

"DID YOU KNOW THIS?"

Good day, everyone--it's a beautiful day in Pennsylvania.

Here's another gathering together of information about Pennsylvania which you might enjoy--another three minutes of "Did You Know This" about Pennsylvania...Did you know that America's first paved road was built as early as 1792 and that it linked Philadelphia to Lancaster? The granddaddy of them all is now Route 30 west of Philadelphia...And by the way, did you know that at that time Lancaster was the American Colonies' largest inland city? It was... Did you know that Pennsylvania's annual grape crop yield is more than 35,000,000 pounds of grapes? Many Pennsylvanians didn't know that we have a thriving grape production--but in the northwest, they know, for Erie County produces 3/4 of those grapes--and some of the largest grape juice firms in the world are located there...Ole Bull, the world-famed Norwegian violinist, established a new Norway for 800 settlers in Potter County back in 1852. They knew that in Potter County, and if you have ever visited Ole Bull Park you knew it, too...Did you know that Pennsylvania is the heartland of American industry?...70% of America's manufacturing industries, 80% of the industrial workers and 80% of the industrial payroll is located within 500 miles of Pennsylvania...Pennsylvania is the only state with direct port outlets to the Atlantic Ocean, the Mississippi River and the Gulf of Mexico and the Great Lakes...And did you know that Pennsylvania's mines and plants lead the nation in most of the 11 products classified as "raw materials of civilization"? Do you know what they are? Coal, coal tar, pig iron, ferro-alloys,

sand, stone, cement, coke, slate, sulfuric acid and petroleum. We lead in eight or nine of those products...You've heard of Boonesboro in Kentucky, and watched Dan'l on the TV, but did you know that Daniel Boone, the hero of the American Frontier, was a Pennsylvanian, born in Berks County and he learned to hunt, shoot and trap here in Pennsylvania. His father's old farm is now a Pennsylvania historical site, fully restored in Berks County. Another good place to put on your travel list in Pennsylvania... And being so close to the area when we're at the Boone Homestead, we might mention that some 60% of the nation's pretzels are produced in Pennsylvania. But you knew that, didn't you?...William Penn spelled Pennsylvania--Pensilvania--but it still means Penn's Woods--and they are still there. Living in the cities, it is hard to realize the extent of those woods--but Pennsylvania is 52 percent forest land--29,000,000 acres of Penn's Woods!...Say, do you like buckwheat cakes? They used to be a staple on many breakfast tables--a tang added to ordinary wheatcakes--well, sir, Pennsylvania produces 1/3 of all the buckwheat--for buckwheat cakes--in the nation...and there is no heartier breakfast than Pennsylvania buckwheat cakes and 100% pure Pennsylvania maple syrup. We've got a lot of both of them...It might be wise to end this with a question--Do you know how far a horse can travel in two summer days? That's the way the original deeds in Pennsylvania read--the deeds from the Indians read: "As far as a horse can travel in two summer days." On December 16, 1720, a deed was drawn up in Pennsylvania to settle disputes over these distances. Sometimes we must check upon just how far that is!

This is Pete Wambach. It's a beautiful day in Pennsylvania.