

4. Robert Fulton

Robert Fulton was born on November 14, 1765, in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. He lived a portion of his adult life in Europe where he studied painting with Benjamin West in London. Fulton was fascinated by the new engineering enterprises of his day – canals, mines, bridges, roads, and factories. He demonstrated a strong aptitude for mechanical engineering and is perhaps best known for designing the first commercially successful steamboat in 1807. It was named the *Clermont* and traveled on the Hudson River from New York City to Albany in record time. He later developed a submarine called the *Nautilus* and the first steam warship in history.

5. Peanut Butter Lovers Month

November is Peanut Butter Lovers Month and time to recognize one of America's favorite foods. Americans will eat over 65 million pounds of peanut butter during the month of November. The observance began in 1990 when Southern Peanut Growers, representing southeastern peanut farmers, initiated November 4th as "Peanut Butter Lovers Day". This date was selected because on November 4, 1895, Dr. John Harvey Kellogg applied for the first United States patent on peanut butter. The celebration was expanded to the entire month of November in 1995 when peanut butter reached its 100th birthday.

6. America Recycles Day

America Recycles Day (ARD) has been celebrated on November 15th in the United States since 1997. It is the only nationally recognized day that is totally dedicated to helping Americans see the value of recycling and buying recycled products. Events are planned throughout the country to heighten awareness and motivate citizens to positive action toward preserving our natural resources, limiting waste, and curbing pollution through recycling.

7. International Drum Month

The Percussion Marketing Council (PMC) is the official trade association of the percussion industry. It represents manufacturing, distribution, publishing, and education in the percussion world. The non-profit organization was founded in 1995 and is comprised of all volunteers. It seeks to increase public awareness of drumming and create educational and market development programs for all ages and all audiences. November was selected as International Drum Month (IDM) and annually provides an opportunity for those in the industry to promote the merits of drumming while inviting people to give it a try.