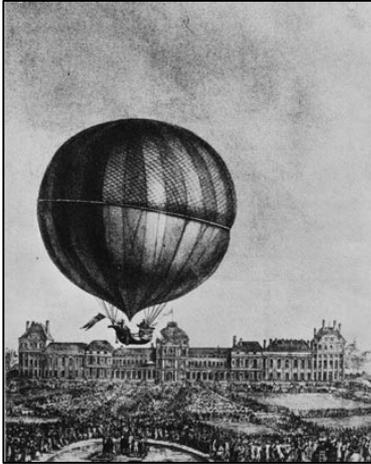


Today in Math History...



-1 December 1783

J.A.C. Charles makes the first flight (to 9000 feet) in a hydrogen balloon. He was the first man to see the sun set twice in one day!

*On September 19th, 1783 the Montgolfier brothers conducted a royal demonstration in Versailles. **A sheep, a duck, and a rooster become the first hot air balloon passengers!** The balloon experiments of the **Montgolfier brothers** aroused much excitement in French scientific circles.*

*Three months later, when Charles ascended in his balloon, practically all the inhabitants of Paris seemed to have gathered to witness the event. Three-quarters of an hour later the balloon landed in the small village of Gonesse, some six miles away from Paris, and there caused great consternation. **The frightened farmers took the balloon for a monster and attacked it with pitchforks & scythes!***