

July 13th 1775: the real day America became a nation

Conceived in inebriety and dedicated to the proposition of women

McCarty Party 2024

What follows is a possibly true, but thoroughly undocumented and poorly sourced, description of the founding of the United States of America. This is an accounting of an unsung hero of the Revolutionary War. Parental discretion is advised.

In the summer of 1775, the colonials had had enough. King George had first tried to levy a tea tax in 1773, and a tax revolt in Boston termed a “tea party” was the response. But now he had gone too far and was trying to impose a 2% income tax (ahh... the good ole days). The colonies now turned to thoughts of revolution.

Yet talk of revolution in and of itself was a hangable offense, as were illegal assemblies, so our forefathers were forced to meet in public taverns to share plans and preparations for the coming showdown. And these young revolutionaries needed to maintain a low-profile, so attendance at these meetings was known as “crawling”.

Hanging out in taverns contributed to the likelihood of developing a beer belly, so it became the silent mark of a patriot to have one. Hence the saying “no guts, no glory”. (The one notable exception to this rule is Ben Franklin who had a “pot belly”, but that is a different story for a different time.) Attendance (and the alcohol consumed) at these tavern meetings was the lifeblood of this new American spirit.

On one such occasion, July 13th, 1775, Martha Washington saw George innocently chatting up a barmaid and took umbrage. In retaliation she took out a large life insurance policy on George and coincidentally volunteered him to lead the colonial army.

With a man such as Washington to lead them to a new and tax-free nation, the news needed to be spread quickly. That burden fell to one officer. Colonel Angus McCarty of the Continental Army was given that duty. And with necessity being the mother of invention, he knew just what to do. Yes, long before the midnight ride of Paul Revere, there was the mid-summer pub crawl of Colonel McCarty.

The Colonel traveled far and wide to bring the news, never stopping at less than three taverns per day. To maintain his low-profile, he would often strike up lively conversations with the prettiest ladies of each establishment. While that might have been a challenge for a lesser man, for some reason the ladies all just seemed to love Colonel Angus.

From the New Hampshire mountains to the Georgia beaches, no bar was too remote, no girl was too pretty. It was amazing what one man was willing to do for God and country. To illustrate the point, it seems fitting that one of the Colonel’s few surviving quotes was, “Lord, thank you for that young lady in the pub in Savanah. I don’t remember her name, but she sure knew yours.”

History tells us that he fell in love along the way that summer. But sadly, he was a beer drinker and the woman in question couldn't leave her wine-making family. She had the responsibility of softening the wine bottle corks in water. But if history is too be believed, he loved that little cork soaker.

As summer drew to a close, so did his mission. But the seeds were sown, the future planned, and the legend begun. We all know what happened in 1776. But it all started with a "pub crawl".

And now, nearly 250 years later, to commemorate the "birth of a nation", we invite you to join us in recreating the mid-summer pub crawl of Colonel McCarty.

Doing God's Work: The events of McCarty Party 2024

Theme: **The Great American Pub Crawl**
When: 5:00 pm Saturday July 13th, 2024 (*except for golf, see below*)
Where: Camp McCarty
Food: Cork & Bottle (aka "The Pork Chop Wagon"): Cash Only: [Menu](#)
Charity: Marine Corps Toys for Tots
Golf: 12:30 pm Saturday July 6th (arrive at Camp McCarty by 11:15 am)
(Yes golfers, **Saturday the week before the party.**)

THE GREAT AMERICAN PUB CRAWL



McCarty Party: **Time Well Wasted**

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, Anheuser-Busch on Tik-Tok, additional presidential debates) 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 Coors 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 mean what we say). If you want anything else, bring it along. (Please, no dogs, fireworks, nuclear weapons, anyone under the legal drinking age, guns, or marsupials. 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, Nuke the Whales, Go woke and go broke

Detailed Information

Twelve Things You Need to Know about McCarty Party 2024, before you get here

1) Good Beer: Of course, (almost) all beer is good, but some of it just better than others. And obviously we'll have lots of good ole fashioned American macrobrews. But again, this year beer master Mike McCaffrey has prepared something special. He has concocted "Dirty Dale's Hard Two-Handed Cream Ale". We're giddy with excitement. And a little scared.

2) Swimming Pool: So... we have a small swimming with a large deck around it. As we learned during McCarty Party Two (on the farm, with a pond and some inner tubes), water and the McCarty Parties don't mix well (kind of like the Kardashians and professional athletes). Accidents at a party should be carnal, and not of a paramedic nature. The pool **will not** be used during the festivities.

3) Parking: All parking will be down on McCarty Key (a.k.a. the Island). It's a good area to watch the submarine races. You'll see why. (Let us know if you need directions to Camp McCarty, or pointers on going parking with your best girl.)

4) 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. Here is their [menu](#). So, bring your hunger and an extra few dollars (they take **Cash Only**). And while we appreciate that women don't understand that there is "no need for you to bring anything", ladies if you must, please confine it to useful staples like jello shots. But really, no need for you to bring anything.

5) T-shirts: Want a McCarty Party T-shirt? Of course, you do! 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 Flip Cup. The 2024 version is destined to be an instant classic. You can't buy T-shirts... you must earn them.

6) Golf: If you are a man and plan to play golf with us on **Saturday the 6th** (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, email, or text. We provide transportation to and from the golf course. Rendezvous point is Camp McCarty **by 11:15am** 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: <https://www.bestgolfmanagement.com/ms-home>

7) 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 \$20 (or whatever you would normally spend on a Saturday night out) would be appreciated. This year our beneficiary is the **Marine Corps Toys for Tots** (<https://www.toysfortots.org/>) Not only a great cause, but 100% goes to their mission. Your donations are deeply appreciated.

8) 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 attired version of the party will continue in all the other areas of Camp McCarty. However, participation has been dwindling for this aspect of the party in recent years. Pick it up people, or else. (Do I hear, “Challenge accepted!!!”?)

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 not be taken at their word.

9) Body Painting: For those ladies for whom the Underwear Underground is not risqué enough, we will again have a professional body painter, available from 9pm till midnight. For examples, go to <https://vesselsartstudio.com/body-painting-at-fantasy-fest/>. Please try to keep your designs simple, so we can get as many folks (ladies) painted as possible. An amateur division can be made available after midnight. This is how finger painting evolved.

10) 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! Remember... if you walk down the driveway naked, they have body cams.

11) Intoxication Stations: Although McCarty Party is all about the beer, to jumpstart the festivities, upon arrival you will be shown to our Intoxication Stations. 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.

12) 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, the well and septic system at Camp McCarty 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 recycling (of fluids) back to mother earth.

More Information: For more information on these and other hot topics, please go [here](#) for our **Frequently Asked Questions**. And by the way, you can't spell Dale without “ale.”

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. See you on the 13th!

Dale & Mike

<https://mccarty.party>

McCarty Party... if life is beer, we're living forever