



And There Was (And Will Be) Much Rejoicing!

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On December 5, 1933, Utah became the 36th state to ratify the 21st Amendment to the United States Constitution, which repealed the 18th Amendment and thus ended Prohibition. As a result, December 5 serves as something of a holiday for beer enthusiasts, as well as fans of wine, scotch, bourbon and other assorted spirits. One organization, the Museum of the American Cocktail, even has created a website (www.repealday.org) to celebrate this watershed moment in American history (well, maybe that overstates the case just a bit). There has been no word yet on any attempt to secure a federally-recognized day off from work for this important anniversary, but surely this is an occasion to be marked, responsibly, each year!