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## Elections of National Officers for 2020 – 2022

By Jim Hurley, NAFCA Secretary  
Elections

The election of NAFCA National Officers begins in January 2020 and ends on March 1st in 2020. The only contested office for this election is that of President. The other offices were not contested and therefore they will not appear on the ballot. There are no "write ins" allowed when voting for a

NAFCA national office. Information about candidates appeared in the last Campfire Chatter.

### Candidates for the Office of President

The following NAFCA members are running for the office of NAFCA President and their names appear on the ballot.

George Brown

Don Daniel

Linda Ostiguy

### Candidates for Uncontested Offices

The following NAFCA members are running for uncontested national offices and their names will not appear on the ballot. Remember, there are no "write ins" allowed when balloting for NAFCA national officer positions.

1st Vice President – Karen Donnelly

Secretary – Jim Hurley

Treasurer – Bill Neeb

### Ballot

The Ballot for elections can be found in this issue of the Campfire Chatter. You need to cut out the ballot and follow the directions for voting as described on the ballot. There is only One Vote per Membership. The ballots must be returned to the address on the Ballot by March 1st of 2020.

### NAFCA 2020 Elections Officer Candidate Introductions

Candidate for the Office of the  
NAFCA President

#### Linda Ostiguy

My name is Linda Ostiguy. We joined both Chapter #114 and NAFCA in 1972 when our daughter was only two weeks old. It did not take long for me to be elected secretary for #114, a position I held for many years. I served terms



under Marty Moore and Marilyn Taylor as deputy director. When Marilyn needed to step down for health reasons she encouraged me to run for MA State Director. I ran and was

elected! Fortunately Marilyn and I were able to spend some time together before she passed. What a great teacher!

Besides being State Director, Jim & I worked on many NAFCArees, Spring Safaris, and of course the MA State Fall Frolics. We were MA Teen Advisors way back when our daughter was a teen and remember helping on "Ed Conferences". We are also very involved with the Springfield Outdoor and Camping Show and help each February especially with the NAFCA booth.

We have many fond memories and friendships through NAFCA and I would like to be considered as a candidate for the office of NAFCA President.

Candidate for the Office of the  
NAFCA President

#### Don Daniel



I would like to place my name in the running for the office of NAFCA President for the term to start in April 2020. I am currently Canvasback 157 president a position for which I have

held for many years. I also was elected to the chapter – Canvasback 157 – positions of secretary, delegate, assistant treasurer, and newsletter editor. I am

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## North American Family Campers Association (NAFCA)

### Ballot

#### Election of National Officers for 2020 - 2022

For the Office of NAFCA President

Place an X on the line next to the name of the individual you wish to be the NAFCA president. Vote for only one person.

George Brown \_\_\_\_\_

Don Daniel \_\_\_\_\_

Linda Ostiguy \_\_\_\_\_

- Only one vote per membership.
- The ballot must be placed in an envelope.
- Only one ballot per envelope.
- Only the ballot and nothing else should be placed in the envelope.
- Write the membership name legibly on the outside of the envelope.
- This ballot must be returned to the address below prior to March 1, 2020.

Return the ballot to:

NAFCA ELECTIONS  
PO Box 345  
Billerica, MA 01821

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Family Campers  
Association, Inc.  
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781-584-6443

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Paula & Dale Bradley  
401-683-2890

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## President's Message

Hello to all my fellow campers in NAFCA.

Winter is here. As I write this the weathermen are calling for a Nor'easter for the region with over a foot of snow in some areas. Didn't need that.

In January a ballot goes out for our elections. The only office having multiple people is for President. Please fill it out and get it sent in with your selection.

The big winter event for NAFCA is the Springfield RV & Camping Show February 14-17 2020, sponsored by PV8 Chapter.

Don't forget the deadline for Proposals for the 2021 NAFCA Spring Safari & NAFCAree. These need to be sent to me by March 1, 2020. Please send by mail so it gets to me.

Well we are into the winter season so remember to travel safe to all of your outings this winter.

Pam and I would like to wish everyone in the NAFCA family a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and be safe.

Yours in camping,

Dennis & Pam Richardson

## Lunch at the Mass Co-ord and NAFCA Full Board Meeting

What are you doing Jan. 5, 2020? Why not travel out to Rutland, MA for the MA Co-ord/NAFCA Full Board meeting?

MA Co-ord starts at 10AM where we will vote on the location of the 2020 MA Fall Frolic among other items, see who is running for MA Co-ord officers, get the Scusset Beach date, anyway you get the picture.

We will have available for sale Chix. & veggies-corn bread casserole, with pickles and dessert for only \$4.00 a serving. This will take place after the MA Co-ord meeting and before the 1PM NAFCA Full Board.

Come and stay, eat, socialize, and pray for good weather. Start out the new year right and join in the friendships!

Linda Ostiguy

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also currently the NAFCA Conservation Chairman. I am responsible to lead and set up the Otter River Conservation Weekend.

Maureen and I joined NAFCA in November 1974 and we joined Canvasback 157 in April 1975. We have served on several NAFCArees, Spring Safaris and Leadership/Education Conferences through our time in NAFCA. We have attended almost every NAFCAree, Spring Safari, Leadership/Education Conference, Annual Meetings and Full Board Meetings.

Our family has always been involved in NAFCA, state and chapter functions as long as we have been members. Therefore I know I have the knowledge and drive to lead our association into the future for the good of NAFCA.

### **George Brown**

No Resume received

Candidate for the Office of NAFCA  
First Vice President

### **Karen Donnelly**



This letter is to officially inform you of my interest in the open position of Vice President of NAFCA. It would be an honor to work as a team with the other board members to help lead the organization into the future. I anticipate that as a member of the board I would represent the leadership when called upon and work cohesively with all the board members on a variety of tasks. I look forward to working with all members of NAFCA to work toward the common goal; which is to continue to guide NAFCA to be a successful, respected, and a sought-after camping organization.

I have held the position of Massachusetts State Coordinating Secretary for approximately two years. I successfully carry-out the secretarial duties of the position, as well as work in conjunction with the MA State Director, Treasurer, and deputies to plan and execute the yearly Fall Frolic and other organized camping weekends. I was a member of the 2016 NAFCAree Committee held at Apple Island, Vermont; duties included leading a trip to the

Von Trap Family Lodge, help organize events, and ensure our members questions or needs were addressed.

My education includes a BS in Accounting, 2000, and MBA Graduate Studies, all at Southern New Hampshire University. My years working in a business environment has provided me with the opportunities to lead teams, perform public speaking, and successfully work with a large spectrum of diverse people with different backgrounds. I have an outgoing demeanor and am an active listener. I believe these skills and qualities would be a good fit for the VP position.

Candidate for the Office of NAFCA  
Treasurer

### **Bill Neeb**



I'm nearing the end of my third term in office as your treasurer. It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve the NAFCA membership with this key position. The treasurer not only writes out the checks, but follows the financial actions of the organization, and keeps the membership informed regarding its activity. Along with the financial and administrative obligations of the organization, Rose and I have also been your membership committee, processing new memberships and membership renewals. The two positions work hand in hand, and we both have been working hard to keep your records up to date. We both look forward to the chance to serve you over the next two years.

Candidate for the Office of NAFCA  
Secretary

### **Jim Hurley**



I am a candidate for the position of secretary for NAFCA.

My wife Marilyn and I have been members of NAFCA for 28 years. Presently, I have been serving NAFCA as the national secretary for the past ten years. As a family we participate in many NAFCA events including annual meetings, council of chapter meetings, NAFCArees, Spring Safari's, Fall Frolics, and many chapter

events. I am a member of NAFCA because enjoy camping. NAFCA offers leadership opportunities as well as wonderful camping experiences and camaraderie with NAFCA members. My family has enjoyed camping with NAFCA and I would like to serve the organization again as secretary for the next two years.

I look forward to meeting you at NAFCA events in the future!

## **Mass. State Dinner & Dance**

### **Mass State Dinner & Dance**

January 25, 2020  
Holiday Inn Express, Sturbridge MA  
"COME SAIL AWAY!"

Welcome aboard, it's time to make plans with your camping friends for the 2020 Mass Dinner & Dance. It will be held on January 25, 2020, at the Holiday Inn Express in Sturbridge MA.

The theme will be "Come Sail Away" – so let's get out our sailing attire, captain, first mate, a passenger or a stow away; even just a leisure sail. Be simple or get creative, it's all about the fun.

If you are planning for a getaway

Reservation Form

### **Mass State Dinner & Dance** "Come Sail Away"

Deadline: January 8, 2020 dinner

Deadline for hotel 12/24/19

Buffet Consists of: Salad, Roast Beef, Pork Loin, Baked Chicken, Mashed Potato, Mixed Hot Vegetables, Rolls w/ butter and Apple Crisp for Dessert – Coffee & Tee.

All other beverages you must bring your own – alcoholic or not (that would include beer, any alcohol you may want to consume plus the mixers to go with it, soda, juice, tonic, seltzer, water, etc.) They do not have a bar.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

# attending \_\_X \$35.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter # or who you would like to sit with: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks Payable to: Mass Dinner & Dance

Mail to: Kathy Lena

289 Summer St.

New Bedford MA 02740



weekend, that would be the 24th thru the 26th and the room rates are \$89 per night for 2 for king standard or 2 queen standard rooms; \$99 per night for a king or queen suite room; all include the Complimentary breakfast buffet 6:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. daily. You are more than welcome to go earlier or even stay longer (at the discounted rate), that's on you. Please call the hotel direct to book your own room at 508 347 8000. Hotel booking deadline is December 24, 2019. Make sure you tell them you are with North American Family Campers to get the group discount. No guarantees for room availability, after that date, so please reserve early.

The Dinner will consist of the Buffet: Salad, Roast Beef, Chicken, Pork Loin w/gravy, Seasonal Vegetables, Potatoes, and Bread & Butter & Dessert, coffee & tea. We were able to drop the cost this year to \$35.00 per person. Please remember that the dinner price includes the DJ, use of function room, etc... Roland of Twilight Sound will DJ for us.

Also new this year-the hotel does not have a bar or food so – the food will be catered by Old Towne Caterers, and it will be BYOB, (all beverages soda, juice and beer & hard liquor too) So the bar most of us have in our rooms can be brought to your table at the dinner dance too.

We appreciate any new items you would like to donate for door prizes, just bring to the event

Keep the Dinner Dance and the hotel room (full or partial) in mind when shopping for Christmas, anniversary, birthday. You can give to your spouse, let your kids pay (they always ask what you want) or treat yourself. Hotel gift Certificates in any denomination are also available.

Those that attend usually have a good time. We like to think of it as our winter "indoor camping weekend". Feel free to bring friends, they don't have to be members and they don't have to camp.

The Holiday Inn Sturbridge features a 24-hour fitness center, indoor pool, business center. The hotel is also located close to a large selection of restaurants with various offerings and price ranges.

The hotel's address is: 21 New Boston Rd (Rte. 20) Sturbridge MA. right off the Pike across from the State Police

If you haven't been in a while, wel-

come back; if you've never been, give it a try; if you come every year, great to have you. We are always looking forward to seeing you for the night or the weekend. Don't forget the hospitality room and something to share for cocktail hour.

Kathy Lena  
Chairman  
kmlturbo@aol.com

## **NAFCAre 2020**

Rideau Acres Campground  
1014 Cunningham Road

Kingston, Ontario, K7L 4V3, Canada

Hi to all in NAFCALand. Your 2020 NAFCAre Committee has been hard at work on your behalf putting together a fun filled week you surely will not want to miss out on.

The water, electric and sewer sites have been selling very well. If you can send in your \$100 (US) deposit which will hold your campsite. The other half of the available campsite have electric and water. All sites have a picnic table and fire pit for your use.

I will give you a very broad review of the trips we as a committee have planned for your week in the Kingston area. Sunday, we have a fun filled day of touring Kingston which has a rich history as this was Canada's First Capital next a stop at the old penitentiary then onto Fort Henry. We will be using a trolley for transportation.

Monday will be Ottawa. The trip may include Changing of The Guard on Parliament Hill; 3 Parliament Buildings and the 302 Foot Tall Peace Tower dedicated to Canadian's killed in WWI. Rideau Canal with its 19th century limestone locks and wooden lock master houses, amphibus water tour.

Tuesday will now be our 1000 Island Cruise and lunch on the Island Star boat. See related write-up on this wonderful three hour tour.

Wednesday is NAFCAre Day. There will be games to play, food to eat and the food may include an evening buffet... more to come as to menu. You will want to partake of the events of this day including cardboard boat races. That should be a splashing laugh riot for all involved.

Thursday we will be enjoying the play "Music Man" at the Springer Theater. This performance is a matinee

so you'll return to the campground for your evening meal on your own.

Friday will be "Upper Canada" a Sturbridge type village. History will abound and you may move at your own pace.

Closing Ceremonies will be Friday evening. We have something on the docket to help entertain you for the closing. See you there.

No pricing yet on the trips we should have reservation form and cost for most things in February. Reserve your site payable to NAFCALand and send to Carol Robison 18 Amy Ave., Leominster, MA 01453.

Don Daniel for NAFCAre 2020

### **NAFCAre 2020 Thursday, July 23 Luncheon Cruise**

Hi Everyone, have you chosen to come to NAFCAre 2020. I will just give you a preview of the Cruise planned. I do not have the menu or final ticket price since the 2020 information is due out after January first. Here is an overview of what was offered last year. I do know the new menu will be every bit as good and will please your tastes.

On the boat "Island Star" we will have premium seating. The table seating will be on the outer area of the glass enclosed dining room. The restrooms are on the same level as the dining room for your convenience.

There is an outside observation deck which many will want to use after we have had our meal. Cruising will be in and around the 1000 Island area of the river. There will be abundant shoreline and other boats to look at while we are cruising.

Food choices may include: breads, salad, choice of entrée, dessert with coffee and tea. There is a full-service cash bar on board. Some of last years entrée's were: New York Striploin; chicken Supreme; Rainbow Trout; stuffed pepper. All entrée's include fresh potatoes and or potato or rice. The 2020 menu may be different but very tasty! You can count on that.

Our ticket price will include transportation, meal, boat ride, taxes and gratuities. The trip price will be set at a later date and all trips will be on a Trip Reservation form to be printed inCampfire Chatter.

Maureen and I look forward to having you along with us on this 1000 Island Lunch Cruise which should not be missed.

Don & Maureen Daniel – Cruise Directors

### Reminders for everyone coming into Canada from United States:

Make sure everyone in your traveling party has their passport, including children. Even if you don't get asked for it to enter Canada, you will need it to re-enter the USA. If you don't have a passport, you can get a passport card for only \$30, instead of paying \$110 for

a passport book. Note that the passport card is only good for land & sea travel between USA, Canada, Mexico, Caribbean, and Bermuda. If you have AAA, you can get the passport photos for free at any location that offers the service. After you have the passport photos, you can go to the post office to complete your application. You'll want to give yourself at least 2 months for this so you don't have to pay extra for expedited processing.

Be sure to have your vehicle registrations for both car and trailer (if you are doing so), along with insurance ID cards for both. They are on the lookout for stolen cars at immigration, so you want to be prepared. Having a declarations page in the glove compartment as well doesn't hurt.

A special note for MA residents: Since MA doesn't do ID cards, call your insurance company and tell them you will be driving to Canada and need an ID card. Most companies are able to provide you with ID cards for Canada. If your company doesn't do ID cards, keep a declarations page in your glove compartment along with the registration. This will save you a headache if you get asked for an ID card at immigration. If that does indeed happen, as has happened to me, this is what to say, verbatim: "I am a resident of Massachusetts, and in MA they don't do ID cards because insurance is compulsory in order to register a car in MA, so the registration serves as proof of insurance. However, along with my registration, here is my declarations page."

looking all the this year's show has to offer! The committee has been hard at work filling spaces with much to see & we will have quite a few new vendors offering much to see!

As you may already know, each year the Springfield RV, Camping and Outdoor Show is dedicated to a person, couple or group of people, which is nominated by and voted on, by the Campshow committee. This is a tradition we take great pride in. This year's dedicatees have gone above and beyond in what they have done for the good of the Campshow, and our chapter. Our primary focus was finding a deserving couple that has given so much back to this chapter by serving the Campshow in so many ways. We want to congratulate our 2020 Dedicatees, Earl & Elise McClain!! They have done numerous things for both the chapter and our Campshow.

So please join us in thanking them for their commitment and dedication to the Show and to our club--without members like them, the Show would not be such a success! Thank you Earl & Elise!

As always this show is produced by campers, for campers, & is on tap for Presidents' Day weekend at the Eastern States Exposition Grounds in West Springfield, MA. For the past 57 years, this show has been produced by the membership of Pioneer Valley Chapter 8 (PV8).

You've heard it all before...The show is the largest and longest running show of its kind in New England. The show utilizes the Better Living Center, the Young and Mallory buildings at the Big E. Show hours are Friday Feb. 14th, 4:00pm - 9:00pm, Saturday Feb. 15th, 10:00am - 8:00pm, Sunday Feb. 16th, 10:00am - 6:00pm, and Monday Feb. 17th, 10:00am - 4:00pm. Admission prices are \$10.00 per adult, \$7.00 for seniors and military. Children 12 and under are free when accompanied by an adult. Parking is \$5.00 per car, payable to the Big E. Also new this year, along with online ticket purchasing, we are now taking credit & debit cards at specially marked booths!!

For complete show details including, directions, exhibitor list, entertainment schedule, and more check out our

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Reservation Form

**2020 NAFCaree**  
On the Go in Ontario  
Rideau Acres Campground  
Kingston, Canada  
July 18-25, 2020  
**Deposit Deadline, April 15, 2020**

Names of all individuals in your rig. All must be members of NAFCaree.

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

# Adults \_\_\_\_\_ # Children \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter # \_\_\_\_\_

# of Pets \_\_\_\_\_

Rig Type \_\_\_\_\_ Length \_\_\_\_\_

Registration for Camper: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration for Towed or Tow Vehicle \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Camping W/E/S @\$395.00	\$ _____
Friday Arrival @ \$56.00	\$ _____
Sunday departure @ \$56.00	\$ _____
Camping W/E @\$365.00	\$ _____
Friday Arrival @ \$51.00	\$ _____
Sunday departure @ \$51.00	\$ _____
Extra Adult over 18 @ \$120.00	\$ _____
2nd Family in rig @ \$190.00	\$ _____
TOTAL FOR CAMPING	\$ _____
Deposit \$100.00	\$ _____
Final Payment Due by June 1, 2020	
Make check payable to NAFCaree	
Mail to: Carol Robison	
18 Amy Avenue	
Leominster, MA 01453	

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**2020**

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[SpringfieldRVCampingShow.com](http://SpringfieldRVCampingShow.com)

### Springfield RV Camping & Outdoor Show

We hope everyone's Holidays were great, filled with many new memories & fun times. As the days are getting colder we are well on the way to opening the doors for the 58th ANNUAL SPRINGFIELD RV, CAMPING AND OUTDOOR SHOW - FEBRUARY 14-17th, 2020. Where the it will be nice and warm while



web site at [www.springfieldrvcamping-show.com](http://www.springfieldrvcamping-show.com) or call 413-781-CAMP. And don't forget to like us on Facebook!

Your 2020 Campshow Committee

In closing, please mark your calendars for the 58th Annual Show & join us to congratulate Earl & Elise being the 2020 Campshow Dedicatees.

Respectfully yours,

Kris & Bonnie Spaulding (PV8)

**North American Family  
Campers Association  
Council of Chapters  
Meeting Minutes  
Saturday – October 5 – 2019  
Country Aire Campground in Char-  
lemont, Massachusetts**

**Call to Order** – President Dennis Richardson

The meeting was called to order at 10 am.

The group participated in a Flag Salute and a Moment of Silence for the sick and departed.

Past NAFA national officers Joe Santos, Doris Lewis and Carol Bishop were recognized.

**Roll Call of National Officers**

President Dennis Richardson – Present,  
1st Vice President Paula Bradley – Present,  
Treasurer Bill Neeb – Present, Secretary Jim Hurley – Present

**Delegate Tally** – Secretary Jim Hurley

There were 22 delegated signed in and 3 voting national officers for a total vote count of 25 for this meeting.

**Secretary's Report** – Jim Hurley

A motion was made and passed to accept the minutes as printed in the May 5th issue of the Campfire Chatter. M/DBradley, S/Lostiguy – Passed

**Treasurer's Report** – Bill Neeb

The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented by Bill Neeb. Copies of the report were available at the meeting. M/PBradley, S/DBradley – Passed

**Committee Reports**

**NAFCAree 2019** – Bill Neeb

Bill Neeb thanked everyone for coming to the 2019 NAFCAree. The final report will be given at the January Full Board Meeting. Discussion ensued with attendees having many positive comments regarding this NAFCAree. People enjoyed the location, the camp sites, the playground for children, the tours and the NAFCAree committee members involvement. Members thanked Bill Neeb for chairing this wonderful event.

**Spring Safari** – Tony and Ellen Migneault

The NAFA Spring Safari will be held at the Spencer Fairgrounds in Spencer Massachusetts on May 14th through May 17th.

Tony and Ellen Migneault announced that they have a committee for this event. The theme will be "Let's Do Plenty in 2000 & 20." The Migneaults were in need of Gate Duty workers and some positions were filled at this meeting. Presently the contract for the event is being negotiated with the fairgrounds. Please contact Tony or Ellen if you would like to help with this event.

**Sustaining Members** – Rosemarie Neeb

There are 31 sustaining members, not much has changed this year. October renewals were mailed and waiting on 2 more to send in their payments. There was an inquiry from someone who owns two KOA Campgrounds in NH and Maine. I sent the information to them and waiting for a reply. I will follow up and hopefully they will join.

Virginia sent me an email about Diamond RV. They were a sustaining member until a few years ago. They wrote "After over 30 years in business the LaBreque family and staff at Diamond RV would like to thank all our customers for allowing us to care for all your RV needs. Diamond has been acquired by Camping World and will operate under the name Gander RV."

**Sports Rules** – Jim Ostiguy

Members played the games at the Fall Frolic but we still need more people to play. Discussion ensued including the need to have other games to play, the idea of having a survey of the membership, some rules were complicated to some people, the time and effort of lugging the games to campouts and the fact that the rules are in the NAFA Handbook. It was also pointed out that some years ago the games were played by members of the various chapters who had won within their chapters and were now playing for a championship between chapters. A motion was made to have a survey of membership. Linda Ostiguy will write the survey and put it in the Campfire Chatter and Joanna Falkof will collect the surveys via email and letters. M/Delegate, S/Lostiguy – Passed

**Auxiliary** – Dale Bradley

Dale reported that he sold items at the Fall Frolic. He has items that are not selling so they will be marked down in price. Discussion ensued and it was determined that some items will be used at door prizes and some items can be used as prizes for game winners. Discussion also included the business deal that Bill Neeb described at a previous meeting where a business would sell the items and NAFA would still make a profit on items sold. Members also discussed having a sale and putting items in the Campfire Chatter and having coupons for items in the Campfire Chatter. The Auxiliary is also seeking a person or group to chair this committee.

**Conservation** – Don Daniel

NAFCA Otter River Conservation Weekend will be held on October 18-20, 2019

Participation in this event averages 10 families on this weekend. We need better

participation in this event. Discussion ensued that included topics including whether to have the event only in the spring or only in the fall and not both seasons and whether to involve the teens more.

The following is a list of happenings for the weekend.

Gates open on Friday at 10am

Friday evening meal out to King Phillip Restaurant – Car pool

Friday evening campfire & coffee, please bring a goodie to share

Saturday work day begins at 8:30am. Rake around campsite fireplaces, rake out memorial grove area, clean out joints of brick patio and sweep/blow off bricks, spray restroom building with water sealer.

Saturday – coffee break mid-morning, please bring a goodie to share.

Saturday evening meal will be pot luck  
Saturday evening campfire, coffee.  
Please bring a goodie to share.

Handicap porta-jon for our weekend use.

No hookups, water available

Otter River State Forest, Route US 202  
½ mile north of Baldwinville, MA

**Scholarship Committee** – Linda Ostiguy for Liz Sheldon and Nancy Selover

Linda Ostiguy read the Scholarship Committee Report including activity on the accounts and present balances.

**NAFCA Cares** – Doris Lewis

Doris Lewis is seeking a chair for this committee. She would also like to have members send more information regarding deaths, illnesses, anniversaries and information about those serving in the armed forces. The NAFA Cares will appear in the Campfire Chatter. President Dennis Richardson thanked Doris and Dena Rickson for this work with NAFA Cares.

**Unfinished Business**

**NAFCAree 2020** – Carol Robison

Carol Robison and Phil Choiniere are the chairs for the 2020 NAFCAree that will be held at Rideau Acres Campground in Kingston, Ontario, Canada. The Daniel family is also on the committee. Carol Robison presented some information regarding this event. She brought pictures and information that could be viewed on her computer system. Carol explained some of the events and tours that the committee will look into as plans for this event move forward. 75 sites have been reserved and the campground rents trailers. A committee meeting is planned for Saturday, October 19th at the Otter River weekend event. Information will be posted in the Campfire Chatter. If you are interested in becoming a committee member contact Carol Robison.

President Dennis Richardson announced that the event Due Dates for 2021 Spring Safari and NAFCAree events are due to the NAFA President by February 29th in 2020. This allows information on these events to be posted in the April Campfire

Chatter.

**New Business** – Slate of Officers for 2020 – 2022 – Dennis Richardson

Dennis Richardson announced that the slate of officers for the elections would be announced at the January 2020 Full Board Meeting.

State Director Reports

Massachusetts – Linda Ostiguy

The MA Fall Frolic is history. At the Spencer Fairgrounds in Spencer, MA we enjoyed our annual Fall Frolic “No Theme in 2019”, Sept. 26-29, 2019. The crowd was small so we spread out and enjoyed beautiful weather! Some of us “early ladies” went to Klems for “ladies night” on Thurs. Booths were few but that made it more profitable for them. We crafts & treasures, Chili, Chicken Corn Chowder, Breakfast sandwiches, NAFCA wear, and all sorts of yummy apple desserts. NOICE CREAM! Maybe next year.

Our youngest camper was Lily Fisher at 3 yrs. Our oldest (in years only) is Joe Santos, Sr. at 88. We had homemade cookies along with our coffee on Friday night. The games were held, a kids corner, a “winterize” demo presented by Mann’s RV in Rutland, MA, card bingo on Friday night, candy bingo on Sat. night, the dedication of this year’s MA Fall Frolic, chapter raffles, 50/50, food basket raffles, and special raffles. Everyone got a door prize that attended our MA Co-ord meeting on Sunday morning. Even with the weather so beautiful the campfires still roared.

We travel to the Rutland Public Library, 280 Main St., Rutland, MA on Nov. 3 for our next Co-ord meeting. It starts at 10am. Don’t forget our “Winter Get-A-Way” at the Holiday Inn in Sturbridge, MA on January 24-26, 2020.

Proposals for the MA Fall Frolic-2020 must be sent to Ostiguy-36 N. Brookfield Rd. or e-mails to linandjimo@verison.net in time to be read at the MA Co-ord in Rutland, MA on Nov.2019. Voting will be at our March co-ord. Proposals for 2021 MA Frolic by be presented at our March Co-ord to be voted on at our 2020 MA Fall Frolic. Lastly please consider running for a MA Co-ord office or National....NOW is the time!!!! All positions are open.

**New Hampshire** – Marilyn Hurley

Did you know that in 25 days it will be Halloween? In 7 weeks it will be Thanksgiving? And in just 11 weeks it will be Christmas? Are you stressed yet? Well, you should be! But I’m not here to stress you out about these and other Hallmark events. (By the way, Stressed spelled backwards is Desserts!)

I’m here to tell you that if you have not made your reservation for the greatest Fall Frolic in 2020 – the New Hampshire/Vermont Fall Frolic – you just might be out of luck! How many other events can say that they are happily reserved one year in advance?

Enjoy the fall colors, winter snow, and in just 6 short months it will be camping season again. I’ll see you around the campfire!

**Rhode Island** – Dale Bradley

Dale announced that Camp-O-Rama was a success and everyone had a great time. People interested in the T-shirts can order them through Dale. The price depends on how many Dale orders. There were 18 families at the recent Quahaug campout.

**Vermont** – Michelle Perry

Our VT chapters have finished their camping season, are winterizing their campers and gearing up for winter. Our Canadian friends from Chapter 156 are still camping at a gem of a campground called River Meadow Campground in North Haverhill, New Hampshire. We held our NH/VT Fall Frolic at River Meadow Campground again this year. It was well attended with 17 families in attendance, our highest number yet. We had a great time with a pot luck, brown bag auction and Potty, dominoes and cribbage champions. We also enjoyed the company of NAFCA officers: Jim & Marilyn Hurley and Bill & Rose Neeb Thanks to all for spending the weekend with us. In 2020, the VT/NH Fall Frolic will be held Sept 11-13, same location as 2019. Book early, sites are going fast!!! You’ll want to join the FUN!!

It was a great camping season! A couple of our highlights included Cherokee campouts in Johnson and also Irasburg, VT. Hands Across the Border held their annual International Weekend. It was a wonderful time in Canada!! A GREAT summer of camping fun was had by all.

Our Chapters are planning their holiday parties and thinking about campouts for the 2020 camping season.

Enjoy the Fall foliage, stay warm this Winter and THINK CAMPING in the SPRING!

**For the Good of NAFCA**

It was reported that the Friendship Pot was with the Herring Runners Chapter #83.

The next Council of Chapters meeting will be held on Sunday, May 17th at the NAFCA Spring Safari.

The meeting adjourned at 12 pm. M/LOstiguy, S/DBradley – Passed

The meeting was reopened at 6:30 pm by President Dennis Richardson.

Dennis explained that according to the Bylaws the Slate of Officers for the 2020 election needed to be presented at the October Council of Chapters meeting. This needed to be done because other nominations have until December 1st to declare interest in a position and ballots for voting need to be available to members in January.

Linda Ostiguy presented the slate of officers at this time.

President – George Brown, Don Daniel and Linda Ostiguy

1st Vice President – Karen Donnelly

2nd Vice President - Open

Secretary – Jim Hurley

Treasurer - Bill Neeb

Further nominations for officers may be made by petition signed by at least twenty five voting members of NAFCA and the petitions are to be presented to the President by December 1st.

The reopened meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm. M/LOstiguy, S/MHurley – Passed

Respectfully submitted by Jim Hurley, Secretary

## **North American Family Campers Association Full Board Meeting Minutes Saturday – October 5 – 2019 Country Aire Campground Charlemont, Massachusetts**

**Call to Order** – President Dennis Richardson

The meeting was called to order at 12:45 pm by President Dennis Richardson.

The group participated in a Flag Salute and a Moment of Silence for the sick and departed.

Past NAFCA national officer Joe Santos was recognized.

**Roll Call** of National Officers and State Directors

President Dennis Richardson – Present, 1st Vice President Paula Bradley – Present, Treasurer Bill Neeb – Present, Secretary Jim Hurley – Present, Massachusetts State Director Linda Ostiguy – Present, New Hampshire State Director Marilyn Hurley – Present, Rhode Island State Director Dale Bradley – Present and Vermont State Director Michelle Perry – Absent

**Secretary’s Report** – Jim Hurley

The minutes to the August 10, 2019 meeting were accepted as printed. Copies were available at this meeting. M/DBradley, S/BNeeb – Passed

**Treasurer’s Report** – Bill Neeb

The Treasurer’s Report was accepted as presented subject to audit. Copies were available at this meeting. M/DBradley, S/LOstiguy – Passed

**Committee Reports**

Committee Reports were given at the morning Council of Chapters Meeting. There were no additions to the reports.

**Correspondence**

Secretary Jim Hurley reported that the Board had sent a letter to Pine Tree Chapter 33 regarding issues that the Board had been requested to review. The Board found no violations of the NAFCA bylaws. Many of the issues were related to the Pine Tree Chapter Campground.

**New Business**

Funding for an Event-Paula Bradley

Paula Bradley requested the opinion of the Board regarding funding for a get together for people who used to be part of the teen group. Discussion ensued. The following were suggestions and comments on this issue.

A written proposal should be given to

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the full board of NAFCA.

The gathering could be done at a scheduled NAFCA event.

The group could host their own conference.

It was noted that the funding was not for the present teens but for those who were teens years ago.

No motion was made and no decisions were made regarding this request.

#### **Full Board Planning Meeting**

The Board discussed holding a planning meeting for the 2020 camping season. A motion was made to meet on November 3rd after the Massachusetts Coordinating Meeting. The meeting would be at Val's Restaurant and Linda Ostiguy would call for reservations. M/JHurley, S/BNeeb – Passed  
The Board also discussed meeting after the January Full Board Meeting. There was no motion or amendment made at this time.

#### **Annual Meeting 2020 – Dennis Richardson**

President Dennis Richardson announced that the NAFCA Annual Meeting and Spring Full Board Meeting would be held the weekend of April 24-26 at Country Aire Campground in Charlemont, Massachusetts. The Annual meeting would be in the morning of April 25th. Installation of National Officers will be held at this time. The Full Board Meeting will follow the Annual Meeting & Installation of Officers after a short break. Dennis had made arrangements with Lisa at Country Aire Campground.

#### **Summer Board – 2020**

A motion was made to hold the Summer Board meeting at Traveler's Woods Campground in Bernardston, Massachusetts, on August 8, 2020. This occurs during the Massachusetts Multi-Chapter Camping Weekend and the Board meeting will be held on Saturday, August 8th. M/JHurley, S/BNeeb – Passed

#### **Fall Council of Chapters 2020**

The Fall Council of Chapters 2020 will be hosted by Rhode Island. Information will appear in the Campfire Chatter.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 pm. M/DBradley, S/MHurley – Passed

Respectfully submitted by Jim Hurley, Secretary

## **North American Family Campers Association Annual Meeting Minutes**

**April 27, 2019**

### **Oak Haven Campground in Wales, Massachusetts**

**Call to Order** – President Dennis Richardson

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 am by President Dennis Richardson

The group participated in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Those assembled held a Moment of Silence for the sick and departed.

Joe Santos was recognized as a past NAFCA national officer.

**Roll Call of National Officers** – Secretary Jim Hurley

President Dennis Richardson – Present,  
1st Vice President Paula Bradley – Present,  
Treasurer Bill Neeb – Absent, Secretary Jim Hurley – Present

#### **Secretary's Report** – Jim Hurley

The minutes from the April 2018 Annual Meeting was accepted as printed. Copies of the report were available at this meeting. M/George Brown, S/Larry Converse – Passed

#### **Treasurer's Report** – Bill Neeb

Bill Neeb read the Treasurer's Report. Copies were available at this meeting. Bill gave the full report for the fiscal year ending March 31st of 2019. Bill gave a thorough explanation of the income and expenses as well as ending balances of each of NAFCA's accounts. The Treasurer's Report was accepted at presented. M/George Brown, S/Bruce Bartlett – Passed.

#### **Committee Reports**

##### **Spring Safari 2019** – Linda Ostiguy

The Spring Safari will be held next weekend at the Spencer Fairgrounds. We will be having a Chinese Auction, Cookies Friday evening and we will show you how to make a Ware Wolf poncho. Booths include the 49ers selling hot dogs and ice cream, Sustaining Members DJ'Z Creative Designs as well as Worcester Chapters offering breakfast on Saturday morning. There will be a Chili Cook-off Saturday late afternoon. So far we have 60 reservations and 95 people coming to the event.

##### **NAFCAree 2019** – Bill Neeb

It's getting so close I can smell the ocean air from Old Orchard Beach.

Can you believe we have 73 families coming to the Party? Wow. Not to worry. We have a highly capable and years of experienced committee to make this a pleasantly memorable event for all.

The trips are all booked. The deposits have been made. We will have two trolleys all to ourselves running around the city of Portland. Even the boat around the bay will be pretty much all ours. Let's just keep our fingers crossed for a dry summer day.

The Portland Sea Dogs will be playing ball, and we'll be there to cheer them on.

The exclusive Portsmouth Naval Shipyard tour has been so popular we added on a second trip on Wednesday.

And what is a NAFCAree without a trip to a casino.

If none of this tickle your fancy, see our display at the Spring Safari where we'll guide you to several other events and sites you can take on your own. Like a Porsche rally on Sunday in Scarborough! Oyster farming, Splashtown, and Brewery tours. How about a trolley ride through Kennebunkport and Walkers Point?

Wait, did I skip over the Songo River Queen cruise on Long Lake in Naples. That's the big news. We charted the boat, but we

only have about 50 passengers. What do we do with the other 300 seats? The answer. Open it up to NAFCA members who want to join us for the morning!

I hate to admit it, but it wasn't my idea. One of our Maine Chapter members asked if they could come with us since we will be in their back yard. That turned on that light bulb over my head, and we now have a cruise only ticket price we are offering to non-NAFCAree attendees. It will be up to you to find a way to the docks, but if you do, well, the more the merrier, right?

I have a reservation form for you here, and will also have it available on Facebook, the Chatter, and on the website. By the way, have you seen the new Website? Way to go Ben.

Tickets for NAFCA members is \$15.00. If you bring a non-NAFCA friend, their price will be \$20.00. So, save the date, Tuesday, July 23rd for a 10:00 am departure. Hope to see you there.

#### **Web Site** – NAFCA.org

Bill Neeb and Ben French have been working on plans for the web site. The NAFCA.org web site will be hosted by GoDaddy that will offer many new enhancements at a lower price. Watch for the changes on the web site.

#### **Sustaining Members** – Rose Neeb

Currently we have 32 sustaining members. Numbers are down since last April when we had 38. The members that did not renew are Arlington RV, KOA 1000 Islands, Bald Mountain, Spruce Creek, Stateline, Camping USA, Frontier Campground, and Vans RV. Vans was recently sold to Pete's RV and they are already a member. New members signing up were Independence RV in Florida and DJ'Z Creative Designs in Conn. DJ's is the company we use for printing the NAFCAree t-shirts. She was at the Springfield show and Linda Ostiguy got her to sign up. She will be having a booth at Spring Safari with some samples of her work. Thank you Linda for recruiting this member.

I did send some invitation letters to campgrounds, some of which were former members. So far, just received one sign-up which was Abel Mountain CG in Vermont.

I want to thank Jeff Bell for his article in the April Chatter. He visited many sustaining member booths at the Springfield show and did a great write-up for many of these members. Be sure to check this article for a lot of information and give some thought about going to a campground you haven't been at. We need to support our sustaining members.

#### **Sports Rules** – Jim Ostiguy

If you have games and you are attending Spring Safari please bring your games so we will have enough for everyone to participate. Jim Ostiguy has plans for making any of the NAFCA games. Contact Jim if you would like a copy of any plans.



#### **Auxiliary – Dale Bradley**

Dale has ordered more inventory and he will have the Auxiliary items for sale at Spring Safari. The Auxiliary also has new window decals in color for sale. The cost is \$2 for small decals and \$4 for the larger decals – trailer size.

#### **Campfire Chatter – Message from Bill Neeb**

As reported in the last two editions of the Campfire Chatter, we were thrown a curve ball when our existing Publisher, Turley Publications of Palmer MA, gave us a one, and only one, notice that they would not publish our next edition. This gave us less than 30 days to find a new publisher to try to keep on schedule to get our information to our members on time. With the help of Dick Basha, we did it.

While some members offered their suggestions for printer choices, we appreciated your offer, but as Dick can tell you, there is a major difference between a printer, and a publisher. A publisher does not drop the paper off at your doorstep. He works with you from copy proof to mailing. And there are significant steps in between, like transfer and coordination of our post office locations.

At first we tried to find another newspaper publisher, but they are a dying breed. Some that we did find only print for themselves. They do not use their equipment for commercial printing.

That left us with little choice but to convert our format to a newsletter, which took us in a completely different direction, with only a week or two left to press time. I immediately went to our membership stock printer in Billerica. They provided prices, but as a broker, not a publisher. With their pricing in hand, we reached out for more quotes, but only one vendor came through, Park Press in Saugus.

While their pricing was double what we were paying Turley for a tabloid, they were much lower than our quote from our current broker, so we gave them the go. The result was an incredibly nice product. They were key in getting our mailing services transferred from Worcester to our new postal location in Lynn. After the fact, they helped us transfer over \$500.00 in our Worcester mail permit balance to Lynn. Park Press has been a complete package and pleasant to work with, a far cry from the lack of customer service we were accustomed to. Turley made us feel small. Park Press makes us feel like Kings. Park Press has been in business since 1934 and we can tell why.

The first invoice took our breath away, but we were expecting it. It was close to \$1,000.00. We were paying Turley \$300.00. The high price of this first volume was primarily due to its length, 16 pages. Way too many, but that's what it took to transfer a 12-page newspaper to a readable newsletter. Kudos to Dick for a huge effort in mak-

ing this happen. This price even reflected over 100 of our members who accepted our plea to accept a digital copy of the Chatter, foregoing a printed copy. We thank those pioneers, and hope you are enjoying the advantage of receiving your Chatter a week or better before those who are waiting for it to arrive by mail.

Park Press learned that we were still looking for better pricing in the industry. To help us, they offered us a 20% discount on our next edition if we'd agree to keep our business with them for 6 months. We saw this as a win for them and us and accepted their offer.

The invoice for the May edition is \$640.00. More than what we paid Turley, but much easier to accept than our first edition. The lower price is a combination of the discount and our members help in reducing the length of their articles so we can shrink the newsletter to 12 pages. Dick also worked to trim repetitive features, like the honor roll, and the president's page, which can be published quarterly or redesigned to a listing. But we'll save that discussion for another day.

In addition to the reduced size of the newsletter itself, we only had to print 487 copies. We have close to 700 members. The email campaign is working. Please, if you have not replied to our cries for help to accept the Chatter by email, please go back to your junk folders, or ignored emails, dust ours off and get back to us. Too many of you have not answered us one way or the other. But as you can see by this report, your answer has a dollar impact on your NAFCA family. Please don't let us down by ignoring our emails. We need your help.

If you have not received our plea, please send us your current email address and your choice to [Membership@NAFCA.org](mailto:Membership@NAFCA.org).

There may be other vendors that can undercut Park Press' price, but I'm willing to wager you will not find a more attentive group of workers as we have found in our new publisher.

With the Chatter crisis behind us, we can now focus on my main goal, giving our members a great time at Old Orchard Beach this summer.

#### **Campfire Chatter Editor – Dick Basha**

Try to limit your articles to 400 words or less and keep reservation forms to one column. Do not put items in that you do not need in the articles and reservations. You can get an email copy by requesting it from Dick. Do not put reservation articles in prior to 3 months before the date of the event. Do not repeat the articles but you can change the wording of the articles so we are not printing the same articles over and over.

#### **Conservation – Don Daniel**

I want to thank all who came and helped out in April at your NAFCA Conservation Weekend.

There were nine families camping and I'm sure they all had a fine time of it, together. A small crowd although very fun to work with and camp together.

We raked around each campsite fireplaces stacked branches from the sites, cleaned off the brick patio and sprayed an environmentally friendly weed killer in the brick joints; Thanks Virginia Daniel for supplying and spraying the weed killer, raked over some dirt used to help level off select campsites raked around the yurts; raked the pavilion and fireplace and sprayed the restroom building with water proofing. All in all considering the weather we accomplished a lot.

Our Saturday evening meal was the famous chicken - in - a - can cooked in the fire pit using charcoal. This is always a good meal and for the most part enjoyed by all.

I hope you'll be at the October 18-20, 2019 fall edition for a wonderful camping and service to the birthplace of NAFCA.

**Scholarship Committee – Linda Ostiguy** (Liz Sheldon and Nancy Selover are Co-Chairs) Linda Ostiguy read the report including activity on the accounts and the account balances. When sending in donations please remember that they need to know the correct spelling of the name of the deceased, the name and address of the next of kin and the name and address of those making the donation so that the proper acknowledgment of the gift can be made.

#### **New Business**

##### **2020 NAFCA Spring Safari Proposal –**

Linda Ostiguy

Linda Ostiguy proposed that the 2020 NAFCA Spring Safari be held at the Spencer Fairgrounds in Spencer, Massachusetts. This event would be held the 3rd weekend in May – May 15-18. Set-up would be on the 13th and an extra day would be on the 14th. NAFCA needs a committee so contact either Linda or Dennis Richardson if you are interested in working on the committee. Voting for Spring Safari will take place next weekend at the Council of Chapters meeting.

##### **2020 NAFCAree Proposal – Dennis**

Richardson

Dennis Richardson read a proposal for Rideau Acres in Ontario, Canada, submitted by Mike DiMauro, Jr. The web site is [RideauAcres.com](http://RideauAcres.com). Rideau Acres is located in Kingston, Ontario, Canada. Voting for NAFCAree will take place next weekend at the Council of Chapters meeting.

**Nominating Committee for NAFCA** National Offices for 2020-2022 – Dennis Richardson

Dennis Richardson announced that the following State Directors are the nominating committee for NAFCA National Officer Elections – Linda Ostiguy, Dale Bradley and Marilyn Hurley. If member is interested in a National Officer position please contact

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# SMOKE SIGNALS



## Massachusetts State Director



Thanksgiving is tomorrow, I was lucky enough to be able to again do the pumpkin breads with "my people" at Seven Hills. Thanksgiving would not be complete without this happening. Now it is on to business....

The Mass. Co-ord meet on Nov. 3 at the Rutland Public Library in Rutland, MA. This year it was great to receive several proposals for the MA Fall Frolic-2019. These will be printed in the Dec. issue of the MA Muster and voted on in Jan. 5, 2020 at our next Co-ord meeting. Also a nominating committee has been appointed (Kathy Lena, Irene Phelps, and Stephen Migneault for all offices for the Mass. Co-ord. See any Co-ord member for a list of duties for each office, ask about the office and "put your hat in the ring"! Change is GOOD!

You don't have to wait for the Co-ord meeting on Jan. 5 to hear all about our annual "Get-a-way" in Jan. Read all about it in Chatter. It is always a fun time....hope you will join us!

I would encourage you to join us on Jan.5 at the Rutland Public Library, 280 Main Street, Rutland, MA. This is a joint meeting with Full Board. Co-ord is at 10AM, lunch is available in-between (chicken & veg. cornbread casserole, pickles, and dessert for only \$4.00) and the Full Board at 1PM. We'll have coffee and donuts ready for the morning. Come and settle in, enjoy each other's

company, and learn about what is going on.

February brings us to the Springfield RV & Outdoor Show to be held on the Big E grounds in W.Springfield, MA Feb.14-17, 2020. Again thanks to Tony, Stephen, and Ellen Migneault we will have an opportunity to let people know all about NAFCA and welcome them to join! Check us out at the show, say Hi, and volunteer to work a two hour shift. It is fun and you get to meet some really nice people!

That's it for now,

Hope to see you on Jan. 5, at the MA Dinner Dance and at the Show,  
Linda Ostiguy  
Massachusetts State Director

## Pioneer Valley #8

Happy New Year! Did you know the ancient Babylonians are credited with the practice of making New Year resolutions some 4,000 years ago? However, on their calendar this occurred sometime around mid-March when the new crops were planted. With the revision to the Julian calendar circa 46 B.C. Janus the two-faced god looked both forward and backward from doorways and archways. January, named for Janus, became the time for us to look back and make improvements for the year to come.

Looking back at our camping year I see many fabulous camping events. PV8's Adult Halloween Party gave us some laughs and history facts about Woodstock as we meandered through the cornstalks at Mike's maze. November sadly we winterized the rest of our campers before the true cold set in. Nancy Embury and Debby Boucher hosted the annual Bowling Party which was a huge success, thanks gals! Some of our members headed off for warmer climates. Some just to miss the first snowfall and others to miss most of winter.

December brings Christmas parties

and the chairwomen of PV8's, "Making Spirits Bright", Alicia Lyon and Karen Gatto, put on a spectacular evening of dinner and dancing at the PV8 hall. Dressing to the "nines" or in our best "ugly" sweater, members brought donations to go to the Rise Above Foundation.

Looking forward I see the Mass. Dinner Dance in January. It happens to fall on a couple of special birthdays this year! Nominations for a new slate of officers begins in January. Consider trying a position on the Board. You can help make decisions that guide our club and affect our club's home. Then in February we look forward to the Biggest Oldest and Best the Springfield RV Camping and Outdoor Show! A full year of Love and Labor to bring you all a great show.

Wishing a safe and prosperous New Year to all!

Nancy Cosby

## Squaw-No-Cook #30

Hello,

Well, Thanksgiving is over and our first winter storm is on the way.

So... are all the campers winterized and covered and put away?

And, of course, how much snow is predicted depends on which station you watch or listen to. While I like SOME snow, I'm not exactly thrilled over the amount of snow we'll be getting. Storm is expected to start around 11 on Sunday and go until Tuesday morning. I do prefer the gradual accumulation of snow - you know, like over days or weeks, or even months!! Not getting dumped on in one storm. I can't possibly be the only one, can I??



Snowbirds - I think you're happy not to be here!!

We decided to have our Christmas party luncheon on 7 December. I bought something to use as a type of centerpiece and hope it makes everyone smile. And I know both Jim and I have our exchange gifts ready. OK, well, I know I do...



I'm sure it will be fun; it always is, although I do miss chatting with the snowbirds.

Happy holidays everyone!!!  
Barbara Starr

### Canvasback #157

Please don't forget NAFCAs has an election up coming and it is so important for all members (one vote per family) to exercise their right to cast your vote. As NAFCAs members we should not be apathetic towards voting. Maybe your vote will help to move our camping club into the 21st century.

Canvasback, like most chapters, is looking forward toward the Spring when once again we'll be out camping together. With a New Year comes renewal of spirit. As friends who camp we want to be together and enjoying to the fullest all the out-of-doors has to offer in the way of family fun. I can say Spring can't get here soon enough!

The chapter has moved inside away from the cold and snow if only temporary. We're setting up a time at a restaurant where we can have a good meal and talk over our plans for the camping weekends to come.

As you may know some of Canvasback members are going to NAFCAre 2020 at Rideau Acres Campground in Kingston, Ontario, Canada July 18-25. Then just a short time after NAFCAre we'll be moving on to International Weekend at 125 Davis Road, Ogden, Quebec, Canada July 30 - August 2. Both camping outings offer great fun, food and much more for all who attend. Campfire Chatter will have all the details and reservation forms. Hope to see you there.

See you around the blazing campfire soon,

Don Daniel - Correspondent



## Connecticut

### Wolf Den 103

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

Wolf Den members set a date for

their Club Christmas Party for December 7, 2019 at Pat Henault's clubhouse. We are very grateful to have access to her beautiful facility. It's centrally located for all of us to meet. We plan to have our annual Secret Santa Swap, and have invited past members to join us. I will report the details of our holiday spirits in the next Chatter.

Wolf Den members send everyone a most enjoyable New Year filled with health and happiness!!

Submitted by Arlene Goodwin  
Wolf Den 103 Secretary



### Palm Tree #29

Hello all you NAFCAs "SNOW-BIRDS", I hope you are enjoying the nice warm Florida weather again this season. Our February get-together is only a few short weeks away. February 19, 2020 we will meet for our annual Palm Tree social. It will be at Lake Parker Recreation area in Lakeland, Florida, and I hope you will plan to attend. It is a nice, informal gathering, just the fun and fellowship of NAFCAs in a nice warm setting. Bring your own lunch and beverage and this year we ask that you bring a dessert to share.. Arrive anytime you want (most of us come just before noon) and stay as late as you want. We meet in a pavilion so even if the weather isn't to our liking, we will at least be dry. You are welcome to bring friends with you as well. The more the merrier so to speak.

Bring games if you so desire or just enjoy each others company.

If you have any questions you can call me at 508-868-7152.

See you there,  
Marty Moore

Directions to Lake Parker:

If coming from Orlando on I-4 take exit 33, turn left, go under I-4. Go south on State Rd 33 (Lakeland Hills Blvd) for approximately 1.5 miles. See the Post Office on your right and turn left at the light onto Granada St. Park is on your

left - ENTER THROUGH GATE ONE.

If coming from Tampa on I-4 take exit 33 to State Rd 33. Turn right and head south on 33 and follow above directions. You may also take exit 32, turn right onto US 98, turn left at lights onto Knights Griffin Rd, turn right onto Lakeland Hills Blvd, and left onto Granada.

If coming from the East on US 92, turn right onto Lakeshore Drive which becomes Lake Parker Drive, follow along the lake and the park will be in front of you.

If coming down US 98, go under I-4, turn left onto Knights Griffin Rd, then right onto

Rt. 33 (Lakeland Hills Blvd) and then left onto Granada.



### Pine Tree #33

Hello everybody. Hope your Thanksgiving was a good one, now Christmas also and New Year's around the corner.

It has been a very cold November. Snow is on our doorstep now, not ready for that whitestuff.

The Campground has the gate up so you cannot drive thru you have to walk in.

We had some sad news, the Past Campground Director, Denny Gay, passed away the day before Thanksgiving. We have sent his wife Kay a card. Cory Lawson Pine Tree member has had a heart attack. We sent him a Get Well card from members. I have spoken to Katy Bourrett, and she and Bill are doing well, meeting up with new friends where they are living out in Missouri. Their heir Son comes to visit and lives only 10 miles away. They will be back around the end of April.

Went to the November meeting drove up 3 hours and 3 hours back, 21 members came for the meeting and was a short one, everybody gave our hugs and said will see you in April. Hope you all have a safe & healthy winter,

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and enjoy your Holidays.

Chat again,  
Sincerely  
Doris Mitchell

### **Penobscot Valley Acres #37**

Well I hope every one had an enjoyable Thanksgiving! We celebrated before the actual holiday as I had to work but we were just as thankful!

The biggest thing many of us are thankful for is that our dear member Bob Ring was able to finally get back home after his long illness in time to celebrate with his Charlene for Thanksgiving! Welcome home Bob! One of the other things we were so very thankful for was that during some of our recent storms though some of our trees were knocked down the damage was not worse. Come spring clean up we will have to clean up one but it didn't fall on any existing structures. A little extra firewood.

Our Christmas gathering has been planned and will once again will be at Governor's in Old Town. Non perishables will be collected and donated to a local food cupboard. Also there will be our fun brown bag auction. It is always nice to connect and catch up with friends this time of year.

There is not much else to chat about so once again...

Safe Travels to you all!

Janet Bagley

## **NAFCA CARES**

Happy New Year !!

Happy News

Darlene Kruckas, Ch. 114, joined her husband Bob in retirement recently. I hear they are starting off their new life with a brand new BIG 5th wheel :)

Dave and Terry Wheeler, Ch. 30, have both retired recently also. They have an seasonal down towards the Cape but plan on traveling too perhaps.

Ben French, our NAFCA Webmaster and Wampanoag Chapter 31 member for many years and his wife, Carla, were recently married in Manassas, Virginia. His Mom and Dad, Brian and Donna French, were able to be present at the ceremony.

Brian LaValley's parents, Richard and MaryEllen, all Chapter 8 members, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary recently!!

Ben and Gisele Mattson, Ch. 12, recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Also celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary are William and Nancy McLaughlin, Ch. 37, Penobscot Valley in Maine.

Babies

Brian and Michelle LaValley, Ch. 8, became parents of Sophia Elizabeth on Oct. 28th.

Bruce and Marjorie Williams, Ch. 8, just became grandparents of Gale Nova Williams born Oct. 31, weighing in at 5 lbs. 15 ozs.

SICK LIST

PV8 has the following members on their sick list, Richard LaValley, Bob Pillon and Bob Recoulle.

Michelle Gauthier, daughter of Ed and Diane Gauthier, Ch.11, suffered a very badly sprained ankle, hopefully she is home after a stay at a rehab.

Frank Higgins, Ch. 1 and Past NAFCA President, has finished his chemo sessions, now has to wait to see if it shrunk the tumor in his bladder.

DIED

Norm (Buddy) Peloquin, 75, Ch. 8 member on Nov. 9th. He was a USN Veteran, serving in Viet Nam on the US Enterprise, retired in 2010 as head custodian of public schools in Chicopee and a long time volunteer for the Shriner's Hospital in Springfield. He and his wife, Pat, were President of PV8 in 1989 and 90 and Chairmen of the Springfield Outdoor and Camping Show in 1980. He was predeceased by son Norman Peloquin III in 1984. Cards may be sent to his wife Pat at 274 Grattan St., Chicopee, MA 01020.

Jeanne Trudell, 94, beloved mother of Paul and Judy Trudell, Ch. 8, passed away recently.

Earl (Robbie) Roberts, died November 26, he was very active with NAFCA and the State of Connecticut back in the 70's and 80's as members of the Nautical Nomads. Robbie and Betty continued on in later years as members of Palm Tree Ch. 27 in Florida. Cards may be sent to Betty at 14402 Sandhurst St., Brookdale, FL. 34613-5958.

Judy Alario, member of SNC Ch.30 and NAFCA since 1971 with her husband, Carlo Thanksgiving day. Besides her husband she leaves a son and 4 daughters as well as many grandchildren and great grandchildren. Judy loved to bake, quilt, do the polka, and was very involved with her church as well. She was Vice President of Ch.

30 at one time. Cards may be sent to Carlo and family at 625 Reservoir Rd., Lunenburg, MA 01462

IN THE SERVICE

Please keep the men and women who are serving in the US Armed Forces, no matter where they are in your thoughts and prayers.

Doris Lewis

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Please send any info concerning NAFCA members to this column so it can be shared with others. It's always nice to hear from Old Friends :)

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one of the Nominating Committee members.

#### **Director Reports**

**Massachusetts** – Linda Ostiguy

Scusset Beach campout will be held June 20 – 23. Multi Chapter campout is August 9-11 at Travelers Woods. We will have a covered dish supper on Saturday evening and a reusable bag auction Saturday evening. The Summer Full Board meeting will be held on Saturday at 10 am.

The "No Theme in 2019" Massachusetts Sate Fall Frolic will be held at Spencer Fairgrounds on September 26-29. Karen Donnelly is in charge of gate duty, games will be run by Stephen Migneault, and Booths by Ellen Migneault. Kathy Lena will send packets to chapters. Non-Chapter sign-ups reservations will be in the Campfire Chatter. Massachusetts will host the Fall Council of Chapters meeting that we will hold at Country Aire Campground in Charlemont, Massachusetts on October 4-6. We will have a covered dish on Saturday evening. We have a change of date for the Massachusetts Coord Meeting that will now be held on November 3rd at the Rutland Library in Rutland, Massachusetts. The Winter – Get – Away will be January 24-26 at the Holiday Inn in Sturbridge, Massachusetts.

**New Hampshire** – Marilyn Hurley

Good morning! It's finally spring. At least that's what the calendar says!

Two NAFCA campouts have already past. What are you waiting for? If you are waiting for good weather you may need to wait awhile.

But great friends and fun times are here, NOW! So, sign up today. Please join me in making it your mission to get out and be with friends and enjoy all that camping has to offer. I'll see you at the gate cheering on your favorite team and standing in line waiting for delicious ice cream or talking around the coffee pot before the campfire. You will be glad you came.

Don't forget to put New Hampshire/Vermont Fall frolic on your social calendar.



Don't be the one saying "Should a, Could a, Would a" when the snow starts to fall!

#### **Rhode Island – Dale Bradley**

The Rhode Island Fall Frolic will be held at Hickory Ridge Campground the last weekend in August. The next venture on the menu will be Camp-O-Rama.

#### **Vermont – Michelle Perry**

Finally, a glimpse of spring in Vermont. We are ready for warm SUMMER weather!! Our chapters are gearing up for a season of family camping fun, friendship and adventure.

Our Chapters have campouts scheduled throughout the summer in both Vermont and Canada.

Chapter 129 has campouts scheduled beginning Memorial Day weekend at Maple Woods Campground in Johnson, VT. Other campouts include July 4th weekend @ Gold Brook Campground in Stowe, VT and Lone Pine Campground in Colchester, VT.

Aug 3-5 is International Weekend at Gordy & Tammy Bronson's home – 125 David Rd in Ogden, Quebec.

Chapter 1 is planning some campouts but they are still in the planning stages.

Vermont and New Hampshire will once again hold a joint Fall Frolic. The weekend is Sept 7-9 and will be held at River Meadow Campground in North Haverhill, NH. As always, we are looking forward to a fun weekend! This year Vermont will be your host.

River Meadow Campground is located on the Connecticut River and offers a heated pool/hot tub area and two ponds. There is a large pavilion. Canoe and kayak rentals are available. They also offer large restrooms with showers that are handicap accessible. Call the campground NOW to reserve your site: 1-603-787-6700. Mention the NAFCAs group in section A of the campground. You will also find more information in the Campfire Chatter. Don't miss out!! Reserve your site now!! You'll be glad you did!

Vermont and New Hampshire will also co-host the Fall Council of Chapter weekend. This campout will be held on Sept. 28-30 at Country Aire Campground in Charlemont, Mass. Watch for more information in the CHATTER.

We look forward to SPRING in Vermont!! Our Vermont saying still holds true ... "If you don't like the weather, wait a minute, it will change!"

Come join us this summer in Vermont and Canada for some family camping fun!! We'd love to have you!!

#### **For the Good of NAFCAs**

Gaurav Garg presented information on the following topics.

Video Casting/Telecasting of Meetings  
Discussion ensued including information shared from past discussions on this topic. There were no motions made at this time.

#### **Recording Meetings**

Discussion ensued including information shared from past discussions on this topic. Discussion on this topic was tabled. M/ Marilyn Hurley, S/George Brown – Passed.

#### **NAFCAs Proposals**

President Dennis Richardson acknowledged that a proposal by Mike DiMauro, Jr. was sent to him on time but was hidden in the "junk" folder of his email. The proposal will be submitted for a vote at the Spring Safari.

Location of the NAFCAs Booth at the Springfield RV Show

Discussion ensued including information from past discussions and from members of PV8 who are familiar with the show and the booth. Discussion included the following information

There could be 2 different locations for the booth.

NAFCAs needs more exposure.

Space at the show is at a premium.

PV8 does not charge NAFCAs for booth space.

The booth could include a video or a slide show presentation.

The booth will stay where it has been assigned in past years. There were no motions made at this time.

#### **Mantowa Chapter 40 – Larry Converse**

Larry Converse requested to have his name and address removed from the chapter list of presidents in the Campfire Chatter. Mantowa Chapter does not meet any more. President Dennis Richardson agreed to have Larry Converse' name and address removed from the list.

Bailey's Campground Camping Weekend - Gaurav Garg

Gaurav Garg will again be hosting a campout at Bailey's Campground in Maine. Information can be found in the Campfire Chatter. Presently there are 3 families going for the weekend. You need to call the campground yourself and if you need further information contact Gaurav.

#### **Camp Shows**

It was suggested that new members get a free weekend camping with a NAFCAs chapter or that NAFCAs reimburse the cost of the weekend to the chapter. Discussion ensued. When a person is interested in NAFCAs the people working at the show should give the person the correct chapter that is in their homestead area. Chapter presidents should be given the new member information when a person joins NAFCAs. No motion was made at this time.

#### **Annual Meeting in 2020**

The next Annual Meeting will be held in April of 2020. Information regarding this meeting will be posted in the Campfire Chatter.

The meeting adjourned at 12:35 pm M/ Linda Ostiguy, S/George Brown – Passed

Respectfully submitted by Jim Hurley,

Secretary



## **CAMP WITH NAFCAs**

Yes, we'd like to join NAFCAs and enclosed you'll find our dues for the membership we've selected below, 1, 2, or 3 years. We understand that our membership covers all the benefits listed, which includes a subscription to Campfire Chatter. We will receive our membership card and privilege to NAFCAs activities and benefits by mail.

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 bonnyriggcampground.com

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 508-966-1136  
 www.circlecgfarm.com

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## New Hampshire

### \$\$ Chocorua Camping Village KOA

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 Chocorua, NH 03817  
 603-323-8536 - chocoruacamping.com

### Grand View Camping Area

51 Four Rod Rd  
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 603-332-1263 - grandviewcamping.com

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 Richmond, NH 03470  
 603-239-4768 - shir-roy.com  
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## Rhode Island

### Long Cove Marina Campsites

325 Point Judith Rd.  
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## Vermont

### Abel Mountain Campground

354 Mobile Acres Rd  
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 802-728-5548 abelmountain.com

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### Where to send your news.

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Articles that need to be typed should be mailed to Dena Rickson.

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# Come and Get It!

Email your recipes to  
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## APPLE CHEESECAKE BARS

*Submitted by David and Paula Colvin*

### Crust:

2 cups flour  
½ cup light brown sugar, firm pack  
1 cup (2 sticks) butter, softened

### Filling:

16 oz cream cheese, softened  
½ cup + 2 Tbsp sugar, divided  
2 large eggs  
1 tsp vanilla  
3 large granny smith apples, peeled, cored, and finely chopped  
½ tsp cinnamon  
¼ tsp ground nutmeg

### Streusel Topping:

1/2cup light brown sugar, firm pack  
½ cup flour  
¼ cup quick cooking oats  
¼ cup butter, softened

Preheat oven to 350°. In a medium bowl, combine flour and brown sugar. Cut in butter with a pastry blender until mixture is crumbly. Press evenly into a 9 x 13 greased baking pan. Bake for 15 minutes or until lightly browned.

In a large bowl, beat cream cheese with ½ cup sugar until smooth. Add eggs, one at a time, and vanilla. Pour over warm crust.

In a small bowl, stir together chopped apples, remaining 2 tbsp sugar, cinnamon, and nutmeg. Spoon evenly over cream cheese mixture. In a small bowl, combine all ingredients for the streusel topping. Sprinkle evenly over top of dessert. Bake 30-40 minutes or until filling is set.

## APPLE CRISP

*Submitted by David and Paula Colvin*

½ cup flour  
½ cup oats  
½ cup light brown sugar  
½ tsp baking powder  
¼ tsp cinnamon  
Dash of salt  
1/3 cup unsalted butter cut into small pieces

### Filling:

3-4 large Granny Smith apples, peeled and thinly sliced  
3 tbsp butter, melted  
2 tbsp flour  
1 tbsp lemon juice  
3 tbsp milk  
½ tsp vanilla  
¼ cup light brown sugar  
½ tsp cinnamon  
Dash of salt

Preheat oven to 375°

In a medium size bowl combine the crumb topping ingredients with a fork or pasty blender until it resembles small crumbs. Refrigerate while you prepare the filling.

## POTATO PATTIES

*Submitted by David and Paula Colvin*

4 cups cold mashed potatoes  
½ cup light cream  
12 soda crackers, crushed (about ½ cup)  
¼ cup minced onion  
1 egg, slightly beaten  
¼ tsp celery salt  
¼ tsp pepper  
1/8 tsp garlic salt

Grease a griddle and preheat over medium heat.

In a bowl, combine potatoes, cream, cracker crumbs, onion, egg, celery salt, pepper and garlic salt. Shape mixture into twelve ½ inch thick patties.

Cook on prepared griddle until brown on bottom and warm on top. Turn and cook 3-4 minutes more or until brown. Keep warm in a 300-degrees oven while cooking remaining patties. Makes 12

## SOUR CREAM CORN BREAD

*Submitted by David and Paula Colvin*

1 cup self-rising corn meal  
2 tbsp self-rising flour  
1 (15 oz) can cream style corn  
1 cup sour cream  
¼ cup corn oil  
2 eggs

Preheat oven to 400°. Grease an 8 x 8 inch pan. Mix corn meal and flour. addd corn, sour cream, corn oil and eggs. Mix thoroughly. Pour into prepared pan, Bake 25 to 35 minutes. Cut into squares to serve Delicious with butter or covered with creamed chicken, roast beef and gravy or sliced turkey and gravy. Makes 9 servings

## CREAM OF TOMATO SOUP

*Submitted by David and Paula Colvin*

4 cups peeled, seeded and chopped tomatoes

¼ cup chopped onion

6 tbsp butter or margarine

¼ cup flour

1 ½ tsp salt

1/8 tsp pepper

½ tsp baking soda

2 cups half and half

2 cups milk

Crackers or croutons

Simmer tomatoes and onion in butter over low heat; place in blender and puree. Return to pot and heat thoroughly. Combine flour, salt and pepper; add to tomato mixture. Stir in baking soda, half and half and milk; mix well. Heat thoroughly and serve with crackers or croutons. Makes 2 quarts.

## HERB-CRUSTED

## ROAST BEEF WITH

## HORSERADISH CREAM

1 (3 lb) boneless beef eye round roast

Salt and freshly ground black pepper

½ cup plus 2 tbsp vegetable oil

5 cloves garlic

1 bunch parsley, leaves only

½ bunch fresh thyme, leaves only

8 sprigs fresh oregano, leaves only

2 sprigs rosemary, leaves only

2 tbsp mustard powder

Horseradish Cream (recipe follows)

Preheat oven to 350°

Season roast well with salt and pepper. In a medium sauté pan over medium-high heat, add 2 tbsp oil. When hot, sear roast on all sides, until nicely caramelized, about 8-10 minutes. Remove roast to a sheet tray lined with a wire rack.

Meanwhile place garlic, parsley, thyme oregano, rosemary, mustard powder, 1.2 cup oil, salt and pepper to taste, in a food processor and pulse until mixture forms a paste.

Rub paste all over roast. Bake in the oven until the roast is cooked to medium-rare or registers 125° on an instant-read thermometer, about 45 minutes. Let roast rest 10 minutes before slicing and serve with horseradish cream.

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## 2020 Calendars

### NATIONAL EVENTS

- January 5** **NAFCA Full Board Meeting**  
 Rutland Library  
 280 Main Street  
 Rutland, MA 01543
- March 1** **Deadline for 2021 NAFCAree proposals**
- March 1** **Deadline for 2021 Spring Safari proposals**
- April 17-19** **NAFCA Conservation Weekend**  
 Otter River State Forest  
 86 Winchendon Road  
 Baldwinville, MA 01436
- April 23-26** **NAFCA Annual Meeting**  
**NAFCA Full Board**  
**NAFCA Installation of Officers**  
 Country Aire Campground  
 1753 Mohawk Trail  
 Shelburne Falls, MA 01370
- May 14-17** **NAFCA Spring Safari**  
 Spencer Fairgrounds  
 48 Smithville Road  
 Spencer MA
- July 18-25** **2021 NAFCAree**  
 Rideau Acres Campground  
 1014 Cunningham Road  
 Kingston, Ontario, Canada
- Oct 16-18** **NAFCA Conservation Weekend**  
 Otter River State Forest  
 86 Winchendon Road  
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### STATE EVENTS

- Jan. 5** **Mass. Coord Meeting**  
 Rutland Library  
 280 Main Street  
 Rutland MA
- Jan 24-26** **Mass Dinner Dance**  
 Holiday Inn  
 21 New Boston Road  
 Sturbridge, MA 01566  
 (508) 347-8000
- March 15** **Mass. Co-ord Meeting**  
 PV8 Hall  
 104 W. State Street  
 Granby, MA 01033
- Aug. 7-9** **Mass. Multi-chapter**  
 Travelers Woods  
 Campground  
 152 River Road  
 Bernardsten, MA.
- Aug 20-23** **Annual Quilting Weekend**  
 Country Aire Campground  
 Charlemont, MA.
- Sept 10-13** **VT/NH Fall Frolic**  
 River Meadow Campground  
 3125 Dartmouth College  
 HWY  
 N. Haverhill, NH 03774

### CHAPTER EVENTS

- Feb 14-17** **Springfield RV, Camping & Outdoor Show**  
 Eastern States Exposition  
 Grounds  
 West Springfield MA
- July 30-Aug 2** **International Weekend**  
 1125 Davis Road  
 Ogden, QC Canada

**Sept 17-20** **Camp-O-Rama**  
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