

To the Moon, Probably!

July 20th celebrates 52nd anniversary of the day that human beings first set foot on the lunar surface. Some 600 million people are thought to have tuned in to watch the event live. Here are some tidbits about the moon and the brave souls who go there.

- The word *astronaut* comes from Latin and means "star sailor." The Russians call their space faring people *cosmonauts* which mixes Greek and Latin to mean "universe sailor." Meanwhile the Chinese astronauts, are sometimes called *taikonauts* which mixes the Latin with Chinese *taikong* and means "outer space sailor," but are called *Yuhangyuans* by the Chinese themselves which means "space navigator."
- A big question facing the NASA team planning the Apollo 11 moon landing was what would the moon's surface be like—would the lander's legs touch down on firm ground, or sink into something soft? The surface turned out to be solid, but the real surprise was that the moon had a smell. Moon soil is extremely clingy and hard to brush off, so when Armstrong and Aldrin returned to the lunar module and repressurized it, lunar dirt that had clung to the men's suits entered the cabin and began to emit an odor. The astronauts reported that it had a burned smell like wet fireplace ashes, or like the air after a fireworks show.
- Anything can happen during a launch or landing of a crewed spacecraft, and just in case the crew would end up stranded in a remote area of the world, astronauts and cosmonauts undergo survival training and carry survival kits. The kits contain items such as food rations, water, extra clothing, items for making a shelter and other miscellaneous survival gear. Cosmonauts were also equipped with a 'bear-killing' weapon, a deluxe all-in-one weapon with three barrels and a folding stock that doubles as a shovel and contains a swing-out machete. You know, just in case they had to fend off a Grizzly right after traveling to space.
- How do astronauts go to the bathroom? For short-term expeditions they use specially designed diapers. For longer trips, the ships have toilets that operate at zero gravity. These do not absorb the waste into a pool of water, but essentially work like very powerful vacuum cleaners that suck away everything that is floating in the ship's environment.
- Scott Kelly, an American astronaut who has spent a great deal of time in space aboard the International Space Station has revealed that the ISS smells like jail, citing the similarities in their 'combinations of antiseptic, garbage, and body odor.' Charming.

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Dad, where do fireworks come from?

Many historians believe that fireworks originally were developed in the second century B.C. in Liuyang, China. It is believed that the first natural "firecrackers" were bamboo stalks that when thrown in a fire, would explode with a bang because of the overheating of the hollow air pockets in the bamboo. The Chinese believed these natural "firecrackers" would ward off evil spirits.

Sometime around 600-900 AD, legend has it that a Chinese alchemist mixed potassium nitrate, sulfur and charcoal to produce a black, flaky powder - the first

"gunpowder". This powder was poured into hallowed out bamboo sticks (and later stiff paper tubes) forming the first man made fireworks.

Fireworks made their way to Europe in the 13th century and by the 15th century they were widely used for religious festivals and public entertainment.

Early U.S. settlers brought their love of fireworks with them to the New World and fireworks were part of the very first Independence Day – a tradition that continues every 4th of July when we celebrate as John Adams had hoped "with pomp, parade....bonfires and illuminations from one end of this continent to the other."

July 4th is **Independence Day!**

Freedom is not a gift bestowed upon us by other men, but a right that belongs to us by the laws of God and nature.

-Benjamin Franklin

Cloud watching thoughts:

-Do twins ever realize that at *least* one of them is always unplanned?

-Cleaning a thing is just a game of dirt transferal. One thing becomes cleaner and something else becomes dirtier.

-If poison is past its expiration date, is it even more poisonous, or no longer poisonous?

-The word "swims" is still the same when turned upside-down.

-Maybe oxygen is slowly killing us. It just takes 75-100 years to fully work.

-Is that why anti-oxidants are supposedly healthy??

-If my computer mouse is wireless, does that technically make it a hamster?

-The adjective for metal is metallic, but not so for iron. ... Which is ironic.

-Lawyers hope you get sued, doctors hope you get sick, cops hope you're a criminal, mechanics hope you have car trouble, but only a thief hopes that you are truly prospering.

-What if Earth is like one of those uncontacted tribes in South America, like the whole Galaxy knows we're here but they've agreed not to contact us until we figure it out for ourselves?

-Aliens invaded the Moon on July 20th, 1969.

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July 4th - Independence Day

July 20th - 52nd Anniversary of the Moon Landing

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Pecan Pie

1 Pie crust (bought or made)

3 Large eggs (room temp and beaten)

1/2c. Light corn syrup

1/2c. Light brown sugar (packed)

1/2c. Granulated sugar

1/4c Unsalted butter (melted, then slightly cooled)

2tsp Vanilla Extract

1 1/2c. Chopped pecans

Heat oven to 400°F

Roll the crust into a 12" diameter circle, place in a 9" pie plate, and trim the excess. Chill for 15-20min. in the refrigerator.

Once chilled, pinch or decorate the edges of the crust. Line the crust with parchment or foil and fill with pie weights (or, with a toothpick, poke the bottom of the crust to prevent bubbles.

Bake for 15min. or until crust lightly browns. Carefully remove pie weights and liner. Bake for another 6-8min. or until the bottom of the crust looks dry.

Meanwhile, whisk together the beaten eggs, light corn syrup, brown sugar and granulated sugar in a large mixing bowl. Then whisk in the melted butter and vanilla extract. Then stir in the chopped pecans.

Pour the filling into the pre-baked crust. Cover the edges of the pie with foil (to shield the crust)

Bake at 375°F for 40-45min. or until the top of the pie is set. If the top is browning too much, tent the pie plate with foil.

Allow to cool completely at room temperature before serving or covering and placing in the refrigerator.