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For the month of June, there were 10 new members. 9 in Maine and 1 in Mass

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President's Message

On the news today (6/30) was the announcement of the cancellation of the BIG E in Springfield, MA in Sept.! When will it ever end! I know that RV sales are at an all time high and in a perfect world it would be a great time to raise membership but with social distancing it is hard. So many cancellations and safety measures are in place for our own good! Let's stay positive... look forward to the future. I know you have heard this so many times but we must believe that we can get through this even if it is in a "new normal". We can still camp but on a smaller scale.... something is better than nothing.

Let's make "Camping Great Again"! Keep planning, hoping, praying,

Linda Ostiguy
NAFCA President

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Campfire Chatter Editor

It will be a tuff act to find a new Editor of Chatter but after eighteen years as editor Dick wants to leave for Florida in October having his last issue of Chatter under his belt. We understand fully and want to thank him for all the deadlines made, reminders of deadlines, last minute changes, so much work with Bill finding a new publisher, are just a few of the thanks but most of all his dedication to NAFCA.

Dick has promised to be active and we welcome his ideas and commendations.

THANK YOU DICK!
Linda Ostiguy

2020 Mass Fall Frolic

I am sad to report that the 2020 Mass Fall Frolic has been canceled.

The Spencer Fairgrounds have contacted us that the grounds will remain closed for the 2020 season. The "Team" has agreed that the best thing to do is cancel.

Kathy Lena
Mass State Director



Camp-O-Rama

September 17th - September 20th

Camp-O-Rama welcomes all so please invite your family and friends.

Hi Everyone,

At this year's Camp-O-Rama you will see some of your favorite things along with some changes that we hope you will enjoy. Some of the things staying the same are: Bingo on Thursday evening, Trip to downtown Newport, Sand Castle Contest, IHop run, etc. We hope our changes make your weekend even better! Again this year, we will have a Raffle of Themed Gift Baskets of new items. It will still be ticket based where you buy tickets and put them in cans for the items you would like to win. There will also be special raffles and door prizes. Again this year, we will feature Mike's Clam Jam for Saturday Dinner and a combination of live

entertainment! Also, with our theme this year we will have some special activities planned that should be lots of fun! Please join us for an enjoyable weekend!

This year's theme is Roaring 20's! If you want to dress up like Gangstas and Flappers, you are more than welcome to. We will have a Charlestown Dance Contest on Saturday Night so wear your dancing shoes!

We are moving forward as planned, if anything changes we will contact you as soon as possible. Get your reservation forms online at nafca.org and send them in! We look forward to camping at the beach with you all!



NAFCA Otter River Conservation Weekend October 15, 17 & 18, 2020

Just a reminder that your Otter River conservation weekend is still on so far. This is a camping easy work weekend. We are in the parking lot of Otter River State Forest, the birthplace of NAFCA (NECA) in 1957. All are welcome for the weekend in exchange for your help with the Saturday tasks.

There is no camping fee or reservation. There are no water or electric hook ups, water is available at the Ranger building upon entering the driveway on your left side.

The gate will be opened at 10 AM On Friday (clothes over the gate upon entering or exiting each time, this is a must for us all.)

We'll have a campfire each evening and I'll put on a pot of coffee for everyone. Please bring a goodie to share.

Otter River State Forest is located on US 202 in the town of Baldwinville, MA...

Basic directions are from MA Route 2 West to exit 20, top of ramp turn Right onto Baldwinville Road and follow to it's end, then turn Right onto US202 North and go through the center of town. Otter River will be on your left hand side beyond the center of town.

From MA Route 2 East to exit 19,

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SMOKE SIGNALS



Wolf Den #103

Hello fellow campers!

I hope many of you have been out camping! I can't speak for the other members, but the Goodwin's have not been out. At least, not yet anyway. We have been spending our time at our house in the White Mountains where the virus is almost none in our county. People are going about their lives, but we're wearing our masks because our primary home is in Conn. We do SIP sitting on our porch gazing at the Mountain while watching the birds, deer, moose, sunsets, and flickering fireflies!

Today Governor Lamont announced, anyone coming into Connecticut are required to shelter in place for 14 days. Hmm... am I the only one confused?!? I thought that was already in place?!? As the COVID-19 cases rise in FL, CA, and TX, some states are getting tougher. I know VT, NH & ME are requiring out of staters to shelter in place for 14 days while camping, Airbnb, or any lodging. Or you are required to provide documentation of proof you were tested, and tested negative. I do believe that's what it is in CT, but has not been officially announced, we'll see!

I know I am not the only one feeling this is out of control, and putting a BIG damper on our summer camping, and life in general. We will get out, but probably not traveling far for many campouts. Hope to see you soon! That is, if we can figure out who you are underneath your masks.

Enjoy the sunshine!

STAY SAFE!!! And, God Bless!!

Submitted by Arlene Goodwin
Wolf Den 103 Secretary



Pine Tree #33

Hello everybody, hope everybody is safe during this awful times.

We have been very patient waiting for our life to get back to normal. Being from Massachusetts have been following our Governor which has done a fantastic job following the Law. Now we are in Maine following their Laws.

Wishing all these protestors would act like Americans and enjoy what they have in this Country, end of story.

Getting back to the camping season which has come to a halt, can now push forward for us. Pine Tree Campground is now full and we have new members. Everett has gotten some friends from Massachusetts to join the Chapter and some from Rovers Campground and we say WELCOME.

Our Campground Director, Brian Hodgdon does a great job keeping this place well manicured. Always looking so nice.

We have some sad news to report. Philip & Ashley Drouins Son went thru major Kidney problems and is recovering nicely. Andrew Burgess, who is Lori Hammonds Brother, passed away. He was found dead in the campground. We are told and had a Heart Attack. Al Skinner is recovering from cancer. Our thoughts to all.

Pine Tree has had their first supper Saturday June 27th. Brenda Hodgdon and her crew put on a Lasagna Supper with 75 members distancing and had a great sounding band. Great job

everybody. The music was great. The Band was Classic Echo. We made lots of money for the CG.

Everything has been slow starting but will get there. The weather has finally co-operated. We all will pray our Country will go back to normal. Keep safe everybody. See you next month.

Sincerely

Doris Mitchell

Penobscot Valley Acres #37

We have had some wonderful weather and many out to PVA have been able to be here to enjoy it. One of our members, Sandy Macomber, celebrated not only her birthday but the beginning of her retirement. Her husband, Jeff, retired earlier this year and they plan to be full timers and see some of this wonderful country. We wish them both a long and happy retirement.

Many of the local berry fields have been open and the berries have been plentiful and delicious.



We had a visitor the other day. Actually a few came up from the stream as happens every year at this time. This big girl was looking for a safe place to lay her eggs. I love watching nature at its best.

Well that's all for now.

Safe Travels

Janet Bagley



Massachusetts

Massachusetts State Director

Another month has passed and things aren't much better. Some things are starting to open slowly and we are still asked to "shelter in place" when possible; practice social distancing and

wear a face covering in public places.

Massachusetts, like every other state is opening in phases and depending on how things turn out is if we move forward. So with that being said we wait daily to see what will be happening with hope and continue to make plans for the rest of our camping season.

August we have the Mass Multi Chapter at Travelers Woods Campground, check back to see the details on that outing.

We just found out that Spencer Fair Grounds will remain closed for the 2020 season, so the Team has decided to cancel the Mass. Fall Frolic. Trying to find a place at this late date and with all the restrictions and the not knowing when and if they will change, we all agreed this is best.

We are still taking proposals for the 2021 Fall Frolic. Let a team member know ASAP, so we can come up with a plan.

As far as we know the 2021 Mass. Dinner Dance, which will once again be at the Holiday Inn Express in Sturbridge on January 30, 2021.

Be smart and stay safe.

Hope to see people out camping soon

Kathy Lena

Massachusetts State Director

Pioneer Valley #8

Our First Safari for the season was held at Nelson's Campground in Connecticut. There were 32 trailers and 34 families. Because of the restrictions no food was served so Todd & Annette Heim gave out gift certificates for Stop & Shop or Big Y plus Dunkin Donuts. A good time was had by all.

The next campout is at Seaport R.V. Resort in Old Mystic, Ct.

Another NAFCAs event has been canceled the Mass. Fall Frolic.

We hope to see some people in August at the Multi Chapter.

Tony & Ellen Migneault

Squaw-No-Cook #30

Hello,

Happy 4th!!!

I know, I know... by the time you read this, it will be after the 4th of July. But I'm writing this before the 4th, so Happy 4th it is, and hope you all had a happy holiday.

Here's hoping I made everyone's

day a few weeks back. Sometimes, to get a smile you have to give one.

I saw that Dianne was visiting Marty, and that Marty's house is coming along nicely. Still needs electricity and painting but it's getting there!! She even has a cog rail garden, and yes, the rail is from the cog railway.



Both Carol and Janis had birthdays in June. I snuck a photo of the party for Janis. It was a social distance gathering and she only pretended to blow out the candles.

The Schofield and Hayes families went camping in Sutton but they did have a few issues. There was a storm and for hours, they had no power and some water issues (Elise and Harry were ok with water, Janis and Charlie had some water, and Brad didn't have any water). Janis said it rained really hard for a short while, but there were trees down that might have caused the power outage. There was even a tree blocking the road just down the street from the campground. However, that did not deter them from getting their ice cream and celebrating a couple birthdays a little early.

Two years ago, Dan and Melissa lost their awning during a storm while camping in Sutton. And if I remember correctly, Jim and I visited for a campfire and I ended up with quite a few

bug bites!! Of course, I didn't know that until the next day (guess the bug spray was old!!).

Jim heard from Lenny, and he had been hospitalized again but is now home. Please keep Lenny in your thoughts, and good wishes go out to him that he recovers soon.

Again, happy 4th and have a good month!!!

All the best,

Barbara Starr

Canvasback #157

Cancellation after cancellation and our calendar looks very bleak at this point and time. We seem to be between a rock and a hard place as far as the chapter going. Feeling a little optimistic, I did make my reservation for Camp-O-Rama, September 17-20 to be held at Second Beach, Middletown, RI. Still, that weekend is iffy at best, as the Rhode Island town will have a final say as to whether the camping weekend is a go or not.

The next thing off then would be the Mass Fall Frolic, September 24-27 at Spencer Fairgrounds Spencer, MA. Today the big weekend is still on and the chapter is looking forward to this fun filled weekend. Canvasback Chapter has the first date duty on Friday (Noon - 2pm).

It is somewhat disheartening to mostly report on cancellations. There isn't any real chapter news to report on. Has anyone given my idea of adding one more year to their NAFCAs membership? This would put a good spin on to the association. The extra year would only cost \$25. Can you help NAFCAs out!

Don Daniel - Correspondent



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Conservation from page 3

end of ramp turn Left onto US202 North then follow 202 to Baldwinville center then as directed above.

We will have a handicap portajon for our use over the weekend. Remember there are no water or electric hookups and there is no dump station. Please plan accordingly.

Any questions on this weekend please call Don Daniel at (978) 664-4294.

Don Daniel - Chairman





Come and Get It!

Email your recipes to russrider@aol.com

JUST LIKE ABDOW'S STRAWBERRY PIE

Submitted by Dena Rickson

- 9" inch baked and cooled pie shell
- 1-quart fresh strawberries
- 1 ½ cups water
- 2 tbsp corn starch
- ¾ cup sugar
- 1 (3 oz) strawberry Jello
- Whipped cream or topping

Hull and slice berries and pat dry with paper towel. Spread dried sliced berries in a baked a cooled 9" pie shell.

Combine water, cornstarch and sugar in pan. Bring to a boil and boil for 2 minutes until mixture is clear and thick. Remove from heat and add package Jello. Stir until dissolved. While still hot pour slowly and evenly over berries. Chill. Serve with whipped cream or topping.

PASTA SALAD

Submitted by Dena Rickson

- 1 (16 oz) tricolor spiral pasta
- 2 medium plum tomatoes, seeded and julienned
- 8 oz slice salami, julienned
- 8 oz provolone cheese, julienned
- 1 small red onion, thinly sliced and sliced into rings
- 1 jar (5 ¾ oz) stuffed olives, drained and sliced
- 1 can (2 ¼) sliced ripe olives, drained
- ¼ cup grated parmesan cheese
- 1 (8 oz) bottle of Italian salad dressing

Cook pasta according to package directions; drain and rinse in cold water. In a large bowl, combine the pasta, tomatoes, salami, cheese onion, olives and Parmesan cheese. Add dressing toss to coat. Cover and refrigerate for several hours or overnight. Yield 12 servings.

BLUEBERRY SNACK CAKE

Submitted by Dena Rickson

- 2 cups flour
- 1 ½ cup sugar
- ½ cup cold butter or margarine
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1 cup milk
- 2 eggs, separated
- 2 cups fresh or frozen blueberries.

In a mixing bowl, combine flour and sugar. Cut in butter until crumble. Set aside ¼ cup for topping. Add the baking powder, milk and egg yolks to remaining mixture; mix well. Beat egg whites until soft peaks form; fold into batter.

Pour into a greased 13 x 9 baking dish, sprinkle with blueberries and reserved crumb mixture. Bake at 350° for 30-35 minutes or until golden brown and a toothpick inserted near the center comes out clean.

STRAWBERRY FRUIT DIP

Submitted by Dena Rickson

- 1 (8oz) spreadable strawberry cream cheese
- 2 tbsp strawberry preserves
- 1 *(8oz) frozen whipped topping, thawed
- 1 (7 oz) marshmallow crème

In a mixing bowl, beat cream cheese and preserves until blended. Fold in the whipped topping and marshmallow crème. Cover and refrigerate until serving serve with fruit.

ZUCCHINI BOATS

Submitted by Dena Rickson

- 6 medium zucchinis
- 2 cups dry bread crumbs
- 2 eggs, lightly beaten
- 1 large tomato, diced
- 1/3 cup grated Parmesan or Romano

cheese

- ¼ cup minced parsley
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- ½ cup chicken broth
- ½ tsp salt
- 1/8 tsp pepper
- 2 tbsp butter or stick margarine, melted

Cut zucchini in half lengthwise. With a spoon, scoop out and reserve pulp, leaving a 3/8 in shell. Cook shells in salted water for 2 minutes. Remove and drain. Chop zucchini pulp; place in a bowl. Add the bread crumbs, eggs, tomato, Parmesan cheese, parsley and garlic. Stir in broth, salt and pepper. Stuff into zucchini shells.

Place in a greased 13 x 9 baking dish. Drizzle with butter. Bake uncovered at 350° for 20 minutes or until golden brown.

ZUCCHINI PANCAKES

Submitted by Dena Rickson

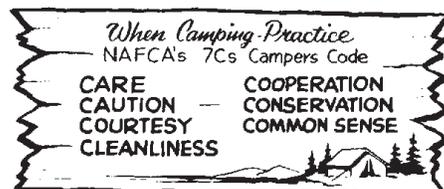
- ½ cup flour
- ½ cup grated Parmesan cheese
- ½ tsp dried oregano
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 ½ cups shredded zucchini
- 1 egg, beaten
- 2 tbsp chopped onion
- 2 tbsp mayonnaise
- 2 tbsp butter or margarine
- Sour cream, optional

In a bowl, combine the flour, Parmesan cheese, oregano, salt and pepper. Combine the zucchini, egg onion and mayonnaise; stir into dry ingredients until well blended.

In a large skillet, melt butter. Drop zucchini mixture by cupful into skillet; press lightly to flatten. Fry until golden brown about 2 minutes on each side. Drain on paper towels. Serve with sour cream if desired. 3 servings.

New Recipes Needed!

A big Thank You to those who submitted this months recipes. If you want this page to continue please send Dena your recipes.



2020 Calendars

NATIONAL EVENTS

- August 8** **NAFCA Summer Full Board Meeting**
Travelers Woods
Campground
152 River Road
Bernardsten, MA.
- October 3** **NAFCA Annual Meeting Council of Chapters NAFCA Full Board**
Circle CG Farm, Inc.
Bellingham, MA
- Oct 16-18** **NAFCA Conservation Weekend**
Otter River State Forest
86 Winchendon Road
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STATE EVENTS

- Aug. 7-9** **Mass. Multi-chapter**
Travelers Woods
Campground
152 River Road
Bernardsten, MA.
- Aug 20-23** **Annual Quilting Weekend**
Country Aire Campground
Charlмонт, MA.
- Sept 10-13** **VT/NH Fall Frolic**
River Meadow Campground
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- Sept. 24-27** **Massachusetts Fall Frolic**
CANCELED

CHAPTER EVENTS

- Sept 17-20** **Camp-O-Rama**
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2021

NATIONAL EVENTS

- May 14-16** **NAFCA Spring Safari**
Spencer Fairgrounds
Spencer MA

STATE EVENTS

- Jan. 29-31** **Mass. Dinner Dance**
Holiday Inn Express
Sturbridge MA



SICK LIST

Nancy Thompson, Ch. 49, is finally back in her lovely new apartment after a bad fall and stay at a rehab for a while. I can't come up with her address but her email is ndgi@juno.com. I'm sure she'd love to hear from some of her NAFCA friends.

GOOD NEWS

Everett and Doris Mitchel recently celebrated their 33 wedding anniversary!

Sue and Reggie's Libby's grand

daughter in Maine recently graduated from the 1st class at the Maine Ocean School. She will be attending the Maine Maritime Academy next :)

Joan Murphy and Jim Gavron, Ch. 8, were married on June 13, 2020.

DIED

Claire Porier, mother of Suzanne Wright and Denis Porier (past president of Ch. 8), passed away on June 9th.

Diane Blaney, 65, past member of NAFCA and PV8, died recently in South Carolina. She and her husband, Doug, had been married for 46 years and had 3 children and 5 grand children.

Ron Sefton, 84, past NAFCA and PV8 member died. He and his wife Sylvia were active in the chapter for many years.

Rick Curico, brother of Cindy Pliska, Ch. 8 member, died recently.

IN THE SERVICE

Please keep all the men and women serving our country here and abroad in your thoughts and prayers. God bless us all during these most difficult times and those who do their best to keep us safe.

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Please send in any info of our NAFCA members to be shared, happy or sad, so that our friends can keep in touch.