Souls' Day (November 2) should assimilate sacred pagan holidays that fell on or around October 31.



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Dates in History

- 1904 On October 27th, at 2:35pm New York City Mayor George McClellan took the controls on the inaugural run of the city's innovative new rapid transit system: the subway.
- 1944 On October 2nd, the Warsaw Uprising ended with the surrender of the surviving Polish rebels to German forces. Two months earlier, the approach of the Red Army to Warsaw prompted Polish resistance forces to launch a rebellion against the Nazi occupation. After 63 days, the Poles--out of arms, supplies, food, and water--were forced to surrender. In the aftermath, the Nazis deported much of Warsaw's population and destroyed the city. With protestors in Warsaw out of the way, the Soviets faced little organized opposition in establishing a communist government in Poland.
- 1965 On October 28th, construction was completed on the Gateway Arch, a spectacular 630-foothigh parabola of stainless steel marking the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial on the waterfront of St. Louis, Missouri.
- 1968 On October 2nd, St. Louis Cardinals pitcher Bob Gibson struck out 17 Detroit Tigers in the first game of the World Series, breaking Sandy Koufax's record for the most strikeouts in a Series game. Though the Cards ended up losing the Series in seven games, Gibson pitched three games and struck out an unprecedented 35 batters.

On the **Lighter Side**

There once was a man and a woman who had been married for more than 60 years. They talked about everything. They kept no secrets from each other ... except that the old woman had a shoe box in the top of her closet that she cautioned her husband never to open or ask her about it.

For all these years he had never thought about the box, but one day the little old woman got very sick and the doctor said she would never recover.

In trying to sort out their affairs the little old man took down the shoe box and took it to his wife's bedside. She agreed it was time that he should know what was in the box.

When he opened it he found 2 beautifully crocheted doilies and a stack of money totaling over \$25,000. He asked her about the unusual contents.

"When we were married," she said, "my grandmother told me the secret of a happy marriage was to never argue. She told me that if I ever got angry with you, I should just keep quiet and crochet a doily."

The little old man was so moved, he had to fight back tears. Only two precious doilies were in the box. She had only been angry with him two times in all those years of living and loving. He almost burst with joy and happiness.

"Sweetheart," he said ... "that explains the doilies, but what about all this money? Where did it all come from?" Oh," she said, " that's the money I made from selling the doilies."

There I was sitting at the bar staring at my drink when a large, trouble-making biker steps up next to me, grabs my drink and gulps it down in one swig.

"Well, whatcha gonna do about it?" he says, menacingly, as I burst into tears.

"Come on, man," the biker says, "I didn't think you'd CRY. I can't stand to see a man crying."

"This is the worst day of my life," I say. "I'm a complete failure. I was late to a meeting and my boss fired me. When I went to the parking lot, I found my car had been stolen and I don't have any insurance. I left my wallet in the cab I took home. I found my old lady cheating with the gardener and then my dog bit me."

"So I came to this bar to work up the courage to put an end to it all, I buy a drink, I drop a capsule in and sit here watching the poison dissolve; then you show up and drink the whole thing! But enough about me, how's your day going?"