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What makes America great? Capitalism... equality... freedom? They're nice, but it probably comes down to:

Sex. We're America the Beautiful, not America 'Well, at least she has a great personality'. Is it her sea-to-shining-sea or purple mountain majesties we find so attractive? Well, maybe a little. But it's not her amber waves of grain filling out that tank top and those Daisy Dukes. Between the mid-west farmer's daughter and California girls, what did you expect?

Drugs. As we all know, alcohol is a drug and beer is alcohol. When America feels good about itself, it drinks beer. And when America drinks beer, it feels good about itself. (At McCarty Party, we would never advocate the use of alcohol for the purposes of enjoyment, but it has always worked for us.) Remember, you can only get a hangover if you stop drinking.

Rock & Roll. Invented here in the good ole U.S. of A. It's pure energy. It makes you believe that anything that is worth doing is worth overdoing. It's almost a philosophy. As Axl Rose of Guns 'n Roses, once said, "I'm not God. But if I were God, 3/4 of you would be girls and the rest would be pizza and beer." Truly words to live by.

So what do you get when you blend sex, drugs, and Rock & Roll? Is the result a drunken orgy with great music? Yes. Absolutely. We call it America.

What makes a great American? Ninety-eight percent of the adults in this country are decent, hardworking, honest Americans. Unfortunately, it's the other lousy two percent that get all the publicity. But then, we elected them. In America, anyone can become President. And that's become the problem.

Clearly they can't all be Abraham Lincoln (because when your face is on Mt. Rushmore and two forms of currency, you're about as great an American as anyone could be). So looking to politicians as role models is unlikely to be a successful recipe for American greatness. Should we instead focus on the titans of industry, sports heroes, or Kaitlyn Jenner? We're going to go with "no".

We believe that you are what you eat. And beer is food (as there is a sandwich in every beer). This summer Anheuser-Busch has renamed Budweiser to "America". We know of three people who always drink Budweiser: Perry Jankovich, Kevin Krumholtz, and Mike Gran. They drink "America", so that makes them good Americans. We'd like to believe they all love God, guns, and girls (although, perhaps not in that order)... which is great. So, that would make them great Americans (clearly the logic here is flawless).

What makes a great American tradition? Great national traditions like St. Patrick's Day in Ireland, Oktoberfest in Germany, or Mexico's Cinco de Mayo have transcended geographic boundaries and become part of our world heritage (the French gave us Bastille Day, enough said). But before they took the world stage, they had to

fill a continued need for local celebration. And while some might view these traditions as being similar, upon further inspection, we've determined that the only element they seem to have in common is... beer, with happy people living the dream. This is, of course, the origin of Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happy Hour. (Hey, pointing out the obvious to the oblivious is what we do!)

But what about great traditions in America? America has been called that "Shining City upon a Hill" (okay granted, that's a pretty big hill... but that's how we roll!). At its core, our country is still a melting pot of immigrant influences, made better with the incorporation of American originals like football, Hugh Hefner, spring break, and Spuds MacKenzie. Americans also like to bring a competitive nature to all of their endeavors, including their traditions.

Therefore, a great American tradition, at a minimum, requires at least four things:

- 1) **Beer.** Americans work hard and play harder. We drink beer to leave our minds free to consider the more important matters of life... like the lottery, fornication, and the Cavaliers' improbable NBA championship.
- 2) **Longevity.** An unbroken annual occurrence is essential. And if being 35 years old is good enough for the president, then it's good enough for us. (We shall call this the age of budlightenment.)
- 3) **Societal Acceptance.** It must be ingrained in the cultural fabric of America. It has to something to believe in. We believe we'll have another beer. (Fact: more Americans attend McCarty Party than any other nationality.)
- 4) **An Opportunity to be a Winner.** In this Olympic year, some Americans will compete for gold. At a McCarty Party, we will compete for these:



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So is McCarty Party a great American tradition? That's not for us to say. We'll say it's a national treasure. The greatest party ever. And better than chocolate. But we'll leave the "great American tradition" moniker up to you.

So we'll see you on July 16th. (Why the 16th? Because the formula for determining the date of McCarty Party is simple. Find the 15th of July. What is the nearest Saturday? That is McCarty Party. Every year. Really. No kidding. Don't ask again. Save the plankton. Nuke the whales. Keep your hands and feet inside the ride at all times.)

Summary Information

Below we have provided all of the vital information for McCarty Party 2016... although we believe that the invitation is best viewed online with all of its predecessors and in all of its colorful and technologically enhanced goodness at <http://www.mccarty.net> or at <http://www.mccarty.party>.

Theme:	America: McCarty Party 35
When:	5:00pm Saturday July 16 th , 2016
Where:	Camp McCarty
Food:	Cork & Bottle (or as we like to call it, The Pork Chop Wagon)
Social McMedia:	Send old (and new) party photos to photos@mccarty.net (details below)
Golf:	12:30pm Saturday July 16 th (Yes golfers, Saturday . Arrive at Camp McCarty <i>before</i> 11:30am.)

Let us know what questions and suggestions you might have and we'll do our best to ignore them. Call us. Email us. Facebook us. Focus.

Irrelevant Information

Rain Date: Sure. But you can bring a date if it's sunny too (an oldie, but a goodie). Remember, in case of natural disasters (hurricanes, earthquakes, mudslides, firestorms, Hillary being elected) we will still have a party and drink beer. We do, however, expect a strong beer front to move across the area. We believe as the storm surges you will be able to notice some Bud Lightnings on the horizon. Most importantly, remember that you are still responsible for your own companionship.

Other Stuff: We provide beer, entertainment, and a guaranteed good time (okay, not a *money-back* guarantee, but we are pretty sincere about this). If you want anything else, bring it along. (Please, no dogs, fireworks, nuclear weapons, anyone under the legal drinking age, guns, or butter. We have enough to worry about.)

Please accept this invitation as our yearlong greeting card. Therefore:

Happy Birthday, Congratulations, Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, Get Well Soon, Thinking of You, Please Do Not Bend, Spindle or Mutilate, Have a Nice Day, Don't Slap Pandas.

Detailed Information

Twelve Things You Need to Know about McCarty Party 2016, before you get here

1) Parking: All parking will be down in the parking area/island. It's a good area to watch the submarine races. (Let us know if you need directions to Camp McCarty. And last call is for quitters.)

2) Food: A wise man once said, "A man drinks like that and he don't eat... he gonna die". Which is why we thought food might be a good idea. Do you like pork chop sandwiches? We do too. Cork & Bottle (The Pork Chop Wagon) will be back again. So bring your hunger and an extra few dollars. And while we appreciate that women don't understand that there is "no need for you to bring anything" (because they still do), ladies if you must, please confine it to useful staples like jello shots. But really, no need for you to bring anything.

3) T-shirts: Want a McCarty Party T-shirt? Of course! (The 2016 version is an instant classic.) Then win one of our time-honored events like Stupid Beer Tricks, the Lager Relays, Taking the Bras off the Debutantes, Beer

Drinking for Time and Distance, or the Lip Sync/Video Contest. You can't buy T-shirts... you have to earn them.

4) Golf: If you are a man and plan to play golf with us on Saturday (or just ride around in a golf cart and drink beer) you must let us know. If you are good (as beer is), you have already done this. If you are a weasel (as the French still are), we await your call or email. We provide transportation to and from the golf course. Rendezvous point is Camp McCarty **before** 11:30am on Saturday. Tee times begin at 12:30pm at Majestic Springs Golf Club between Waynesville and Wilmington. Plan to spend \$50 for 9 holes and a cart (\$25 for golf and \$25 for transportation and beer, as we have to buy beer from the course). FYI – our beer bunnies are happy to accept your tips (hint, hint). Course details can be found at: <http://www.majesticsprings.com>.

5) Charity: While McCarty Party is a free party (other than the food wagon, as mentioned above), it is also a charity event. A charitable donation of \$10 (or more, or whatever you'd normally spend on a Saturday night out at the bars) would be appreciated. This year our beneficiary is the American Heart Association. Boyd McCarty (our Dad), the real "father" of McCarty Party, had a close call (and triple by-pass) this Spring. He's doing great, so let's help continue modern medicine's winning streak. Your donations are deeply appreciated.

6) Underwear Underground: Several uninterested party goers have wondered aloud, "Will there be an Underwear Underground again this year?" Really? In our continuing quest to stay irrelevant in these politically incorrect times, the "underwear only" policy will once again be observed in the Pub after midnight. A fully clothed version of the party will continue in all the other areas of Camp McCarty. Incidentally, underwear is defined as an undergarment worn next to the skin (like boxers, knickers, panties, and the like) used to preserve the wearer's modesty, as well as for erotic effect. We like to think of it as being naked beneath our clothes. As we would encourage everyone to participate, we'd also encourage you to plan ahead. Those proclaiming that they are "going commando" will be required to prove their claim.

7) Body Painting: For those ladies for whom the Underwear Underground is not risqué enough, we will again have a professional body painter, Face Painting by Tuesday, available from 9pm till midnight. For examples, go to <http://facepaintingbytuesday.com/bodypaint.html> or <http://canvasalive.com/bodypainting.htm> or <http://www.tiotibodypainting.com>. Please try to keep your designs simple, so we can get as many folks (ladies) painted as possible. If demand warrants, an amateur division can be made available after midnight.

8) Law Enforcement: For those of you who will be arriving after dark or leaving before daybreak, don't be alarmed by the law enforcement officers at the end of the driveway and/or down in the parking area. They work for us and are there to prevent under-age, would-be drinkers from crashing the party... and over-age, over-served patrons from driving when they shouldn't. In short, they are here to help keep people and property safe... so plan accordingly!

9) Intoxication Stations: Much like our ancestors washing up on the shores of America, upon arrival at Camp McCarty you will be asked to become part of the great melting pot. Stops in Ireland, Germany, and Mexico will prepare you to join us in America (that shining city on a hill). And much like a spoonful of sugar makes the medicine go down, a nip of spirituous liquor makes the process that much more enjoyable. Nothing painful, just some fun to kick-off your McCarty Party experience.

10) Social McMedia: Memories are stored in photographs (also known as evidence). And a camp photo is a wonderful way to reflect back on all of the fun and frivolity. Traditional Social Media has a few drawbacks (like living on the Internet forever). Instead, we are reminding you of Social McMedia. Just email your fun McCarty Party photos, both from prior years and during this year's party, to photos@mccarty.net. They will be curated for appropriateness (as no one wants to see Kevin's junk again), and those photos deemed inoffensive

will be shown around the camp grounds throughout the party. Never to be shared with the Internet-only types. Because what happens at McCarty Party stays at McCarty Party. So there.

11) Facilities (Bathrooms): You may not be aware of it, but alcohol is a diuretic (i.e. it makes you pee a lot). As we have learned in the past, the hard way, our well and septic system can't keep up with the demands of a McCarty Party. So again this year we'll have shiny clean porta-potties for the ladies and plenty of trees for the gentlemen to address their calls to nature. Thank you for your continued support in this instantaneous recycling (of fluids) back to mother earth.

12) More Information: For more information on these and other hot topics, please go to: <http://www.mccarty.net> and click on the "Questions and Answers" area at the bottom of the homepage.

Schedule of Events

12:30 p.m.	The McCarty Party Golf Classic (arrive before 11:30am)
5:00 p.m.	Intoxication Stations
6:00 p.m.	The musical stylings of the Grateful Parrot (Jimmy Merrick)
7:00 p.m.	The Lager Relays
7:30 p.m.	Taking the Bras off the Debutantes
8:00 p.m.	Beer Drinking for Time and Distance
8:30 p.m.	Stupid Beer Tricks
9:00 p.m.	Lip Sync/Video Contest*** / Body Painting begins
12:00 a.m.	The Midnight Special (by the shine of the moon)
12:05 a.m.	The Underwear Underground (downstairs in the Pub)
2:45 a.m.	Quarter till Three
6:24 a.m.	Tequila Sunrise (formerly known as "Vodka & Cocopuffs")

**** If you wish to compete in the Lip Sync/Video competition, you must provide us with an MP3 of the song you will be lip-syncing or the MPEG video you'd like to submit... either via email or on a USB thumb drive. Yes, this is a modification of a time-honored event, but create a good video and you can compete forever. Remember: this is a competition, not an exhibition... so please, no wagering.*

Contact Info

If you have never been to Camp McCarty (which wouldn't make much sense, but we suppose it is possible) please drop a note and we will email you a map. Or call and you will be mocked in person.

As a great man, in the mid-1980s, said "it's all about the 'USA for Alcohol' and 'Drinks Across America'". Now those are words to live by. Proud to be an American.

Dale & Mike

Make America Drunk Again!