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September. The 9th month of the year, despite the prefix "sept." Julius Caesar chasing Pompey the Great and his romance with Cleopatra can be blamed for that. It was when he met Egyptian scientists in Alexandria that the modern calendar started taking form. The original Roman calendar followed the moon closer than the sun and had only 304 days. They just skipped January and February because you don't need the cold months. The Egyptians already had a 365-day calendar for thousands of years, but it was Caesar's civil war that ultimately brought it to us. This stuff is why we think about Rome every day.

Those of us who went to Chicago for the Annual Gathering are back home and settled in. The AG was great. I was excited to meet a few members of Region 7. Ken Jennings gave a great talk at the Gala, and I especially enjoyed the Mensa Foundation's Colloquium, which was all about artificial intelligence. I also had the opportunity to find a Chicago dog and Lou Malnatis only a couple blocks from the hotel. Great people and great food in a great city, and even a little Nascar on Michigan Avenue. What more could we ask for? Unfortunately, it wasn't all fun and games. Votes were counted on the recall election, and we now have a new Chair on the AMC. Despite that, I'm already thinking ahead to Fort Worth in 2026.

September is also the start of fall and the Autumnal Equinox. We get to celebrate when the night divides the day into equal portions. We also get to celebrate more nights on the patio once it starts to cool down a little. It's a great time to get active in your local groups and try to build some excitement and involvement with new members.

~ Curt