

The Karma Club

Welcome to *The Karma Club*.

The Karma Club is set in the lodge of the Karma Club commune in Wells River, New Hampshire. The commune has been hosting a sending-off party for their guests, rock band Marmalade Skies.

Marmalade Skies had been invited to perform at a 3-day rock concert in Woodstock. Unfortunately their tour bus has broken down. Unable to make it to the concert, they are spending the weekend at the Karma Club commune before embarking on a 5-month U.S. tour.

The tour bus is now fixed and in the morning Marmalade Skies resume their tour. Tonight is the chance for one last party. Unfortunately, it has been marked by tragedy – Marvin Stank, Marmalade Skies’s manager, has been found murdered!

Was this fateful collision of Marmalade Skies and the Karma Club a coincidence, or karma? Will Marmalade Skies recover and secure new management before the tour kicks off tomorrow? Or will they crack and disband under the weight of this tragedy? Where are the master tapes from the *Rough Ride Home* sessions? Is the Karma Club really the haven of peaceful harmony it pretends to be? What are the true identities of local bank robbers “Bonnie & Clyde?”

Break out your bellbottom jeans, wide belts, tie-dyed and paisley shirts – and join us at . . .

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What is included when you buy *The Karma Club*?

- A step-by-step guide on how to run the game.
- Character booklets for each guest, including background, goals and objectives, rules and special abilities.
- Items and money for each guest.
- Handouts and other essential items.
- The solution!

How does *The Karma Club* work?

The Karma Club has been written for 10 to 14 guests – plus the host or co-ordinator. The step-by-step guide explains which characters to omit should you have fewer than 14 guests (you do need at least 10, however). Here's how that works:

Number of guests	Male characters	Female characters	Characters that can be played by either sex
10	4	4	2
11	4	4	3
12	5	5	2
13	5	5	3
14	5	5	4

The Karma Club runs over the course of three or four hours and is particularly suited to a buffet meal. One person is the Host, and acts as organiser and co-ordinator, responsible for making sure everything runs smoothly and that all the guests have the information they need. They also act as referee should an impartial decision be required.

Your guests will be members of the Karma Club commune, or the Marmalade Skies rock group. They have their own goals and agendas, and how they choose to achieve those goals is entirely up to them. *The Karma Club* is an evening of hippies, intrigue and murder!

Where can I get *The Karma Club*?

The Karma Club is available from <http://www.freeformgames.com/>. We accept all major credit cards - and Paypal. When you purchase the game, you'll be taken to a page where you can download it right away. We will also email you a download link and password, so you can collect your game later if that's more convenient.

What if I don't like *The Karma Club*?

No product is perfect for everyone. We know that and you know that – and that's why we offer a cast-iron, no quibble guarantee. If you're not completely satisfied with *The Karma Club*, let us know within 30 days and we will refund you.

Wells River Gazette

Sunday, August 17, 1969

Rock and Roll Musicians Guests of Local Hippies

Yesterday, we reported on the surprise appearance in town of the rock and roll combo, Marmalade Skies.

As we are all well aware, the New York "Woodstock" festival that was the band's intended destination is proceeding as planned, accompanied by the expected destruction and mayhem. The event drew almost all Karma Club commune members, promising to give our town a much-needed respite from the hippie presence. Marmalade Skies, however, have camped out at the Karma Club and have embarked on a festival of their own...

Residents near the commune have reported a noticeable increase in the volume of music polluting the area, but, so far, there have been no reports of violence or drug activity. Authorities are on alert, however, and have been keeping a watchful eye for our protection.

We are pleased to report that Marmalade Skies plans to depart Wells River tomorrow morning to begin a concert tour. Their first stop will be in the Berkshires of Massachusetts, and we extend our condolences to that unfortunate community.

Citizens should be warned that the coming week will bring the return of many Karma Club residents from their weekend of debauchery.

No Progress in Vandalism Investigation

Yesterday, we reported on the savage vandalism of the statue of our beloved town father, Ezekiel Wells. Readers will recall that the arms of our beloved founder were lopped off by mindless miscreants.

It is with sadness that we report that the criminals are still at large, and that the police report no new leads.

Hippies On Last Legs

We are pleased to report that the Karma Club commune has yet to remit the property taxes due on their 20-acre property.

Karma Club leader Abbie Rosen could not be reached for comment, but Town Council member Chris Champion is hopeful that Wells River's uninvited and unwanted "age of Aquarius" will soon be over.

"This will be their Waterloo," Champion says. "We've tried before, but have never yet had such a legally valid opportunity to rid ourselves of these hippies for once and for all."

The commune has until midnight tonight to pay their back taxes. If they fail, eviction proceedings will proceed tomorrow morning.

Let us all keep our collective fingers crossed.

Bonnie & Clyde Strike Again

The brazen bank robbers labeled Bonnie & Clyde, after the celebrated outlaws, have struck again. This time, they looted the First Bank of New Hampshire in North Dorchester.

This is the latest in a chain of robberies over the past year perpetrated by the daring duo packing Colt 45s and disguising themselves behind bandanas. Police, as yet, have made no progress in the case.

In the past, such crimes have been followed by anonymous donations to local charities in amounts equal to half of the stolen money. While we suspect this is probably an odd coincidence, we will check in with local shelters and orphanages to see if the trend continues.

The Karma Club – Cast List

Marmalade Skies

Suzy Dickerson: Lead vocals and Marmalade Skies' songwriter.

Lee Melvick: Lead guitar, the party-boy of the band.

Judy Stank: Bass, and Marvin Stank's widow.

Axel Maddox: Drummer, and prankster of the band.

Bobby Stank: Head roadie, Marvin Stank's brother.

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Abbot "Abbie" Rosen: Founder and leader of the commune.

Pony Noonan: Long-time member of the commune and something of a rebel.

Guinevere Stone: Commune member and mother of 18-month-old Sunshine.

Flower Mason: Commune member.

Snow Diamond: Commune member.

Moonbeam Baxter: Recent commune member.

Visitors and Townspeople

Sam Spears: Executive with Groovytunes Records.

Jackie Nichols: Local folk singer, opening act for Marmalade Skies.

Sandy McVee: Wells River citizen, avid Marmalade Skies fan, owner and sole employee of "Sandy's Memorabilia & Collectibles".

Deputy Kozlowski (your Host) is here to ensure that no one leaves the premises during the preliminary phase of the murder investigation.





"Freeform Games will definitely be my first stop when I decide to host my next murder mystery game :) keep doing great work!" **Vlad Dogaru, Romania**

"As I've always said you guys are great!!!! You think of everything! You've found a loyal customer in me!!" **Doris Arnett-Gary, USA**

"Love you guys. Love your games. I always had them for my teenaged daughter and her friends and they were a big hit. I was often impressed with how far young minds took their characters." **Susan Bull, California**

"You make really great games. My friends and me are fond of mystery murder games and tried quite a number of them, and yours are the most interesting and elaborate ones :) " **Lyubov Sharonova, Russia**

"I just want to say thank you for your fantastic games! We've played at least 6 of them, and every single one has been great fun. We have played a lot of murder mystery games over the past 5 years, and yours are absolutely the best." **Mary Lantz, USA**

"Thank you again for responding to all my questions – you guys certainly know how to treat your customers – thank you!" **Laura Blakley, United Kingdom**

A Brief History of Marmalade Skies

1965- Present

1965: Marvin Stank, along with then-fiancée Judy Nesmith, forms a rock band in New York City with guitarist Lee Melvick, singer Suzy Dickerson, and drummer Axel Maddox. They call the band Marmalade Skies, with Marvin as their manager. Marvin and Judy marry on December 8, 1965.

1966: Marmalade Skies signs with Groovytunes Records, and, at the end of the year, release their first album, *Driving Without Headlights*, with songs written by Suzy Dickerson. The album receives lukewarm reviews, and struggles to reach #94 on the Charts.

1967: Marmalade Skies releases its second album, *Jungle Gym*, with songs written entirely by Judy Stank. The single from the album, "Better Off Dead" becomes a radio hit, and the album soars to #7 on the Charts. Marmalade Skies embarks on a sold out, worldwide tour.

1968: Marmalade Skies releases their third album, *Notes from a Padded Cell*, featuring songs written by Suzy Dickerson. The single from the album, "A Stick in the Eye," receives limited radio play, and the album reaches #96 on the charts. Critics pan the album and long for the days of *Jungle Gym*.

1969: Marmalade Skies records the as-yet unreleased *Rough Ride Home*, once again for Groovytunes and with songs written by Dickerson. The band is invited to play at Woodstock, but their tour bus breaks down in Wells River, New Hampshire and they never make it to the festival.

A Brief History of The Karma Club

1967- Present

1967: Abbie Rosen secures a 20 wooded acres in Wells River, New Hampshire, and creates the Karma Club Commune. Pony Noonan and Flower Mason are among the first residents.

1968: Wells River Town Council attempts to close the Karma Club down due to suspected drug activity, but authorities are unable to find any evidence of illegal activity. Guinevere Stone joins the commune. She is pregnant upon her arrival.

1969: Snow Diamond joins the commune. Guinevere gives birth to her daughter, Sunshine. Wells River Town Council issues notice to the Karma Club to render unpaid property taxes or suffer eviction. Moonbeam Baxter joins the commune.

