

## **Happy 110th Birthday, Henry Fonda!**

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Henry Jaynes “Hank” Fonda (born on May 16, 1905, in Grand Island, Nebraska-died on August 12, 1982, in Los Angeles, California) was an American film and stage actor with a career that spanned more than five decades [1]. When I was a kid, I enjoyed watching some of Mr. Fonda’s movies and they definitely had an influence on my childhood.

This month, May 16, 2015, marked Henry Fonda’s 110th birthday. I constructed the following fun birthday tidbits to remember him, to express my appreciation for his movies and to celebrate his 110th birthday.

A unique numerical connection exists between Henry Fonda and his birthday number 110. How? If numbers 1 to 26 are assigned to the letters of the English alphabet as A being 1, B is 2, C is 3, etc., the numbers assigned to the letters of “Henry Fonda” add up to 110. Isn’t this a neat coincidence? Wait, there is more.

Number 110 equal the sum of palindrome numbers 99 and 11, where 99 and 11 differ by 88, and 88 minus 11 yields 77. Interestingly enough, Mr. Fonda died 88 days after his 77th birthday. Isn’t this something? In addition, if expressed as 5-16-15, Mr. Fonda’s 110th birthday coincided with a palindrome day. Wow!

Also, if Mr. Fonda was alive today, it would have been the 111th year of his life, where 111 is a repunit palindrome number [2]. In addition, the sum of the numbers assigned to Mr. Fonda’s full name “Henry Jaynes Hank Fonda” is 218, with its reverse being 812, representing calendar day August 12, the day Mr. Fonda died in 1982. Also, interestingly enough, the prime factors of 218, which are 2 and 109, add up to 111.

If calendar date 08-12-1982 (the day Mr. Fonda died) is split as 08, 12, 19, and 82, these four numbers add up to palindrome 121, which is  $11^2$ . Also, if 1982 (the year Mr. Fonda died) is split in the middle as 19 and 82, the sum of these two numbers yields palindrome 101. Also, if 1982 is split into its odd- and even-numbered digits as 18 and 92, these two numbers add up to Mr. Fonda’s current birthday number, 110.

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[1] Henry Fonda, Wikipedia  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Henry\\_Fonda](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Henry_Fonda)

[2] Repunit, Wikipedia  
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