



Croatian Day Celebrations

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Introduction

In 1932, the Croatian Fraternal Union (CFU) celebrated its first Croatian Day in Pittsburgh. The event honored Croatian culture through food, music, dancing and other activities. Soon other communities across the United States and Canada established their own Croatian Days, with Cleveland holding its inaugural event in 1933. These popular festivals, which sometimes lasted multiple days, were occasionally combined with events commemorating the establishment of the CFU and its numerous local lodges. Although the CFU no longer sponsors its annual Croatian Day, it and other Croatian heritage organizations continue to host events that preserve and share Croatian heritage.

Important Dates

- 1932: The first Croatian Day, sponsored by the Croatian Fraternal Union (CFU), is held in Pittsburgh.
- 1933: Cleveland hosts its first Croatian Day.
- 1956: CFU celebrates the 25th anniversary of Croatian Day.

Suggested Search Strategies

- Try the following terms in combination (as an “all” word search), proximity or as phrases: Croatian Day, Croat Day, Croatia Day, festival, fiesta, party, Hrvatski dan.
- Add a city or state name to your search term to find information about events in specific areas.
- Some results may be related to events honoring the CFU or other celebrations of Croatian culture.
- Use an online translation service to translate search terms and articles between Croatian and English.

Sample Articles from Chronicling America

- [“Vabilo na Hrvatski dan” Enakopravnost](#) (Cleveland, OH), July 12, 1946, Image 2, col. 5.
- [“United Mahoning Valley Lodges in Frat Day” Zajedničar](#) (Allegheny, PA), August 3, 1955, Image 7.
- [“Cleveland Manifestira Zajedničarsko – Bratstvo!” Zajedničar](#) (Allegheny, PA), August 22, 1956, Image 1, col. 1-2.
- [“Greater Pittsburgh ES Lodges 25th Annual Croatian Day At Kennywood Park Saturday” Zajedničar](#) (Allegheny, PA), August 29, 1956, Image 7, col. 1-2.
- [“Croatian Day is Nat’l. Institution” Zajedničar](#) (Allegheny, PA), August 28, 1957, Image 7, col. 4, Image 9, col. 8.
- [“Hrvatski Dan u Youngstown, Ohio” Zajedničar](#) (Allegheny, PA), August 6, 1958, Image 1, col. 1.