

Blue Moon on August 31st

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A rare "Blue Moon" will arrive in the Eastern US at 9:38am Friday, August 31, 2012. A blue moon actually has several definitions, but this one is because it's the second full moon during the month of August.

For many of us, this blue moon is bittersweet because it's also the first full moon after the death of Commander Neil Armstrong, the first man to walk on the Moon, who died on August 25th.

Lots has been written and said about Armstrong's life. For me, his stepping on the moon on July 22, 1969, instantly brings me to exactly where I was and who I was with. It does that for many people who were around in the crazy 1960s when "all heck" was breaking loose at the same time mankind was doing incredible things. For a lot of us, the moon landings meant that "we" could do anything. Just think of all that has been developed since 1969.

Yes, I want us to go back to the Moon. And send people to Mars. And fix the issues here on Earth. It's all within our grasp...we just need the drive and perserverence to make it happen.

For now, I, along with many others remember Neil Armstrong. His family issued this heartwarming statement the day after his death:

"For those who may ask what they can do to honor Neil, we have a simple request. Honor his example of service, accomplishment and modesty, and the next time you walk outside on a clear night and see the moon smiling down at you, think of Neil Armstrong and give him a wink."