

August 4 is National Chocolate Chip Cookie Day

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No one knows exactly how Aug. 4 became National Chocolate Chip Cookie Day, but it is, and it is a day to celebrate what is probably America's favorite cookie. No matter how old you are it is hard to resist a freshly baked, warm, gooey chocolate chip cookie with milk.

In 1938, Ruth Graves Wakefield, the owner and baker of the Toll House Inn in Whitman, Mass., ran out of baker's chocolate and decided to use semi-sweet chocolate bar instead. Baker's chocolate melts into cookie the cookie dough, but semi-sweet does not. Rather, semi-sweet chocolate creates delicious pockets of chocolate.

The cookies were so successful that Wakefield started her own company to sell her cookies which were originally called Chocolate Crunch Cookies. The original cookies were the size of a quarter. Over time, bakers came up with different recipes to suit various tastes and chocolate chip cookies became one of the favorite cookies to bake.

The cookies were so popular that Nestle offered Wakefield a lifetime supply of cookies if she would allow them to put her recipe on their packages of chocolate chips. Wakefield accepted, and the rest is history.

So, bake a batch of chocolate chip cookies on Aug. 4 and enjoy the day. Better yet, make a big batch and invite friends.