

# Trivia

*did you know that ...*

Sailing generally takes place on a triangular race course.

*The first outdoor miniature golf courses in the U.S. were built on rooftops in New York City in 1926.*

King Arthur's Round Table could fit one hundred and fifty knights.

*Les Miserables, by Victor Hugo, contains the longest sentence in literature at 823 words.*

The Allies' password on D-Day was Mickey Mouse.

*The address of Big Bird's nest on Sesame Street is 123 ½ Sesame Street.*

WACO is the only radio station in the U.S. with call letters that spell out the name of its home city Waco, Texas.

*Zipper inventor Whitecomb Judson used his first "clasp locker" on a pair of boots.*

NASDAQ stands for National Association of Securities Dealers Automated Quotations.

*According to legend, the color of the horn on a unicorn's forehead is white at the base, black in the middle, and red at the tip.*

The word "amen" means, "so be it" or "let it be."

*The Liberty Bell weighs just over a ton at 2,080 pounds.*

It costs the U.S. government 2½ cents to produce a quarter, giving a profit of 22½ cents.

*Antarctica is the highest continent with more than half of it 6,562 feet above sea level.*

The average temperature at the South Pole is -48° C, while the North Pole is -29° C.

PRSRT STD  
US POSTAGE  
PAID  
CHESTERTOWN MD  
PERMIT 38

**AUTO**



Dixon Valve & Coupling Company  
800 High Street, Chestertown, MD 21620

# THE DIXON DRILLER

*"Published once a moon since 1932"*

*~* FEBRUARY *~*

| S  | M  | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
|    | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  |
| 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28 |    |    |    |    |    |    |

## 2010



*The Right Connection™*

Dixon Valve & Coupling Company  
800 High Street, Chestertown, MD 21620

Phone: 410-778-2000 ♦ 877-963-4966  
Fax: 800-283-4966 ♦ [www.dixonvalve.com](http://www.dixonvalve.com)

# Company News

## New Dixon Price List

We will be mailing the 2010 Dixon Price List (DPL410) in March. In an ongoing effort to be “The Right Connection”, we are again expanding our product line. For 2010 we have new product offerings in cam and groove, boss fittings, air fittings, shank fittings, brass fittings, clamps, hydraulic fittings, sanitary fittings, fire hose fittings, valves, and tank truck and API fittings. As always, the Dixon “mix” of products available through this new catalog allows for safe operations and the efficient transfer of water, air, and steam as well as many chemical media normally conveyed by hose assemblies.

The new DPL showcases fittings and accessories that are stocked and ready for shipment from our twelve branch locations in the United States. Having the right part at the right place at the right time will always be our goal.

In addition to specifications and important descriptive information, the catalog contains many tables and useful pages of data concerning the proper and safe application of Dixon products. DPL410 is more than just a price list, it's a handy reference for the coupling professional. If you would like additional copies please call Dixon at 1-877-963-4966 or order the catalog on the web at [www.dixonvalve.com](http://www.dixonvalve.com).



Master Stream Nozzle



Globe Valve Forged Steel



Global 4-lug Air King

# Dates in History

**1790** In New York City, on February 1, 1790 the U.S. Supreme Court convened for the first time. The separation of powers, the system of checks and balances designed by the Founding Fathers, is part of this country's glory. This day was, and is, a red letter day for the government's judicial branch.

**1882** On February 7, 1882 The Boston Strong Boy, John L. Sullivan, won the heavyweight championship of the world in Mississippi City, Mississippi. Sullivan knocked out Paddy Ryan in the ninth round with his bare-knuckled fists. After this fight, boxers had to wear gloves.

**1945** On February 23, 1945, the Marines raised the American flag on the Japanese island of Iwo Jima. A famous photograph taken by the Associated Press photographer, Joe Rosenthal, at the height of the fighting was the inspiration for the Iwo Jima monument outside the Arlington National Cemetery near Washington D.C.

**1946** On February 14, 1946 the world's first all-electronic computer was unveiled at the University of Pennsylvania's Moore School of Electrical Engineering. The Electronic Numerical Integrator And Computer (ENIAC) weighed thirty tons and stood ten feet tall (about the size of a motor home).

**1984** On February 19, 1984 Phil and Steve Mahre, twin brothers, took the gold and silver medals in the slalom (skiing), becoming the first brothers to win in the same event at the Winter Olympics.

# On the Lighter Side

Fred and his wife Edna went to the state fair every year. Every year Fred would say, “Edna, I'd like to ride in that there airplane.” And every year Edna would say, “I know Fred, but that airplane ride costs ten dollars, and ten dollars is ten dollars.”

One year Fred and Edna went to the fair and Fred said, “Edna, I'm 71 years old. If I don't ride that airplane this year I may never get another chance.” Edna replied, “Fred that there airplane ride costs ten dollars, and ten dollars is ten dollars.”

The pilot overheard them and said, “Folks, I'll make you a deal. I'll take you both up for a ride. If you can stay quiet for the entire ride and not say one word, I won't charge you, but if you say one word it's ten dollars.” Fred and Edna agreed and up they go. The pilot does all kinds of twists and turns, rolls and dives, but not a word is heard. He does all his tricks over again, but still not a word.

They land and the pilot turns to Fred, “By golly, I did everything I could think of to get you to yell out, but you didn't.”

Fred replied, “Well, I was going to say something when Edna fell out of the plane, but ten dollars is ten dollars.”

*A combatant succeeded in building a fantastic computer that is able to solve any strategical or tactical problem. The military leaders are assembled in front of the new machine. They describe the situation to the computer and then ask it:*

*“Shall we attack? Shall we retreat?”*

*The computer computes for an hour and then comes up with the answer.*

*“Yes!”*

*The generals, rather stupefied, look at each other. Finally one of them asks the computer:*

*“Yes, what?”*

*After another fifteen minutes the computer replies:*

*“Yes, Sir!”*