



**"Constitution Day and Constitution Week"
September 17, 2018**

Constitution Day, previously known as Citizens Day, was established on August 2, 1956 by President Dwight D. Eisenhower, for the purpose of commemorating the adoption and signing of the United States Constitution (Sept. 17, 1787). In 2004 a law was put forth mandating educational institutions, that receive federal funding, to hold educational programs for their students for the sole purpose of teaching them about the Constitution. This incredibly thoughtful and insightful document is the foundation of our country and our American way. It is a document like no other ever seen before and it is truly remarkable. The integrity and forethought provided by our founding fathers has survived for 230 years as one of the oldest surviving forms of democracy to date. The participation, deliberation and prudence of its authors; 39 brave men (delegates), is impressive and all during tumultuous times; far beyond our current imagination. The conversations between them, during the drafting of our most treasured document, are said to have been contentious and fiery; yet they were able to persevere and forge a document that is still relevant today:

Amendment 1: Freedom of Speech and Expression

"Freedom of Speech and Expression" is our First Amendment and for good reason. The ability for persons to be free and to say and express what they want, without impairment, is primarily what separates our free society from one that is communistic, fascist and tyrannical. This amendment gives us all privilege not because of our financial status or heritage but because we are Americans and have been born with God given rights and the freedom to say what we choose ... whether it is received well or not. Our rights are precious and fragile, especially when we lose sight of their power and importance. When we start dictating to others what is acceptable speech and what is not (political correctness for example) we are no longer a Republic. We can disagree with what is being said but must have the wisdom to realize the importance of respecting a persons right to say it. It is no ones privilege in this country to prevent, obstruct or dictate another's speech of any kind; even if you deem it detestable. Who should raise a hand to silence ones speech should also raise a hand to their own mouth, as restricting another's speech may someday cause to restrict their own.

Our United States Constitution is a living document that represents the desires of so many to be free; so much so, that many are willing to leave everything they know and have, even endangering their lives, to make the journey to America. The French were so enamored of our democracy that they presented us with the Statue of Liberty; which stands as a constant reminder of the life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

For some, our Constitution is just a document, and they are willing to abuse it for insurrection; revealing their own selfishness and ignorance. For many others who understand its incredible value will defend its words for the sake of our "Liberty and Justice for All".
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If you want to learn more visit - www.constitutionday.com

"Just a Thought"

"Ignore your rights and they will ... go away!"
"Freedom without responsibility is soon lost"



"Keep in Touch!"



HAPPY INDEPENDENCE 2018

Clear, Concise & To The Point

Sometimes WE get inundated with updates, price increases or new information. Time doesn't always allow us the opportunity to gracefully compose this information, so ... here it is ... **"CLEAR, CONCISE & TO THE POINT."**

Cable Prices

Cable prices have fluctuated slightly; some lower some higher. Please call for current prices if necessary.

BMW Cable Spring

WE now have cables with springs available for the BMW Z3 tops which may replace the springless kit we have been carrying. List price \$160.00 per pair.

"If a man answers the phone ... don't hang up"

WE have a new addition to our *Electron Top* Family. Gennaro came to us from the local church and took over Cathy's position after she retired. Gennaro is a trained Vocalist/Crooner and keeps us entertained with his handsome tenor voice and terrific sense of humor.



If you would like to see Gennaro in action you can search his stage name at Youtube.com: [Gennarokravitz](https://www.youtube.com/Gennarokravitz) & [ikravitz](https://www.youtube.com/ikravitz)

Gennaro, Founders Day 2018

Kimmys Quick Fix

Maybe it is me ... but often I break my cell phone charging wire at the base that plugs into the phone. Electrical tape works but inevitably gets sticky and glue is too rigid and cracks. Shrink tubing does the trick. I use 2 pieces; installed one piece at a time which holds up well and is neat and clean.



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“Keep in Touch!”

American Flag Etiquette

Since September 11th, 2001, our beautiful American Flag has gained popularity and is displayed in abundance. It reminds me of my childhood especially during patriotic holidays like Memorial Day, Fourth of July and Labor Day. I remember the parades that closed down the main street and the excitement I felt seeing all the Red, White and Blue. Our Flag is such an incredible icon of freedom.

WE at *Electron Top* have always had an American Flag inside our building but we wanted to join the many and show our American Pride to the world so WE moved it outside. This issue brought up questions as to the respectful positioning when a flagstaff is not available. WE all had input as to the proper and improper way to display our flag, but each one of us received an education after reading the “Code of Etiquette for Use of The American Flag.”

WE would like to state that the proper etiquette should be followed without personal interpretation. These are the rules that were set forth for respectfully displaying our sign of freedom. BUT, this was not made part of our newsletter to criticize, bring forth discontent or to pursue self righteousness. It is elating to see our flag being displayed so proudly and abundantly, as it should be.

Our flag should be hoisted on a staff briskly to the top and then lowered ceremoniously and always kept from touching the ground. It should be displayed on all days especially legal holidays, and other special occasions. It is customary to display it from sunrise to sunset on buildings and on stationary flagstaffs in the open. The Union (blue field with stars) should not be facing downward, except when signifying distress. It should never be carried flat or horizontally, but always aloft and free.

It may be displayed at night, however, on special occasions, and with proper lighting. Note: It flies 24 hours a day at several places including Ft. Mc Henry in Baltimore, M.D. where it inspired Francis Scott Key to write “The Star Spangled Banner”.

Flying our flag at half-staff is a sign of mourning. First, it should be hoisted to the top of the staff briskly for an instant, and then brought down to half-staff. Also, it should be hoisted to the peak again before ceremoniously lowering it for the night. In addition, the flag should fly at half-staff for a limited time, 10-30 days, depending upon the death. On Memorial Day the flag should fly at half-staff until noon and then be raised to the peak for the remainder of the day.

Our flag should be kept clean and in good condition. When it is in a condition no longer a fitting emblem for display, it should be destroyed in a dignified manner, preferably with a respectful burning or burial. I usually bury my old flags underneath a newly planted shrub or flower. To me this represents the perpetuation of freedom and life.

Prohibited uses of the Flag are: dipping the flag to any person or thing (exception - saluting ships; Dipping colors). It should never be used as a covering, nor have words, designs, or drawings placed on it. It should not be used for advertising purposes, nor be embroidered or printed on disrespectful items (i.e. handkerchiefs, stools, undergarments) or things you may tread on (i.e. rugs, carpets, and soles of shoes etc.). It also should not be printed or embossed on any item meant for temporary use, discard or disposal (i.e. boxes, flyers, plastic or paper bags). Please make sure flags on vehicles are securely attached, prevent them from falling to the ground and being shredded and destroyed.

This information was taken out of context from “The World Almanac”. WE tried to pass along important guidelines but were unable to print it in its entirety. We found it enlightening and WE will be modifying some of our uses of the American Flag.

WE must express our discontent with the Supreme Courts decision in 1990 which decided that the law **AGAINST** burning and defacing Our Flag in public **IS** a violation of the free-speech guarantee. There are certainly other means of expressing oneself than destroying a symbol of freedom that so many gave their lives for and others who lost so much defending it. Our Flag should not be taken for granted.

“Freedom, Without Responsibility, is Soon Lost!”

Copies of this information, in its entirety are available to you. Please give us a call to request them.
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