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FEATURE: THE FOLKLORE AND HISTORY OF GROUNDHOG DAY

MARCH 8, 2022 | SANTINO VAUGHAN | 42 COMMENTS

Though most people have heard of Groundhog Day, which occurs annually on February 2nd, few know what the actual point of the holiday is.

Groundhog Day is a traditional holiday based on an old Germanic tale that each year a groundhog (also known as a woodchuck or a whistle pig) will poke its head out of its den between late January and early February. The idea is that, if the groundhog sticks its head out of the hole and sees its shadow, winter will last for six more weeks. However, if it sticks its head out on a cloudy day, and, thus, does not cast a shad-

ow to see, spring will come early. Unfortunately, the groundhog saw his shadow this year; so, don't stop wearing your gloves to school just yet.

The official day revolves around a ceremony held in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, at a place called Gobbler's Knob. The famed woodchuck, Punxsutawney Phil, is looked after by a small group called the Punxsutawney Groundhog Club (PGC). On February 2nd, Phil is helped up to the stump and shares with the president of the inner circle of those who run Groundhog Day and care for him what he saw. The news is then passed on to the rest of the PGC in a special dialect called 'groundhogeese.' The verdict is then rendered.

The president of the inner circle is said to be the only person who can understand Phil's dialect, so he listens to Phil's verdict and translates it to the people. Even stranger than this language is that Phil is believed to have been born in 1886, making him over 130 years old.

One Groundhog Day tradition is for adults to have a drink made only on that day, which is called groundhog punch. This drink consists of vodka, milk, eggs, and orange juice. The past two years, large Groundhog Day celebrations have still occurred, albeit via zoom. Punxsutawney Phil has his own social media accounts, managed by the PGC. He even stated on his official Twitter account that "The Coronavirus Pandemic will not stop Groundhog Day from being celebrated."

A multitude of US channels broadcast this event live, so people from around the country were able to enjoy Groundhog Day. It was live streamed on YouTube on February 2nd at 7:15 am EST.



Image Source: <https://wtop.com/dc/2022/02/unearthing-the-secrets-of-groundhog-day-and-punx-sutawney-phil/>

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Groundhog Day – February 2

Today the great question is answered; are we in for six more weeks of winter?



National Today

Groundhog Day is an astronomy holiday

Groundhog Day is a cross-quarter day NEWS FLASH February 2, 2022: The groundhog has spoken. We're in for six more weeks (at least) of winter! Every February 2 since 1887...



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MAY 7, 2022 AT 1:31 AM

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**Matt**

MAY 20, 2022 AT 6:34 AM

Right on my man!

**Louanne**

MAY 22, 2022 AT 10:02 PM

Wonderful views on that!

**Lena**

MAY 24, 2022 AT 8:59 AM

I didn't know that.

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MAY 27, 2022 AT 7:00 PM

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Verlene

JUNE 2, 2022 AT 11:32 AM

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JUNE 21, 2022 AT 4:43 PM

Rattling nice layout and great articles, very little else we want : D.



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JUNE 30, 2022 AT 4:13 PM

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Kristin

JULY 1, 2022 AT 5:40 PM

Thank you for the auspicious writeup. It in fact was a amusement account it.

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Beatriz

JULY 1, 2022 AT 7:14 PM

Thanks to my father who informed me concerning this web site, this blog is in fact remarkable.



Jimmie

JULY 1, 2022 AT 7:39 PM

Hello, i think that i saw you visited my site thus i came to go back the choose?.I am trying to to find issues to enhance my web site! I guess its adequate to make use of some of your ideas!!



Karla

JULY 1, 2022 AT 8:33 PM

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Stormy

JULY 1, 2022 AT 8:54 PM

Excellent post! We are linking to this great article on our site. Keep up the good writing.



Elba

JULY 1, 2022 AT 9:03 PM

Greetings from Colorado! I'm bored to death at work so I decided to check out your blog on my iphone during lunch break.

I really like the info you provide here and can't wait to take a look when I get home. I'm surprised at how fast your blog loaded on my cell phone .. I'm not even using WIFI, just 3G .. Anyways, very good site!

**Vickey**

JULY 1, 2022 AT 9:06 PM

Hello! I could have sworn I've been to this website before but after browsing through some of the post I realized it's new to me. Nonetheless, I'm definitely glad I found it and I'll be book-marking and checking back often!

**Louise**

JULY 1, 2022 AT 9:06 PM

I love your blog.. very nice colors & theme. Did you make this website yourself or did you hire someone to do it for you? Plz respond as I'm looking to create my own blog and would like to find out where u got this from. cheers

**Hannelore**

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SEPTEMBER 4, 2022 AT 7:04 AM

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SEPTEMBER 10, 2022 AT 3:51 PM

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Im thankful for the article. Really thank you! Keep writing.



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Major thanks for the blog. Much thanks again. Will read on...



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SEPTEMBER 11, 2022 AT 10:44 PM

Thank you so much for sharing this wonderful post with us.