



November 1959 Fun Facts

We're celebrating our 50th Anniversary in 2009. Each month, we're featuring a look at the history of Techni-Tool and interesting facts about 1959, the year we first started.

November 1

Jacques Plante is the first NHL goalie to wear a hockey mask.

November 2

Charles Van Doren admits he knew questions and answers before his appearances on the game show *21*.

November 3

President Eisenhower lays the cornerstone of the CIA Building in Langley, VA.

November 4

Chicago Cubs shortstop Ernie Banks is named the National League MVP.

November 5

Born: Musician Bryan Adams.

November 6

Dr. Bernard Lown, creator of the Lown Waveform defibrillator, restores a heart rhythm to a patient known as "Mr. C".

November 7

The Boston Celtics host the Philadelphia Warriors, beginning the rivalry between Philadelphia's new center, Wilt Chamberlain, and Boston's star center, Bill Russell.

November 8

November 1959 Fun Fact: The first episode of *Rocky and His Friends* airs on ABC.

November 9

Ski-Doo snowmobile is introduced to the public.

November 10

Born: Actress Mackenzie Phillips.

November 11

Born: Bodybuilder Lee Haney.

November 12

Warner Brothers epic *The Miracle* is released as a critical and financial bomb.

November 13

1959 Fun Fact: The Henney Kilowatt, a mass produced electric car, debuts. Only 47 are sold over two years.

November 14

Kilauea Volcano, an inactive volcano since 1868, erupts on the island of Hawaii.

November 15

The Clutter family of Holcomb, Nebraska is murdered. Truman Capote will write a novel *In Cold Blood*, based on the events.

November 16

The Sound of Music opens on Broadway.

November 17

A synthetic diamond is manufactured by South African firm De Beers.

November 18

Ben Hur opens, and will go on to win 11 Academy Awards.

November 19

Ford officially declares the "Edsel" a flop, discontinuing the line.

November 20

The "Declaration of the Rights of the Child", the name given to a series of children's rights proclamations, replaces the original 5 principles with 10 principles.

November 21

Comedian Jack Benny, on violin, and Vice President Richard Nixon, on piano, play a duet in Washington, DC.

November 22

1959 Fun Fact: Metrecal, a meal replacement powder, is first marketed as a weight loss diet plan.

November 23

George Izo, the quarterback at Notre Dame, is the AFL's first draft choice.

November 24

November 1959 Fun Fact: William Shea proposes a new stadium in New York City with a transparent roof. Shea Stadium will go on to open in Queens in 1964.

November 25

Once Upon a Mattress opens at Alvin Theater in New York City.

November 26

Atlas-Able, the most powerful rocket built by the US, fails less than a minute after launching on the maiden flight.

November 27

Born: *Simple Minds* Guitarist Charlie Burchill.

November 28

Born: Actor Judd Nelson.

November 29

The Grammy Awards are telecast on NBC.

November 30

Joe Foss becomes the first commissioner of the AFL.



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