


EURO RAFTING AND MOOSEWATCHING

WHITEWATER RAFTING TRIP

by Daniel Grohol



In the morning on Saturday, July 15, all 24 brave rafters gathered in the Kresge parking lot and in 6 cars we set out for about a 5-hour ride to West Forks in Maine. On the way, people in different cars stopped for lunch, and around 3 pm all cars arrived in a relatively narrow time span at the Moxie Falls, the first attraction of the Trip. Since the weather was nice and the road long, most of us jumped into the river and cooled off under the smaller falls, some 300 meters above the high, 90-foot Moxie Falls. The water was unexpectedly warm, and the favorite past time of most trip participants turned out to be sitting under the rushing stream of water and let themselves be massaged in this natural whirlpool, or jump into the deep pool from a stone ledge over the falls. After several hours of this activity, we left the Moxie Falls for Jackman, Maine, about a 30-minute ride, where we checked in to the Moose River Lodge, at about 7 pm, where each trip participant had their own comfortable bed waiting.

Since most people were hungry, we immediately started cooking dinner, which consisted of salad, hamburgers, sausages, marinated chicken and beef, and beer. And of course, some bread here and there, too :-)

After the sunset, we split into 3 groups. One group decided to check out the hot tub located behind the lodge, and the other two groups left for an evening of Maine's favorite sport - moosewatching. Yes, sir, those are the large elk-resembling herbivores with shovel-like antlers. One moosewatching group saw 3 moose and the other 11, including the calves, mostly along the nearby roads. One had to be pretty careful driving when moose are around, but drivers were careful (and properly instructed), and thus collisions or moose fights a la corrida did not occur.



Euros at Kennebec River, July 16 2000

On Sunday, the Trip's main adventure began. We woke up around 7 am, and after a breakfast at the lodge, prepared by our landlady Linda, we drove down to the rafting company, where we received a detailed (and rather funny) instruction seminar by the trip leader Scott on what to do and what not to do on the water. Then buses transported us to the foot of the dam where we started rafting. The beginning was rather slow, but after the first rapids, everyone was thoroughly wet as waves rolled over the rafts from all sides. Since most people on the trip were first-time rafters, a quick look at the faces around revealed a lot of interesting emotions, as did listening to the sounds coming from different rafts ... :-). At this point, the weather worsened and it started raining, which most trip participants didn't mind much as they were already soaked anyway. On Scott's encouragement, several volunteers jumped in to swim in the waves while hanging on the sides of rafts.

Another favorite past time turned out

to be "The Rodeo." A brave volunteer sits on the rafts's "nose" in the front as the rest paddles through the churned up river and hold real tight onto the rope lining the raft's side ... you get the idea. After a short stop for lunch, we inflated "duckies," small 1-person kayaks that the rafting guides brought along, and we took turns paddling alongside the big carriers (i.e. the rafts). At this point, the river slowed down its pace, and around 3 pm we happily ended our 14-mile watery adventure. The buses transported us back to the camp where we put on dry clothes, watched a slideshow and a video of the day's adventures, ordered pictures, and headed back to Cambridge.

The reunion dinner of the whole rafting party took place on Thursday, August 3 at the John Harvard's Brew House. Several Rafters brought their freshly developed pictures and shared those and their memories with others, as well as with many people who came for the Pub Tour which followed the reunion dinner.

PAST EVENTS



WHALE WATCHING TRIP, JUNE 10, ATLANTIC OCEAN,

by **Nathalie Cotte**

Everyone was really excited about seeing whales and knowing a little bit more about their way of life, but especially about enjoying the sun on a fast boat!

Sun was there, for sure, but the whales... After a few minutes of standing by, looking

in any directions, the organizers began to worry: "What if no mammals show up?". Fortunately, one whale became less shy, then another one, then around ten of them actually showed their huge backs and tails to our camera-equipped crowd!!!!

Neither organizer was thrown in the water, and thanks to the sea sickness pills we got, no one actually threw anything in the water either :o}

A lot of fun, speedy boat, huge mammals, meeting among Euro-Members. Great!

FOURTH OF JULY PICNIC, JULY 4, MEMORIAL DRIVE, CAMBRIDGE,

by **Alberto Riva**

Scores of Euromembers gathered together

last Fourth of July for the traditional picnic, our way of joining in the celebrations for America's national holiday. Like every year, the organizers set up tables full of food and drinks in our preferred Memorial Drive location, an ideal spot to witness the impressive firework show that concludes the celebration. The official start of the picnic was at 5pm, and a couple of hours later more than 50 people were crowding the lawn around the Euroclub tables. The day was spent eating (chips, fruits, salads, pasta, and wonderful cheese carefully chosen by our pubmeister Daniel), drinking (no alcohol of course!), chatting, playing volleyball, listening to the traditional Boston Pops concert, and waiting for the pyrotechnic "grand finale". The generosity of GSC, and of the numerous people who contributed by bringing their own additional food, helped make this event possible and free of charge for all members of the MIT community.

FUTURE EVENTS

WHALE WATCHING TRIP #2, AUGUST 26, ATLANTIC OCEAN,

by **Nathalie Cotte**

After the first trip we organized with Ramon in June, we're hoping to beat our Whale watching performance: see more than 10 of them!!! AND: See them jumping instead of just showing their backs and tails (let us dream, please).

That's why we're throwing another whale watching trip on August 26th, letting new EuroMembers from the Boston and MIT area have a chance to admire these huge mammals.

Departure at 2:30 on Boston Harbor, with knits, sneakers and cameras. This should be a great event for our EuroCommunity, since this kind of trips is great for meeting new people and forming friendships. We'll let you know about our watching success.

LEISURELY CANOE TRIP ON THE IPSWICH RIVER, SUNDAY, AUGUST 27,

by **Sophia Kossida**

Enjoy a wildlife sanctuary, state parks, and Wenham wetlands as we paddle to the Willowdale Dam on a 4-hour leisurely canoe trip on the Ipswich River, a short 40

minute drive from Boston. For more information, check out the web site: <http://www.ipswichma.com/attractions/ipswichma7.html>.

Cost: \$15 per person for canoe rental.

BOSTON HARBOR ISLANDS TRIP, SEPTEMBER 2,

by **Sophia Kossida**

"So Near and Yet So Far Away. Board a ferry to the magic of the Boston Harbor Islands. The city's bustle is replaced by the rustle of sea breezes."

Ferry Service is available from Long Wharf (next to the New England Aquarium, on the blue line. We are meeting at the ferry at 9:45am. The ferry leaves at 10am.

What to bring: lunch and drinks (there is no running water on the islands) sun screen, hat, swimming suit, beach toys.

All ferries go to George's island where from a water taxi takes people to other islands. We will play it by ear and see which islands we want to get to. Guided tours of the islands, swimming (cold water!), walking/hiking, beach games are some of the options. For more info you can check out: http://www.bostonharborcruises.com/isles_f.htm.

The last ferry leaves George's island at 5:50pm. We might go out for dinner after-

wards.



WHITewater RAFTING AND MOOSEWATCHING TRIP #2, SEPTEMBER 2-3, THE DEAD RIVER, MAINE

by **Daniel Grohol**

For most of the year, The Dead River, with a rather slow waterflow does good to its name. However, 6-8 times a year, the upper dam is released at a rate of 5-7,000 cfs, and the River becomes very much alive. During these dates, it provides for 16 miles of continuous rapids, and it serves as a source of great excitement to the many rafters attracted by this rare event. This gives you as much excitement you can get on any river while

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YOUR LITTLE DISCOVERY



Interesting, but Not-so-Obvious Places In & Around Boston ...

MUSEUMS: Gibson House Museum,



by Eve Sullivan

The Victorian Society in America, 137 Beacon Street, Boston, between Arlington and Berkeley Streets, walkable from the Arlington Street Green Line T Stop, tel: 267-6338. The Gibson House Museum at this address, is open for guided tours Wed.-Sun. 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, admission \$5.00. Neat, old-time place. Some scenes in the Christopher Reeve movie, "The Bostonians," were filmed here, if I am not mistaken.

THEATERS: Boston University Theater,

by Eva Schernhammer (Vienna)

I went to "Boston University theater" on Huntington Ave, right across the Symphony Hall. The entrance fee was only 8 dollars, the actors students from Boston University, the place very small with about 50 seats. You sit around the actors, and are really close to them. The performance they gave was exquisit, I saw "Wild Honey" by Tschchow, but they are changing their schedule frequently. If you want so see theater from extra class - go there!

EXHIBITIONS

by Robert Cocca

Harvard University Glass Flower Exhibition - <http://www.hmn.harvard.edu/exhibitions/glassflowers.html>.

Harvard University Living Collections.



ARNOLD ARBORETUM

Take the orange line to Forest Hills - <http://www.arboretum.harvard.edu>.

ARTS

by Robert Cocca

Blue Man Group: The web page won't

as divulged by our readers

prepare you for what to expect, so just go. Take the green line to Boylston, or the orange line to New England Medical Center, exiting out of the exits marked Tremont Street. <http://www.blue.com>.

DANCING

by Jules Owen and Kai

Bill's Bar and Top of the Hub: Top of the hub has Jazz on Friday and Saturday, I believe. A fun night out is Bill's Bar for Fat Tuesdays.



EATING OUT

by Jules Owen and Kai

Red Bones, Mistral, Brasseries Joe's, Dali's: Red Bones (a fun place to eat), "Mistral" I believe it is on Mass Ave. by Newbury; Brasseries Joe's (French/Belgian) - great food and a nice place or Dali's.

by M. Cimino



Galleria Umberto: One which might still be a secret is "Galleria Umberto" in the North End (on Hanover Street, across from Mike's Pastry). It's only open for lunch, not dinner, I believe. You can literally get a filling lunch for less than \$3, and it is great Italian food! Walk-up counter service and tables to sit at. You pick from pizza slices, a variety of calzones, and other tasty items, some of which are stuffed with ham & cheese or potatoes, and none of which costs much more than \$1. Sodas and bottled beer also available.

by Gosia Wozniacki

Real Crepes! In Harvard Square there is a cafe called Crepes that sells crepes! It's very small, and hard to find - it's on 1 Arrow Street, off of Mass Ave, a few blocks from Harvard Sq going towards Central. Great crepes!

THANKS, EUROS, FOR ALL OF YOUR GREAT SUGGESTIONS...

We received so many great contributions to this article that we couldn't print them all in this issue. Watch for more of your "little discoveries" in the next issues.

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staying very safe. We'll visit the beautiful Moxie waterfalls (90 ft/30 m high) and spend some time swimming in the natural pool below the falls. In the late afternoon, we'll check into a lodge and cook a BBQ dinner. In the evening, you have the option to either hop into the hot tub behind the lodge or go watching moose that are very common in this area. On Sunday morning, the real adventure begins ... With professional guides on each raft we'll go down the Dead River through 16 miles of virtually continuous white water. After the trip, we'll watch a video and a slide show documenting our adventures. The whole trip will cost a total of about \$140, including rafting, transportation, and accommodation.



NIAGARA FALLS TRIP PLUS CAMPING, HIKING AND BBQING, SEPTEMBER 15-17,

by Irena Johnson

First day, we'll visit Chittenango Falls State Park in upstate NY. We'll hike to see the 167 feet waterfalls - almost as high as Niagara! swim in the lake nearby or play volleyball at the campground. At night, we'll have a BBQ by the fire and camp overnight at a cozy and comfortable campsite. Next morning, we'll get up bright and early and arrive at the Niagara Falls. During the day, we'll explore the Falls, hike around and visit

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local attractions. At night, we'll stay at a newly renovated Riviera Motel in the Niagara Falls. The motel is officially rated 3 diamonds, with an outdoor pool and a restaurant. Next afternoon, we'll drive back for 6.5 hours and should be back in Cambridge about 8 pm. As most participants will be international students, we will not cross the US border to avoid the risk of leaving you outside the US:) The approximate cost of the trip is \$95 per person. This includes transportation, campground and motel lodging, BBQ on Friday night and breakfast Saturday morning.



OPERA - MADAM BUTTERFLY, OCTOBER 6, SCHUBERT THEATRE, BOSTON

by Antonio Bruno

Ueila' Dear Euros, to welcome you all, new and old members, into a new exciting term, full of "cultural" events, and to try to make you a bit less homesick, here is a lovely thought by your amazing European Club: Boston Lyric Opera presents: MADAME BUTTERFLY by G. Puccini. Your favourite European Club has specially discounted tickets for this show, priced \$25.25 each, on the balcony. You can find more info about the show at the following web page <http://www.blo.org/>.

PRE-BROADWAY SHOW - TALLULAH, STARRING KATHLEEN TURNER, OCTOBER 15

by Antonio Bruno

Do you like Broadway, but you are just sorry you are in the wrong city? Do you like Hollywood, but you simply think it's too far? Well, as always your favorite European Club has the right solution for you!

Broadway in Boston presents, for the BOSTON BEFORE BROADWAY series: TALLULAH, (starring Kathleen Turner), Sun. Oct. 15th at 7.30pm, Colonial Theatre in Boston.

In celebration of The Colonial Theatre's 100th Anniversary, the oldest continuously operating theatre in Boston, for the Boston Before Broadway series, Hollywood actress Kathleen Turner stars as the eccentric actress Tallulah Bankhead in this one-woman comedy for a limited two-week engagement, before opening on Broadway.

Your favorite European Club has got GREATLY DISCOUNTED TICKETS for this show of a lifetime: priced \$20 each, on the mezzanine.

In order to ensure a fair distribution of the tickets, we will hold a lottery (EC members only). Please sign up by Monday Sep. 11th at 1pm on the web: <http://euroclub.mit.edu/lottery/reg3.cgi> You may only ask for one or two tickets. In case you are not a EC member, you have to become one by paying the membership fee (\$6 for 6 months or \$10 for 1 year). (Please note that entering multiple email accounts of your own in order to increase your odds in the lottery is considered bad practice, and if you do that, all your entries will be erased at once).

We will hold the lottery on Monday morning, and notify the "winners" plus the first 40 people on the waiting list. If you do not hear from us by the following Wednesday, it means that unfortunately you did not make it. However, if you do make it, you will get detailed information on how to pay and get your tickets.

You can also find more info about the show at the following web page <http://www.broadwayinboston.com/html/new/index.html#tallulah>.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

All events are advertised by e-mail on the Official mailing list. To find out how to join the mailing list, visit <http://euroclub.mit.edu/joinindex.html>. Please note that being on the mailing list does not mean being a member of the Club. To become a Euromember, you need to pay the annual dues of \$10 or semi-annual \$6. The dues include a free subscription to the printed Euroclub News. You can become a member regardless of nationality, studying/working status or affiliation (or lack thereof) with MIT. "The purpose of this organization shall be to organize social and cultural events, that promote the interaction of MIT students and scholars from Europe or with an interest in Europe." - Constitution of the MIT European Club, Article II.

For our highly popular events with limited number of participants, priority is always given to the current members, then to expired members and only then to the people who wish to become members for the sake of the event. Do not wait for a popular trip to join the Club, as the membership status is verified as of the day the first announcement came out.

In addition, you can view the past, present and future events at the Calendar – visit us at <http://euroclub.mit.edu/calendar/calendar.cgi>.

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