



We are all used to the traditional holidays in January such as New Years on the 1st and Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday the 18th. In February we are used to Abraham Lincoln Birthday on the 12th, Valentine's Day on the 14th and Presidents Day on the 15th. How about bizarre or unique holidays in January and February you may not have heard of before? Here are a few:

Bird Day, National Bird Day and Migratory Bird Day:

May 4th, however it is celebrated on January 5th! Bird Day is the oldest of the days set aside to recognize birds. According to the U.S. Library of Congress, Bird Day was first observed on May 4, 1894. It was started by Charles Almanzo Babcock, superintendent of schools in Oil City, Pennsylvania.



Bean Day: January 6th. You celebrate this day by eating beans. There are other ways to celebrate Bean Day:

- Newlyweds can add a few beans to their bean jar today.
- Gardeners can enjoy this day surfing through seed catalogs to select beans to grow in the spring.
- Read the story "Jack and the Beanstalk" to your pre-schooler.
- Teachers can use bean seeds for learning exercises in course material.
- Others, can bone up on the history of beans.

Bubble Bath Day: January 8th. Today is a fun day to relax and enjoy the warm and soothing pleasures of a bubble bath. Best of all, it can be enjoyed by kids and adults. For kids, it's playtime. For adults, it's soothing pleasure. Enjoy one today!



The Day the Music Died Day:

February 3rd. The Day the Music Died Day commemorates the untimely death of singers Buddy Holly, Richie Valens and the Big Bopper. These three Rock singers died in an airplane crash on February 3, 1959. at the height of their popularity.



Thank a Mailman Day: February 4th. Thank a Mailman Day is your chance to say thanks to the guy, or gal, who delivers your mail!

Boy Scout Day: When : February 8th.

Boy Scout Day celebrates the birthday of Scouting in America. On February 8, 1910, Chicago publisher William Dickson Boyce filed incorporation papers in the District of Columbia to create the Boy Scouts of America.



National Gumdrop Day:

February 15th. This holiday honors the popular, gelatin-based candy. Gumdrops have been a favorite candy for many decades. ***Trivia question:*** What children's board game includes gumdrops?

Random Acts of Kindness Day:

February 17th. Today is Random Acts of Kindness Day. You know what to do...perform a few random acts of kindness. Almost any kind deed will do.



Info collected via internet:
<http://www.holidayinsights.com/moreholidays/january.htm>

Trivia answer: The popular Candyland board game by Milton-Bradley. First introduced in 1949, it includes Gumdrop Mountain and Gumdrop Pass.