

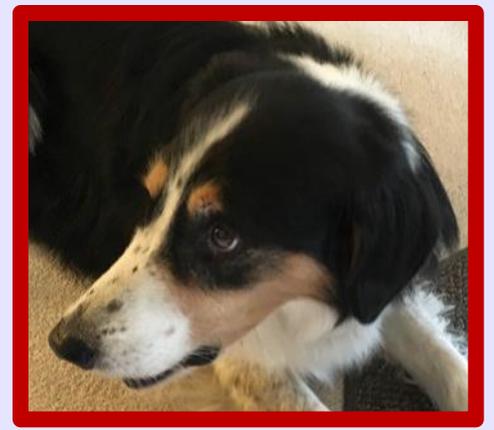
July 2016

CLANCY'S CLICHES

This is a firecracker of an article about the fourth of July! A real blast! Sky is the limit with this topic. It explodes with information.

For example, did you know John Hancock was the only person to actually sign the Declaration of Independence on July 4th, 1776? The other signers did not sign it until August 2nd, 1776 or even later. And it wasn't because they ran out of ink!

The July 4th was not declared a national holiday until 1941. Before that, everyone worked, but took time to celebrate independence with fireworks way back in 1777.



This July 4th, many of us will sing the National Anthem. My twist on this... "Oh, Say Can You C". Yes, let's talk about the C's in life, namely, the top three C's: Caring, Communication, and Compromise.

Caring: Simply displaying kindness and concern for others is a great start. These synonyms say it all: tender, attentive, thoughtful, kind-hearted, considerate, loving, understanding, sympathetic, compassionate. Get the picture? Look after those unable to care for themselves, especially sick, children and elderly people. Like when my brother Jake used up all the room in his column and wanted to share photos of his latest toy and friends, I can be caring for him by sharing them in my space.

Communication: This has lots of meanings. Not only our connection between people, but also in expressing or sharing ideas, feelings, and thoughts with others. How often do we hide our inner emotions, thinking we'll be scoffed at or made put down. Communication connects us. Even if it's just a little yelp now and then!

Compromise: We all have our weaknesses and shortcomings. Accepting that not everyone or everything is perfect and finding a happy medium can be difficult at times. It's about making concessions, striking a balance, and coming to an understanding. Give and take—and try not to take too much! Have a sparkling 4th of July! C U!

JULY'S JITTERINGS

- *July 1: International Joke Day
- *July 3: National Dog Days officially begin
- *July 17: National Ice Cream Day
- *July 24: Marvin The Martian (one of my heroes) first debuted in 1948
- *July 23: National Hot Dog Day (especially in these dog days of summer!)



Howlin's hootn'; Growlin's not gooten! — Clancy



CLANCY'S CACKLES

Knock, knock! Who's there? Doctor. Doctor who? That's a great TV show, isn't it!

1. How come there's no Knock Knock joke about America? **Because Freedom RINGS!!**
2. What do you call an American drawing? **A Yankee Doodle!**
3. What was the patriots' favorite food in the Revolutionary War? **Chicken Catch-a-Tory!**
4. Did you hear about the fire at the campground? **It was intense (in-tents, get it?)!**
5. What protest by a group of dogs happened in 1772? **Boston Flea Party!**
6. Why did the dog cross the road? **To get to the Barking lot!**