

# THE VOYAGEUR



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## THE PRESIDENT'S PUT-IN

As I write, the temperature is about 100<sup>o</sup> and is definitely an inspiration to get out on the river and cool off! I need to practice my roll anyway. Yough permits are going like hotcakes recently and could possibly provide someone a black market income this year. A booth at Sideling Hill would be a convenient stop to pick one up; I'll mention it to the more entrepreneurial members of the club (Campagna, Buttlerman, Ogilvie, Merkel). Mike Martin is doing a bang-up job as trip coordinator; there's good trip communication out there with a trip someplace or other to latch onto every weekend. Even in the doldrums of boating at the moment there's water if you want it.

Don't forget the moonlight picnic is August this year; I'll post reminders along with what ever Mark's announcements regarding it are. Remember this is his first stab at the picnic as new club vice president and I'm sure he'd appreciate any extra tips and help to get the picnic organized. Unfortunately, I will be out of town that weekend and won't be available to help. That is all for now, hope to see you all on the cooling waters in the next few months.

Rick



**SMOKEHOLE CAMPER, Memorial Day Weekend**  
*Jamie Fico at the sandbar campsite below Blue Rock*

## 2010 BRV Moonlight Picnic

**LOCATION:** The usual **Violette's Lock/Virginia Canal Loop**, off River Road, north of Potomac, MD.

**DATE:** **Saturday, August 21, 2010**

**TIME:** Meet at Violette's Lock parking lot at **5:00 PM**. Canoe/kayak departure at approximately 5:30 PM; return to Violette's Lock approximately 10:30 PM (or whenever you like).

**BRING:** Food (see below), blanket/chairs as desired, water, bug repellent, flashlight(s).

**FOOD:** Bring a dish to feed at least eight people, as follows:

**A-G:** salads, uncooked veggies, fruit dish

**H-N:** desserts, snacks

**O-Z:** pasta, casserole, cooked veggies, rice, etc.

Be sure to bring serving utensils for your dish, if needed. BRV will provide chicken, drinks (soda, wine and beer — approximately two per person).

**COST:** **\$5** for adults, **\$3** for children 2-12 years old, **free** for those under 2.

**RSVP:** BRV Board members will be contacting all DC-area members. RSVP to your caller or to Mark Wray at 703-222-4842 by **Thursday, August 19th**.

**CAMPING:** It is permissible to camp at the picnic site, so if you would like to do so, bring your gear. There are usually some who camp, so you won't be alone.

**PARKING:** Parking at Violette's Lock is unrestricted, but there is little police surveillance. This has not been a high theft location in the past, but please do not leave valuables in your vehicles!

## 12th Annual MCC/BRV Smokey Mountains Trip, 15-23 May 2010

by Richard Hopley, His Kanubic Travesty

### Participants:

David Bernard (Richmond, VA), Dan Bertko (Boston, MA), Kim Buttleman (Chantilly, VA), trip leader Richard Hopley (Winston-Salem, NC), and Regina O'Donnell (Charlottesville, VA): OC-1.

Marilyn Jones (Washington, DC), Chris Oberlin (Bethesda, MD), Jenny Thomas (Frederick, MD), and Mikel Wellman (Washington, DC): K-1.

Lois Bertko (Boston, MA): our wonderful shuttle driver!

The first Southern Appalachians trip I participated in was organized by Tony Allred and Gail Bradshaw for the Monocacy Canoe Club in May, 1995. I have organized it as the Smokey Mountains Trip every year since 1999 (except for 2006, when it was run by Jon Hitchings and Karen Egbert because I needed my vacation time to boat the Rocky Mountains that summer). This is a solid Class III/III+ trip every year. There is a standard set of rivers (Nolichucky, French Broad, Pigeon, Chattooga, Ocoee, and Nantahala) that are nearly always runnable in late spring, and whenever there has been fortuitous rainfall we have caught some lesser-known southern-Appalachian streams. Since we follow the rain gauges we can never reserve campsites in advance, so, with one coulda-bin-disastrous exception when I read the calendar wrong several years ago, I always schedule this trip for the nine days ending the weekend *before* Memorial Day weekend. In recent years there have been fewer and fewer MCC participants so I have begun posting it in both the MCC and Blue Ridge Voyageurs cruise schedules.

### Saturday, 5/15: driving day.

David arrived from Richmond at my house in Winston-Salem on Friday night. Saturday we drove west, stopping for a hike in the Joyce Kilmer Memorial Forest section of

the Nantahala National Forest, then driving into Tennessee on the unpaved Forest Service road that follows Santeetlah Creek (too low to boat!) We met everyone else that evening in the Tellico Plains KOA.

**Sunday, 5/16: middle Tellico River, 1.4' (USGS Tellico Plains).** This is almost a staple, because it is usually runnable this time of year.

1.4' (220 cfs) is fairly low, but it is completely boatable at even lower levels, and the Tellico is nearly everyone's favorite southern stream, so we were glad of the chance to get on it.

The day was uneventful but a lot of fun, from the "white bridge" to Oosterneck Creek (where Tellico River Road meets the Cherohala Skyway). We had broken camp before boating, and drove from the



Marilyn Jones (top left) and Kim Buttleman on Amicalola Creek.

take-out to the Moccasin Creek (GA) State Park CG about 12 miles west of Clayton, GA, stopping to eat at a place called USA Ribs in Murphy, NC (not *nearly* so good as the Dillsboro Smokehouse where we have often stopped!) In previous years for the Chattooga we stayed at the Tallulah Falls State Park CG, administered by GA Power and Light, but their rules and restrictions and arcane check-in procedures are so irritating that this year we decided to try a new spot, and Moccasin Creek turned out to be absolutely delightful. We arrived late and got three of the last four sites, and wound up staying four nights there.

**Monday, 5/17: lower Amicalola Creek.** 1.1' (USGS Dawsonville), 0.7' (stick gauge).

This was 70 miles from camp, but we had decided in advance on the long day-trip rather than having to move camp after a second one-night stay. Only Regina had ever paddled this before. For the rest of us it was a real treat, and the reason we had scooted out of Tellico Plains after only one night when we normally try to stay at each campground for two or three nights; it was so low that we wouldn't have liked to run it a day later. As it was, there was sufficient water to run everything except the first drops of the first big rapid, where there was a log in the chute that carried the most water. This first rapid falls perhaps 30 feet over 150 yards or so of bedrock! It is followed by a wonderful series of bedrock rapids for about four miles, then by about two and a half miles of tame swift water before Amicalola Creek empties into the Etowah River, which yielded about

one and a half miles of slow brown water to the take-out. We ate in a Texas Steakhouse in Gainesville, GA, and sprinted to make it back to camp seconds before they locked the gates at 10:00 PM (all the southern state parks seem to do this).

**Tuesday, 5/18: Warwoman Creek.** 2.0' on the Chattooga River (USGS Clayton).

Only Dan and I had run this before, and I was glad of the chance to run it again, with a bit more water than I had the first time. It was still on the low side, but, as with Tellico and Amicalola, it was completely boatable. This time there was enough water to run the hardest drop, which I had to carry when I was there before at lower water. We found a wonderful, seemingly endless series of Class III ledge drops before the creek spilled into the Chattooga at Earl's Ford. We then paddled the first three miles of Section III of the Chattooga to our take-out vehicles parked 30 feet



*Regina O'Donnell (top) and Jenny Thomas on Warwoman Creek.*

from the river on the Georgia side at Sandy Ford. The stretch from Earl's Ford to Sandy Ford is the prettiest on Sections II and III, and has a lot of good easy whitewater. We ate at the Azteca Mexican restaurant in Clayton, and this time we got back to camp with lots of daylight to spare.

**Wednesday, 5/19: Chattooga Section III.5.** 1.9' (USGS Clayton), 1.7' (stick gauge). I've always considered section III.5

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 (“three-and-a-half”) to be the worst of both worlds. I still think the first half, Thrift’s Ferry to the US-76 bridge, is the worst part of Section III (particularly for people who carry Bull Sluice), but the second half, from the bridge to Woodall Shoals, is really beautiful, with a lot of good Class III to III+ white-water. Only four of our group ran Bull Sluice, and one or two carried the first drop at Woodall, but everything between the bridge and Woodall was a lot of fun. The Woodall Shoals takeout has the advantage of being the shortest climb out of the gorge except for the US-76 bridge. This was Regina’s last day with us, so we sent her on her way from the parking lot at the top of the gorge. The rest of us had dinner at Humble Pie, the pizza shop attached to the Chattooga Whitewater Shop, and then spent some time browsing in the boating shop, where I got a beautiful handcrafted wood paddle.

**Thursday, 5/20: Chattooga Section III.5.** 1.8’ (USGS Clayton). This time we paddled an abbreviated Section III.5, cherry-picking the stretch from the bridge to Woodall Shoals because, again, we wanted to get an early start after paddling. Heading north, we stopped for ice-cream at the Spring Ridge Creamery (a genuine old-school dairy that makes its own ice cream) on US-441 just a mile into North Carolina from the Georgia line, then hustled up to the Rock Creek CG of the Cherokee National Forest, just outside Erwin, TN on the Nolichucky shuttle road. It was lucky we arrived early, because we got three of only four or five empty sites (of a total of 31)

and watched the remainder fill up as we made camp. After setting up camp we went into Erwin for dinner at a passable Chinese restaurant on Main Street.

**Friday, 5/21: Nolichucky Gorge.** 1,000 cfs (USGS Embreeville). Only David, Chris, Mikel and Marilyn paddled this day. I spent the day in the Erwin Ford dealer having brake work done, finished, fortunately, before they closed up for the weekend. We had dinner in a Glissan’s-like place called Maple Grove just north of Erwin; good ol’ home cookin’, most of it deep fried.

**Saturday, 5/22: Nolichucky Gorge.** 1,000 cfs (USGS Embreeville). We were all back on the water for this last day of paddling. I hired a shuttle driver at the little kayak store next to the hostel on River Road, opposite the Chestoa day-use area, so we could all get to the put-in in just my van and Dan’s and would have all our vehicles waiting at Chestoa when we took out. Again, it was a lovely day on a beautiful river with no mishap. Dan and his wife Lois (who had done us yeoman’s service as a shuttle driver all week) headed out to visit friends in Brevard, NC, while Dave and I headed home (by way of the wonderful Asiana Grand Buffet in Asheville). David slept all the way from Asheville to Winston-Salem, so he felt refreshed enough to leave my house at 11:30 PM to drive to Richmond. The others stayed a third night in Rock Creek CG.

**Sunday, 5/23: driving day.** Mikel and Marilyn, Kim and

Jenny, and Chris drove back to NoVA, DC, and MD on Sunday. Chris first took a short hike from Rock Creek CG up to Rockledge Falls. He reports that it was a beautiful hike with not too much gradient. Dan and Lois stopped for a 40-mile bike ride at Natural Bridge, VA, on their way home Tuesday.

For the second year in a row we had timely rainfall that allowed us to catch streams that most of us had never run, Amicalola Creek and Warwoman Creek, and the other five boating days we were on three southern favorites that surround the Smokey Mountains National Park: Tellico, Chattooga, and Nolichucky (note that the Chattooga levels cited above from the remote gauge, and were about 0.2’ higher than the paddlers’ stick gauge readings every day, though I only checked the stick once). Dan’s wife Lois doesn’t boat, but she hikes, bicycles, and takes pictures of us at the put-ins and take-outs, and she was wonderfully helpful to us by driving shuttle in Dan’s big Sprinter van.

I’d like to thank all my northern friends for coming south to boat with me again this year. The week of this trip is one of the high points in my year, every year. This year was the smallest group ever, and I was sorry to miss some of the old regulars and equally sorry not to meet anyone new, as I have so often on this trip. It was certainly easier logistically with a smaller group, but there is a lot to be said for seeing a big group of my DC-area friends every year, so I hope to see a few more of you next year.

## The Maze, Canyonlands National Park, Utah

by Bob Maxey, a true desert rat

Canyonlands National Park lies in eastern Utah, west of the LaSal Mountains, north of the Abajo Mountains and east of the Henry Mountains. So, what's north? The San Rafael Swell and more of the desert and canyon country of the Colorado Plateau. We took a trip into "the Maze," at the heart of the Park, west of the Green River and north of the Colorado River, just upstream of Cataract Canyon.

"We" were my nephew Evan and I. Steve Maddox, a long-time friend showed up, but with back pain, so he took a car ride instead. He had fun, but our trip was better. Tex's River outfitters in Moab has a jet boat service which picks up canoeists who run the Green and Colorado rivers. I've run the Green River three times before, a delightful 55-mile float, including four miles of the Colorado. We rode the jet boat to Spanish Bottom, just above the start of the rapids. It's a beautiful ride and worth the \$100, even if you just go down and back. Our hope was that the temperature would not be in the 90's—it was not—and we were thankful since it had been so just a few days before when we visited Arches and Negro Bill Canyon.

Leaving Spanish Bottom, the trail immediately gains 1,200 feet elevation to the Doll House, or the Land of Standing Rocks as it is known in the Needles District to the south of the Colorado. We had our lunch there—subs bought in Moab and the last fresh meal that we were to have for the next six days. No matter, the red-rock scenery more than compensated for what we lacked

for in food. After going through a short canyon and over a small hump, we arrived at the trail junction. Straight ahead was Chimney Rock and then down into a canyon where "the Harvest Scene" pictographs are. We went right, towards the Green River overlook. Our hike was up and down—elevation gains and losses of a couple hundred feet. After a mile we passed Beehive Arch. It's a fine arch, but smaller than those we had seen in Arches just a few days before: Landscape, Double-O, Delicate, Tapestry, Broken arches and others whose names I have forgotten again. Landscape Arch should be called "Delicate Arch," since it is very fragile, over a football field in length and six feet thick at its thin spot. (See it soon before it falls down.) Delicate Arch should be called "Landscape Arch" with the beautiful snow-covered La Sal Mountains in the background.

Two years ago, Keith, Ron, Ted and I got lost in Scorpion Gulch, in the Escalante. It was the first time in over 30 years of desert wandering that had occurred to me—it's an awful feeling thinking that you are about to finish all of your water and that you have none to replace it! It happened to me again on the way to the Green River overlook. There are few blazes or cairns on this trail so we walked a mile past the trail junction. Fortunately, we found our way to the well-named Water Canyon. Many years ago my wife Sally and I camped at the mouth of Water Canyon, next to the Green River. It rained all night, but we stayed dry on a hump along

the river. The next morning we awoke to experience a flash flood. It did not threaten us, but was instead beautiful with all of the swirls and chocolate waterfalls. Water Canyon is also the location of one of the few reliable springs in the Maze. Our camp was at the edge of a beautiful meadow. I wanted to camp in the same grove of cottonwood trees where we had stayed on our previous trip. While looking for the spring, Evan found a truly magnificent camp. He found an overhang 40 feet long, 15 feet deep and 15 feet high. We needed no tent for this part of the trip, especially noteworthy since it rained off and on for the next four days. Four people could easily share this space and have plenty of room to spare. For the two of us, it was a palace. As I always do, I would brew up several cups of tea, sit on a rock and stare into space. The meadow was ours, except for the occasional day hikers. We willingly shared it with bats and swallows: they provided us with a bug-free existence. One morning, while staring at the rocks, I noticed a white shape moving about a half a mile away. Evan confirmed that it was a desert bighorn sheep. Not too much detail, but it was a rare treat to see. I would like to see a mountain lion as well—but at a safe distance!

Our overhang provided a good base for lounging and for day hikes. We would typically start off in the early afternoon to see what was in our neighborhood: up Water Canyon one day, down it the next to the junction with the Green River,

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## Trip Briefs from Beth Koller

### Lazy June Run

Mike Martin, Daryl Hall, Courtney Caldwell, and Beth Koller got together at Cindy Dee's (which now appears to be shuttered for health violations) for a planned run on the Staircase. We watched the storm blow in with some rain, but believed that the front would pass. Because we were concerned about wind, we elected to paddle Antietam Creek, which had plenty of water in it. There is some construction at the put-in and some pumps delivering water from across the road to the river in intermittent geysers. Daryl and Mike reminisced about how they spent an entire summer running only this river! After our strenuous run, Courtney broke out the craft beers, which we savored.

### Wednesday Evening Potomac Runs

After several Angler's to Lock 10 and one Violette's Lock run, the Wednesday crowd has moved on to Little Falls. This last Wednesday, six of us met at Lock 6 at 6 PM. It was hot. Even the water was warm. The level was 2.7. We had a relaxed run down the river. Kathleen Sengstock showed her prowess in her new red RPM and practiced multiple rolls successfully. The two newbies, Scot and James, successfully ran the Maryland side after scouting. Beth Koller, fresh from Idaho river running, decided to go for the Virginia side, although she could see that the tide had made a 3/4 river wide hydraulic-river boil. While trying to enter the right side eddy after the first pitch, she experienced the gravitational pull of the moon. There were two rolls on the boiling eddy line and one further downstream. So much for a mundane run! The most excitement, however, was experienced by Mike Baummer, whose boat hit the back window of his car, shattering the entire window pane, or is that pain? We remain very grateful to Mike and Alan Dickerson, who organize many of these runs.

### Annual Raffle Time

The West Virginia Rivers Coalition is having its annual raffle. As is usual, there are a variety of prizes, from river trips and paddling gear to camping and fishing equipment. The grand prize is a Wilderness Systems recreational kayak, the Pamlico 100, in orange, from River and Trail Outfitters. The drawing will be held at Gauley River Fest in Summersville, WV on September 19th, 2010. You do not have to be present to win. Please support the good work that the WVRC is doing regarding fish kills and endocrine disruptor contamination of the waterways via its novel pharmaceutical take-back program, mercury pollution of the Ohio drainage via its litigation of PPG industries, groundwater contamination and loss through water fracturing during drilling of the Marcellus shale for natural gas via its educational programs, acid mine run-off by its permit review program, and preservation of high quality streams for recreation via its lobbying of the WV legislature for Tier 3 protective status. Tickets are \$5. Please visit the website [www.wvrivers.org](http://www.wvrivers.org) or call Beth Koller 410-786-4633 for tickets. Remember WVRC's mission is to "seek the conservation and restoration of West Virginia's exceptional rivers and streams."

### Tier 3 Protection of WV Streams

The West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection officially published that it is proposing to add three streams located primarily on private land in Preston County to the Tier 3 stream list. The three streams, Watkins Run, Fill Hollow Creek, and an unnamed tributary of Fill Hollow Creek, are classic, pristine West Virginia native brook trout streams. All three are located in Preston County. Tier 3 designation would provide these streams on private land the highest level of protection under the anti-degradation provisions of the federal Clean Water Act, and the three streams would be the first private-land streams designated since the Legislature adopted the new anti-degradation provisions in 2008. The comment period ends July 12. Mailed comments must be sent by U.S. Mail, postmarked or hand-delivered by July 12, 2010, directed to: Scott Mandirola, Attention: Tier 3 Nomination, WV Department of Environmental Protection, 601 57th Street, S.E., Charleston, WV 25304 OR sent via e-mail to [dep.comments@wv.gov](mailto:dep.comments@wv.gov).

## On Display

Beth Koller had a photograph of a paddler, Matt Fithian, running Ohiopyle Falls accepted for display from mid-May to mid-June at the Circle Gallery (Annapolis) for the Maryland Federation of Art. There were over 800 submissions. The judge, Catriona Fraser (Fraser Gallery) selected 54 for display. [*Congratulations, Beth! — Ed.*]

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and over to Shot Canyon the next. The ridge between Water and Shot canyons offers a magnificent panorama: Chimney Rock, Turks Head in the Green River valley and the Needles. I've been to them all. Both Water and Shot canyons have 100-foot dry (mostly) waterfalls at their edges. There is no way to get down the one at Shot Canyon, while there is a trail bypass at Water Canyon. Many times I would wander around my meadow with my tea in hand for a short stroll of a half an hour. During our stay Evan noticed a widow-maker slab 15 feet above his bedroll. He was too lazy or comfortable or both to move. It will fall someday—hopefully not on me!

Too soon we left and headed for a night's camp at the Dollhouse. We only got slightly lost on the trail that we had been on a few days before. After dinner on the last night, the sky clouded up. Eight nights in the desert and we were forced to finally pitch our tent! Good thing too, since it poured on us for several hours that night. The next morning we got up, ambled down the 1,200 ft drop to Spanish Bottom, where Tex picked us up punctually at 11 that morning. The ride back was beautiful and uneventful, although I was concerned when the boat stopped due to a stick which had gotten stuck in the jet engine. After all, we were in a swift current, only a mile above Cataract Canyon!

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## 2010 BRV TRIP SCHEDULE

(mid-July to mid-Sept)

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Level</b>	<b>Contact</b>
Jul 17	Dealer's Choice	I/HI	David Kogut
Jul 24-25	Lehigh Release/Camper	LI	Alan Dickerson
Jul 24	Cheat Canyon	HI/A	Rick Koller
Aug 6-8	Flood City Fest (Johnstown, PA)	PN-HI	Evangelidi & Caldwell
Aug 7-8	Lehigh	LI	Beth Koller
Aug 12-15	Cheat/Lower Yough	HI/A	Wes Mills
<b>Aug 21</b>	<b>BRV Moonlight Picnic</b>	<b>N/PN</b>	<b>Club Officers</b>
Sep 4-6	New River Rendezvous	A	Ernie Katz
Sep 11-12	Gauley Weekend	A	Court Ogilvie

Thanks to those who've posted trips! We've still got some holes to fill this summer — please contact Mike Martin (imnostooge@yahoo.com) if you can help out.

## About the Blue Ridge Voyageurs (BRV)

The **BRV** is a voluntary association of experienced paddlers from the Washington, DC area. Club benefits include: trips for all skill levels (most at intermediate and advanced levels); BRV website and hotline for information and pick-up trips; *The Voyageur*, published 6 times a year; club roster, published yearly in March; holiday party; conservation projects; moonlight paddles & picnics; big trips to the Smokies, Canada, Europe, and Western rivers.

**Meetings:** BRV will hold meetings from 7-9 pm on the following dates in 2010: January 13, March 24, May 26, August 21 (Moonlight Picnic), September TBD, November TBD, December TBD (Holiday Party). Meetings are followed by beer and pizza at a nearby pub. Location: Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library on Leesburg Pike (Rt. 7) in Falls Church, VA. The library is on the east side of Rt. 7 about 0.6 miles south of I-495. Or, from I-66, take the Rt. 7 West exit and go about 0.6 miles west on Rt. 7. It's on the right.

**BRV Website:** The BRV website (<http://www.BlueRidgeVoyageurs.org>) provides information on trips, meetings, and other club events.

**2010 BRV Officers:** Rick Koller, President; Mark Wray, VP; Mike Martin & Daryl Hall, Trip Coordinators; Clark Childers, Treasurer; Frank Fico, Newsletter Editor; Kathleen Sengstock, Conservation.

**2010 Board of Directors:** Bill Collier, Ginny DeSeau, Ed Grove, Ron Knipling, Wes Mills

### ***The Voyageur: Newsletter of the Blue Ridge Voyageurs***

*The Voyageur* publishes information on club events, conservation and safety news, the club trip schedule, and other news of interest to BRVers. Publishing **trip reports** is a particularly important newsletter function. Trip Coordinators are requested to write up all club trips - particularly trips to unusual or especially interesting rivers. Trip reports and other articles are accepted in any form: via electronic mail (preferred; send to [fico1@netzero.net](mailto:fico1@netzero.net)), on disk, typed, handwritten, faxed or over the phone. For trip reports, try to include the following information (if applicable): names of participants, relevant NWS gauge readings of nearby rivers, description of the water level on the river (e.g., minimum, moderate, maximum, or number of inches above or below "zero"), weather conditions, hazards, difficult rapids, info on put-ins or takeouts, distinctive scenery, and overall difficulty in relation to rivers well known to BRVers. New information about the river (e.g., new hazards) is particularly important. **Photos** are also published. Send prints to the webmaster or e-mail digital photos to the newsletter editor.

Address changes: contact Frank Fico, 1609 Autumnwood Dr., Reston, VA 20194-1523, (703) 318-7998, [fico1@netzero.net](mailto:fico1@netzero.net). The annual roster will be kept current via updates published in each issue of *The Voyageur*.

Membership applications/renewals: submit to Frank Fico. Must renew by February 15 each year to be listed on club roster and continue receiving *The Voyageur*.



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Friday, September 3rd

**MOONLIGHT PICNIC**  
**Saturday, August 21st**