



## Today in History

*August 9, 1842*

▲ The United States and Britain signed the Webster-Ashburton Treaty, establishing the boundary between the U.S. and Canada from Maine to the Great Lakes

**1990:** China's first airship, 40 metres long, made its maiden flight over Hubei

**2000:** U.S. tyre company Firestone recalled 6.5 million tyres fitted to sport utility vehicles after reports of blowouts and peeling treads

**2004:** The world's deepest vertical drop, measuring 516m, was found in a cave in Croatia's Velebit mountains

**2008:** A suspected outbreak of rabies transmitted by vampire bats killed over 38 Warao Indians in Venezuela