

Welcome to *TEKTOK*
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If you can't see the bright side of life, polish the dull side.
~Anonymous

Web Sites

Morse Code Day

Thu 27th April, 2017

- *We've heard the sound in movies both old and new, it finds its way into horror movies as some lost mysterious code. Heroes in action flicks use it to help send out secret messages past the villains holding them captive, and secret lovers have passed messages using it in carefully constructed pieces of art or even braille. It served as the foundation for a new era of communication, and has served vital roles in wars old and new. What is it we're talking about? Morse Code of course! Morse Code Day celebrates this amazingly concise, powerful, and influential way of transmitting information and the history of how it changed the world.*

The History of Morse Code Day

- *The year was 1836, and Samuel F.B. Morse was working on something with a pair of compatriots that would utterly change the way the world transmitted information. What they would develop would be the device and technology that would drive communication until the radio finally became fully developed years later. Even then, radio was often used to transmit Morse Code over long distances, as even weak signals could often carry a comprehensible message in Morse code. It also has the distinction of being a coded language that a human with the right experience can translate by ear, at speed, without a decoder.*
- *While it was developed for English, the alphabet has frequently been modified for other languages, making its reach and use universal in nature. From then it has found its way into Aviation, Amateur Radio, and can even be transmitted by flashing lights, as any fan of media can tell you. Mirrors, flashlights, even bright spotlights have all been used to transmit information in this amazing and diverse code base. Perhaps the most amazing and unexpected use of this language is to help those with disabilities be able to communicate through simple tapping, or even through a simple skin buzzer. It truly is powerful and adaptive.*

[Wikipedia: Morse Code](#)

Here is a comprehensive entry for Morse Code that includes the history, the difference between American Morse Code and Modern International Morse

Code, a chart of the letters and numbers, many sample audio recordings, and more.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Morse_code

Q-files: Technology: Famous Inventors: Samuel Morse

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<https://www.q-files.com/technology/famous-inventors/samuel-morse/>

History News Network: How the Telegraph Helped Lincoln Win the Civil War

Abraham Lincoln participated in battle strategy in real time thanks to the telegraph. Read the fascinating story of how Abraham Lincoln was intimately involved in the course of the Civil War due to the increased use of the telegraph.

<http://historynewsnetwork.org/article/30860>

Hardware/Software

Share a DVD drive with Remote Disc

- Remote Disc enables you to effectively share a DVD drive between multiple Macs, letting you, say, use an older iMac's SuperDrive with a MacBook Air to install software. To activate this on the Mac that has the disc drive, go to System Preferences > Sharing and check 'DVD or CD Sharing', then insert the disc you want to share.
- Make sure the other Mac is connected to the same network as the disc-laden one, then open a Finder window and look in the sidebar for Remote Disc in the Devices section. Click it, then double-click the computer you want to connect to.

Hints/Tips

Print to the next available printer

- It can be annoying having to wait for someone else to print out large documents when you're in a hurry, so use this tip to minimize the wait if you have access to more than one printer. In System Preferences > Print & Fax (or Printers & Scanners on recent versions of OS X), you can select multiple printers and create a Printer Pool.
- You can then select this Pool from the print dialogue in apps instead of

your individual printers, and if one printer is in use, your Mac will automatically send the document to one that's free instead – no waiting!

Riddles You Can Tell in Class

- 1 – *Why did the runner bring his barber to the Olympics?*
- 2 – *If two wrongs don't make a right, what did two rights make?*
- 3 – *What do historians talk about when they meet?*

- 1 – He wanted to shave a few seconds off his time.
- 2 – An airplane.
- 3 – Old times, of course.

This Day in History

Birthdates which occurred on April 28:

- 1878 Lionel [Herbert Blythe] Barrymore Philadelphia PA, actor (A Free Soul, David Cooperfield, Dr Kildare)
- 1926 Harper Lee author (To Kill a Mockingbird)
- 1929 Carolyn Jones Amarillo TX, actress (Morticia-Addams Family)
- 1930 James Baker 3 Houston TX, Secretary of Treasury (1985-88), Secretary of State (1989-92)
- 1941 Ann-Margret [Olsson] Valsjobya Sweden, actress (Bye Bye Birdie, Carnal Knowledge, Viva Las Vegas, Tommy)
- 1950 Jay Leno New Rochelle, comedian/talk show host (Tonight Show)

On this day...

- 1770 Captain James Cook in Endeavor lands at Botany Bay in Australia
- 1788 Maryland becomes the 7th state to ratify the constitution
- 1789 Fletcher Christian leads Mutiny on HMS Bounty & Captain William Bligh
- 1855 1st veterinary college in US incorporated in Boston
- 1932 Yellow fever vaccine for humans announced
- 1934 FDR signs Home Owners Loan Act
- 1939 Hitler claims German-Polish non-attack treaty still in effect
- 1940 Glenn Miller records "Pennsylvania 6-5000"
- 1942 "WWII" titled so, as result of Gallup Poll
- 1947 Thor Heyerdahl & "Kon-Tiki" sail from Peru to Polynesia
- 1956 Last French troop leave Vietnam
- 1956 Reds Frank Robinson hits his 1st of 586 homeruns
- 1958 Vice President Richard Nixon begins goodwill tour of Latin America
- 1967 Muhammad Ali refuses induction into army & stripped of boxing title
- 1985 Fernando Valenzuela sets record of 41 scoreless innings to start season
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