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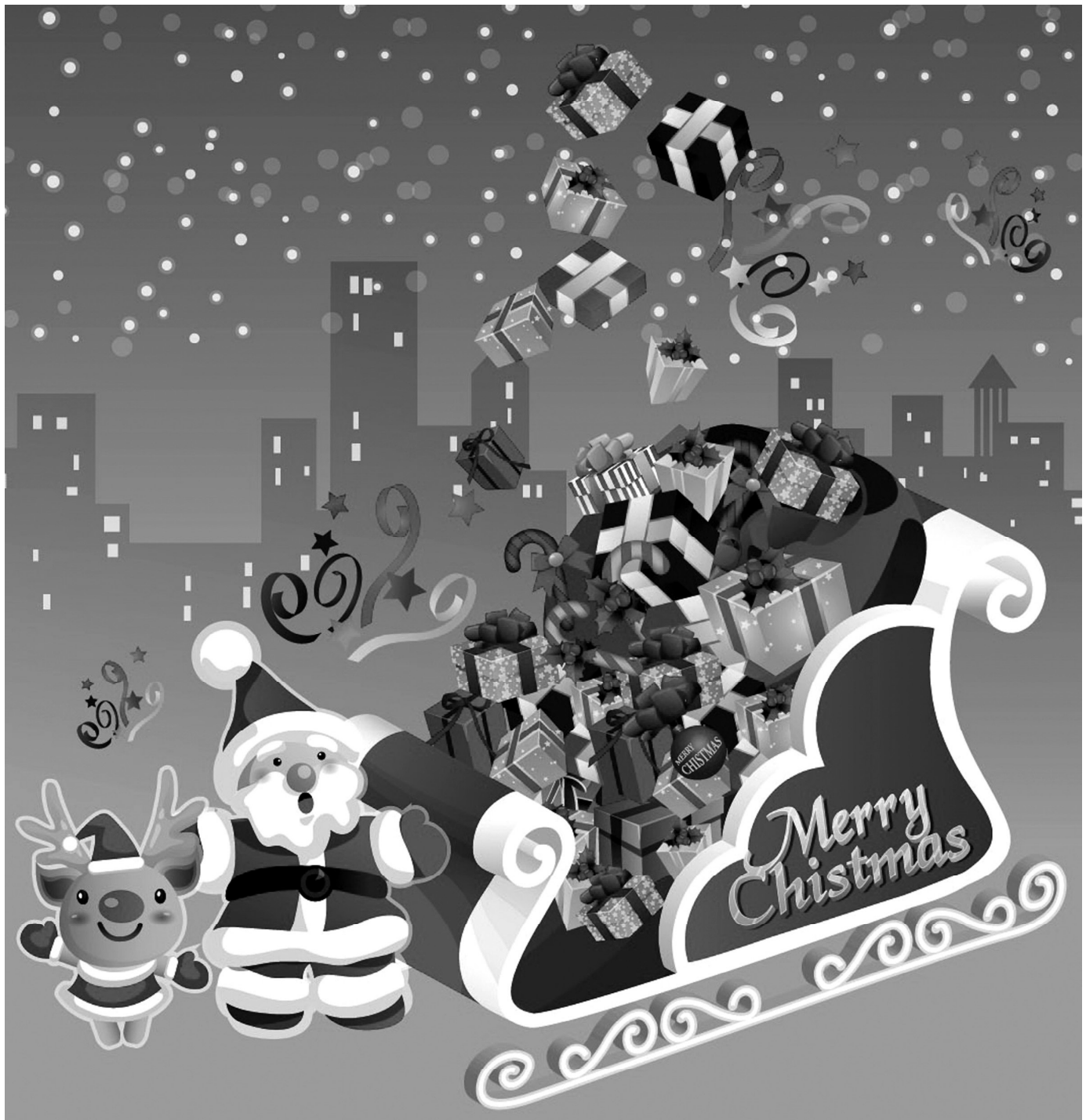
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President's Message

Hello to all my fellow campers in NAFCA.

Wow the fall season went by too quick, we camped 4 times I think. Now the weather starts to turn colder and start to think about next year's camping trips.

I am pleased to announce that Carol Robison and her committee are working hard on the 2020 NAFCA-ree at Rideau Acres Campground in Kingston, Ontario Canada.

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

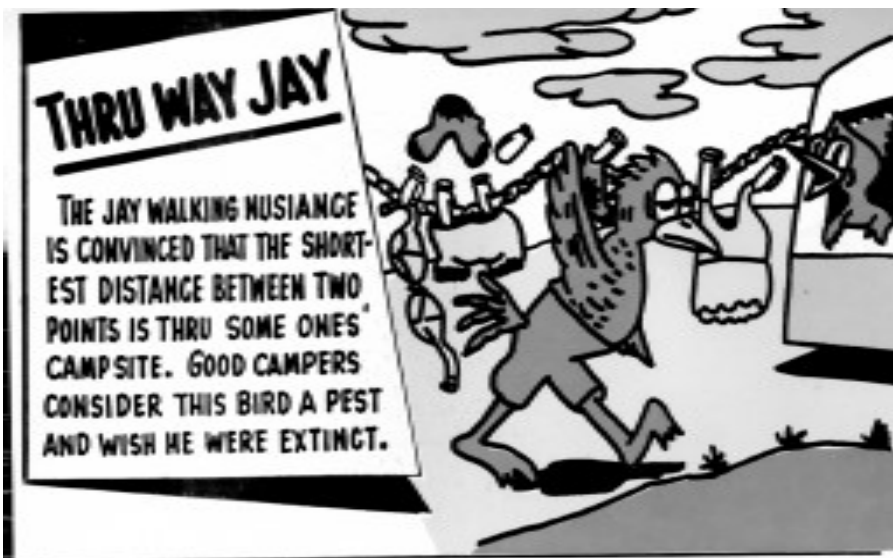
Don't forget the deadline for proposals for the 2021 NAFCA Spring Safari & NAFCAree. These need to be sent to me by March 1, 2020. Please send by mail so it gets to me.

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.

Yours in camping,

Dennis & Pam Richardson



Massachusetts Fall Frolic Game Winners

Thanks to Stephen Migneault we held to following games at our MA Fall Frolic and the champions are:
 Cribbage -Dave Colvin Chapter 30
 Horseshoes-Marty Moore Chapter 30 & Jon Sullivan Chapter 114
 Dominoes-Carol Robinson Chapter 30
 Bocce-Jane Fagley, Haven Fagley, Chapter 10, Tom Chermely, & Roberta Chermely Chapter 48
 Potti-Womens Karen Kuper and her granddaughter Chapter 86
 Potto-Mixed Frank Kruper & Karen-Chapter 86
 Grunt-Mixed-Emily Albanese & Joe Santos-Chapter 48

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

THANK YOU

I would like to express my sincere THANKS for all the cards I have received, your personal notes and well wishes and your prayers. Sometimes the journey thru life gets bumpy, we slow down a bit, but we continue forward. My diagnosis was not on my bucket list.

A special THANK YOU to Virginia Daniel who hearing of our Camp-O-Rama reservation cancellation informed us of a website for Second Beach where we could look in on the activities which we did most of that weekend. The group gathering of NAFCA friends appearing on the webcam holding signs that Saturday afternoon created some emotional time here. Your gestures of good will and support will always be remembered.

My treatments with chemo and radiation will keep me busy in the coming weeks.

Also special THANKS to RJ for all the daily help he is giving me.

Frank Higgins-Past President

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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 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 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 2017 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 Ac-

counting, 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!

**North American Family
Campers Association
August 10, 2019
Full Board Minutes**

Travelers Woods Campground in
Bernardston, Massachusetts

Call or Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by Secretary Jim Hurley.

- Attendees said the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and held a Moment of Silence for the sick and departed.
- The following past national officers were recognized: Joe Santos, Marty Moore and Dianne Crook.

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

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

Jim Hurley explained that Michelle Perry has been the Vermont State Director for Vermont for many years. He explained that she lives far north outside of Burlington, Vermont. She always sends her state director report when not attending meetings. She does a great job as the Vermont State Director. Michelle works very hard every year with New Hampshire to put on the Vermont & New Hampshire Fall Frolic. People in the audience expressed their appreciation for the work that Michelle does as Vermont State Director.

Jim Hurley also explained that President Dennis Richardson was camping at Goose Hollow Campground with his grandkids this weekend. Dennis got the opportunity to spend some time with the grandkids while his son and daughter-in-law had a booth at a local fair.

Secretary's Report – Jim Hurley

The Secretary's Report was accepted as printed in the June 2019 Campfire

Chatter. M/DBradley, S/Linda Ostiguy – Passed

Treasurer's Report – Bill Neeb

Bill Neeb presented the NAFCA Treasury Report for the First Quarter that ended June 20, 2019. The report was accepted as presented. M/DBradley, S/LOstiguy – Passed

Committee Reports

2019 Spring Safari – Linda Ostiguy

Linda Ostiguy gave the final report for the 2019 Spring Safari.

The committee included co-chairs Diane & Ed Gautier & Linda & Jim Ostiguy. Committee members included Suzanne & Bob Wright & Shelly & Larry Gustafson. Bill Neeb did Reservations and handled the money. Jim Hurley handled the program design and printing.

We had 60 rigs with about 112 adults, 1 teen and 5 children registered. This does not include visitors or late registrations. Booths included Crafts by Paula Colvin, Ice Cream with the 49ers, NAFCA Auxiliary, DJZ Creative Design, the Helm family for the Boy Scouts with hot dogs & candy bars and the Worcester Chapter with breakfast sandwiches on Saturday morning.

Chapters 157, 8, 11, 49 & 114 did gate duty. NAFCA games were held thanks to the volunteers who ran the games. There was coffee'n Friday night with goodies donated by Paula & Dale Bradley. Card Bingo was called by Bob & Suzanne Wright. On Saturday the kids played Giant Jenga with Marjorie & Bruce Williams. Shelly Gustafson had a piñata for the kids to take a wack at. Treasurers were won at the Chinese Auction thanks to the ladies from PV8 Chapter. The Parade of Colors was held and we did the Mexican Cake Dance hopping to win a goodie. The NAFCA Council of Chapters was held at 9:30 am on Sunday morning. The Christmas Barn spoiled us again with a beautiful poinsettia ornament. We enjoyed campfires and yes we did have some rain & mud. Thank you all for helping but most of all for COMING!

NAFCAre 2019 – Bill Neeb

NAFCAre 2019, our Old Orchard Beach "Beach Party" is now history. We wish to thank the 72 families that helped to make this year's NAFCAree a huge success.

Those who attended this year's NAFCAree can attest to the fact that

there was plenty to do. If this year's attendees were not on our trips, they were out and about enjoying Old Orchard Beach, Saco, Freeport, Portland, Camp Ellis and other scenic Southern Maine Coastal locations. I think the most popular spot was Mulligan's pub in Biddeford, home of the \$5.99 broiled steak dinner.

We did have one day of rain. Fortunately for us the rain started to fall just after our Casco Bay tour boat docked in Portland and ended just before we boarded the Songo River Queen in Naples. After that 24 hours stretch of wet weather the rest of the week was very pleasant, sunny and dry.

Of all the trips during the week, the most popular was Dianne Crook's private tour of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard and lunch at Warrens Lobster House. The Base tour is usually only offered to military families. It features a close-up view of an active shipyard rich in American Naval history. It was the location of the first warship built in North America in 1690 and hosted the signing of the treaty ending the Russian/Japanese war in 1905. The shipyard is now engaged in repair and renovations of the Navy's fleet of submarines. After the tour we dined at Warrens Lobster House famous for its bountiful salad bar, and healthy servings of both surf and turf.

Over 100 guests were fed by the committee Saturday evening, and 110 at our BBQ on Wednesday. The Beach Party started after the BBQ with summertime tunes played by DJ Roger Grenier. I hope you've had the chance to see the video of our NAFCAree dancers.

Thanks go out to several campgrounds, RV Dealers, and our committee members and attendees for their donations to our raffles and door prizes. We gave away door prizes almost every night, and had really nice prizes for our Friday raffle. The Closing Ceremony was followed by our traditional Wine and Cheese party courtesy of Flagg RV.

We received 1st class treatment from the Campground staff all week. A special thanks goes out to Old Orchard Beach Campground owner John Daigle, General Manager Mandi Cote, and the rest of the campground staff.

Thanks to one and all who came.

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And a grateful thanks to the Committee whose hard work paid off in organizing a NAFCAree to remember for years to come. A financial report will be provided at the January Full Board meeting.

2020 Spring Safari – Tony & Ellen Migneault volunteered to chair this event. Bill Neeb volunteered to handle reservations for this event.

2020 NAFCAree – Jim Hurley

Presently no members have volunteered to work on this event. Contact a Board member or President Dennis Richardson if you would like to chair or work as a committee member for this event. At the Spring Safari members voted to hold this event at Rideau Acres in Kingston, Ontario, Canada.

Sustaining Members – Rose Neeb reported that we have 32 sustaining members. Remember to let the sustaining campground know you are a NAFCA member when camping at their establishment.

Sports Rules – Jim Ostiguy told the group that we need more people to turn out and play NAFCA games at events where games are held.

Auxiliary – Dale Bradley reported that everything is going well with the Auxiliary. Dale will have items for sale at the Massachusetts Fall Frolic. Jim Hurley explained that NAFCA is looking for a person or family or a group of people to chair this program. Bill Neeb suggested the possibility of an outside company working with NAFCA selling NAFCA items. Bill explained how this process might work.

Conservation – Don Daniel

Otter River Conservation Weekend October 18-20, 2019

It's that time of the year again when your Otter River Conservation Weekend will take place and you and your chapter are invited to come camp for the weekend and help out with the Saturday tasks.

The tasks may include raking around the fire pits; raking / sweeping inside and around the pavilion; seal coating the restroom building outside; raking around the memorial grove and cleaning off the brick patio. All are easy tasks but are needed to be done to help put this area to bed for the winter.

There will be coffee Friday evening after we return from King Phillip Restaurant where you may dine Dutch Treat, we'll car pool to the restaurant for

those who may wish to join the group.

Saturday evening meal will be pot luck. All are invited to bring your meal item to share and we'll eat together in the pavilion.

Otter River State Forest is located on U.S. 202 in Baldwinville, MA about three quarters of a mile from the town center. There are no water or electric hookups. We will have a handicap accessible portajon for the groups use. The gate will open at 10am and are welcome to camp as long as you help with the Saturday tasks, day visitors will also be welcome.

Please direct any questions to Don Daniel at (978) 664-4294

Scholarship Committee – Liz Sheldon

Thanks go out to all the individuals and chapters who have supported the scholarship fund. When sending in donations please remember that we 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 acknowledgement of the gift can be made.

NAFCA Cares – Bill Neeb

The NAFCA Cares information is published in the Campfire Chatter. Paula Bradley announced that her grandson, Andrew Kelly was going to be reunited with his wife from the Philippines.

Unfinished Business

NAFCA National Elections and Slate of Officers

Jim Hurley reported that a slate of national officers for the 2020 elections would be presented at the Fall Council of Chapters meeting. The committee consists of the following State Directors – Linda Ostiguy, Marilyn Hurley & Dale Bradley.

New Business

Council of Chapters Fall meeting camping weekend was the topic of discussion. NAFCA only needs one Council meeting and presently we have two meetings – one in the spring and one in the fall. There are more people at the spring meeting and very few people attend the fall meeting. If NAFCA were to have only one and it was to be in the Spring it would require a change in the Bylaws that presently require the meeting to be in the fall.

Chapter Events and NAFCA Events

There was discussion regarding

chapters holding events when NAFCA events were scheduled. In the past it was policy that chapters would not schedule events when NAFCA events were scheduled. This causes an issue with attendance at NAFCA events. Some chapters schedule their chapter campouts at NAFCA events.

State Director Reports

Massachusetts – Linda Ostiguy

Since our last meeting the MA Co-ord had its summer beach campout at Scusset Beach June 20-23 right on the Cape Cod Canal. A hearty breakfast along with an ice cream social was included in the camping fee. We did not have perfect weather but we still were able to fish, beach, eat out, shop, bike and enjoy each other's company. This was the first year that we were able to use the new pavilion and it was a God-send! No more worry about a canopy and wind! Great time..... look forward to it next year.

This weekend we are at Traveler's Woods and have invited the Full Board to join us. There are not enough weekends in the summer so we decided to combine both. We'll make sure that it is not all business with our bag auction and covered dish. Glad that many of you decided to join us.

Next comes the MA Fall Frolic-Place-Spencer Fairgrounds, Spencer, MA. Join us for our "No Theme in 2019" Fall Frolic Sept. 26 (early arrival) through 29. The packets are out, reservation is in Chatter for non-chapter or just give me a call-508-867-3294.

We would love to have YOU join us. We'll have booths, raffles, special "doings", and a great time enjoying fall in the country.

Oct. 4-6 brings us to Country Aire in Charlemont, MA on the Mohawk Trail. MA is host this year to the Council of Chapters. Read about it in Chatter, call Lisa at Country Aire (413-625-2996) and JOIN US!!!!

Lastly (Boo Hoo) we will hold our indoor MA Co-ord Meeting at 10AM at the Rutland Public Library, 280 Main Street, Rutland, MA. Again we want to thank Cindy O'Leary for getting this great meeting place. We'll have the coffee pot on along with those yummy donuts. Help us plan.....enjoy the company, see old friends and get involved.

New Hampshire – Marilyn Hurley

Welcome from the majestic state

of New Hampshire. We may be small in numbers but generous in hospitality. September 5-7 at River Meadow is the place to be for the Vermont & New Hampshire Fall Frolic. Plans are well underway for a great time with games and surprises.

We would like to thank the NAFCA-ree committee for all of their hard work. Kelly would like to thank her daycare sitters for "Paw Zing" to rescue her from her crate while mom and dad enjoyed several trips. Camping season is still in full swing right into October. I hope to see you all around the campfire.

Rhode Island – Dale Bradley

Dale reported that the Quahaugs are going to Oak Embers Campground in Escoheag, RI and will be having a chicken dinner. If you are interested in attending call Dale.

Vermont – Michelle Perry

Camping for our Vermont and Canadian Chapters is in full swing. Vermont is experiencing a hot but beautiful summer for camping!

Hands Across the Border held their International Weekend in Ogden, Quebec last weekend. There was a smaller number of campers, but we all had a great time. A few of us even visited the lavender farm. If you weren't there, you missed out on some good fun and delicious food.

Cherokee Chapter 129 celebrated 4th of July at Tree Corners Campground in Irasburg, Vermont. Again, it was a very hot weekend, but the waterslides, campfires and delicious food made it all worth it.

The Vermont/ New Hampshire Fall Frolic will be held September 6-8 at River Meadow Campground in North Haverhill, NH. Please call the campground directly to reserve your site. The contact information is in the Chatter. If you have questions, please call Michelle Perry- VT State Director- 1-802-879-0900. Come and join the fun!

For the Good of NAFCA

Linda Ostiguy reported that Massachusetts is hosting the fall Council of Chapters and Full Board meetings at the Country Aire Campground in Charlemont, Massachusetts. The prices are \$32 for electric and water and \$37 for sewer. Call the campground to make reservations. There will be a Bag Auction at 2 pm so bring something for the auction. There will be a Pot-Luck Sup-

per at 6 pm so bring some food to share.

Council of Chapters Meeting – The meeting will begin at 10 am. M/BNeeb, S/JHurley – Passed

The Full Board meeting will begin directly after the Council of Chapters meeting.

The meeting ended at 11:50 am M/DBradley, S/LOstiguy – Passed

These Minutes were approved at the October 5th Full Board Meeting at Country Aire Campground in Charlemont, Massachusetts.

Submitted by Jim Hurley, Secretary



INTERNATIONAL WEEKEND



International Weekend

Once again it is time to plan your summer camping, if you are not doing anything July 31st to Aug 2nd why not join us at International Weekend in Ogden, Quebec just across the border from Newport, Vt.

This campout is the perfect chance to relax and enjoy life north of the border. Friday evening there is coffee and Tammy's home made donuts to enjoy by the fire. It is highlighted each year by the BBQ steak supper served Saturday evening. Of course earlier in the day we have Potty and Cribbage for everyone to enjoy. The evening ends with a brown bag auction, the 50/50 draw, and door prizes before the fire.

We hope to see you there. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me by email at donixon@sympatico.ca .

Don Nixon, President Chapter 156

**Have you been to
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Check it out
you'll be glad you did.**



Reservation Form

44rd International Weekend
125 Davis Road,
Ogden, Quebec.
July 31st to August 2nd 2020

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, St, Zip: _____

Chapter: _____

Adults: _____ #Children: _____

Age of the Children: _____

Type of Rig: _____

Length: _____

CAMPING @ \$45.00 \$ _____

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Adult Steak _____ @ \$14.00 \$ _____

Child Steak _____ @ \$7.00 \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

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The badge will be dark green with white letters, and will measure approximately 2 1/2 by 2 inches. The top will have "NAFCA" engraved and the bottom line will have your name. Each badge will cost \$5.00 including postage. Please print.

Name _____

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Print name as you wish it to be engraved on the badge.

Inclose a check in the amount of \$5.00, payable to NAFCA.

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Holiday Greetings!

With Thanksgiving behind us & Christmas, Hanukah, & New Years coming up, we would like to wish everyone a wonderful holiday season. One filled with family, friends, & fun!

We are now getting closer to the 2020 Campshow! New this year is one low price for admission! No coupons needed!! \$10.00 for all adult admission tickets & still \$7.00 for Senior & Military/DAV & as always Children 12 and under are free when accompanied by an adult!! Also new this year, along with online ticket purchasing, we are now taking credit & debit cards at specially marked booths!! Read on to learn more about the show...

58th ANNUAL SPRINGFIELD RV, CAMPING AND OUTDOOR SHOW - FEBRUARY 14-17th, 2020

The 58th edition of the camping show, 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).

The show is the largest and longest running shows of its kind in New England. The entire show is indoors occupying over 7 acres of exhibit space with over 250 exhibitors in 3 large buildings. It features exhibits by more than 30 RV dealers of major manufacturers who offer a wide range of equipment choices from pop-up tent trailers to some of the most luxurious motor homes available. The show also includes more than 100 campgrounds and outdoor equipment suppliers. For campers and those interested in becoming campers, the show covers virtually everything needed to enjoy the outdoors.

This show would not be possible without all the volunteers from PV8 that make it happen. 18 couples dedicate two years to the Show. During that time they are assigned by the Chairman a committee to work on. Dividing the

work makes it easier for everyone

The show utilizes the Better Living Center, the Young and Mallory buildings at the Big E. Show hours are Friday 4:00pm - 9:00pm, Saturday 10:00am - 8:00pm, Sunday 10:00am - 6:00pm, and Monday 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.

For complete show details including directions, exhibitor list, entertainment schedule, and more check out our web site at www.springfieldrvcamping-show.com or call 413-781-CAMP. And don't forget to like us on Facebook!

This year's theme is "Camping Where Friends Become Family" & the winning patch was done by PV8 member, Tammy Boucher. The Printing & Volunteers committee are currently working on getting it converted into an embroidered patch for this year's show & we will share the design next month. Congratulations to Tammy on a great design!

Respectfully Submitted,
Kris & Bonne Spaulding (PV8)



NAFCA Otter River Conservation Weekend

October 18, 19 & 20, 2019

The hardworking volunteers at your Otter River Conservation Weekend did one very good job. We moved two large piles of wood chips spreading them around the Bath House; Interpretive Center; and Contact Station. We also spread wood chips around the Flag Poles and memorial grove area. The group also ranked around each fire pit on each campsite. The brick patio was cleared of weeds and and other debris as well. At the same time fire pits were being raked that group also picked all the trash from each site. We were pretty much finished with our tasks by lunch time.

We did have a coffee break where there was donuts and many other as-

sorted sweets to much on while we had our coffee. You know you need to keep fueled up in order to rake and do other things.

Thanks to everyone who helped out the state person in charge (Ron) told me the group did a very good job with our tasks.

All you workers may now give yourselves a pat on your collective backs for the great job you all know you did.

Friday campers were a little slow in coming into Otter River, most arriving in the latter afternoon. That is fine but there are still some of us who are able to arrive when or just after the gate is unlocked.

Most everyone went out for our evening meals. Of those, the vast majority went to King Phillips Restaurant and had very tasty meals. The first group to venture out for supper had a lively discussion on NAFCA and where we see its course (NAFCA's) now and where and how to move forward after the new Board takes the helm. I won't go into details here as this article isn't the venue to use. Just know there were many many favorable ideas which will understandably come forward to the good of NAFCA.

There were good and well attended campfires on Friday and Saturday evenings. Thanks to all who brought fire wood or gathered up branches to burn in our fire.

The Saturday evening Pot Luck was attended by everyone. As has always been the case, the food was very tasty and more than could be consumed by our hungry group. We also had a special Thank You cake and many other goodies to eat.

Thanks to Chapters 30, 8, 157 and 48 along with one non-chapter member family. I would like to say Quahaug Chapter is a big supporter of this weekend making up over half of our work force. Thanks also to NAFCA 1st V.P. Paula Bradley, Treasurer and Membership Bill and Rose Neeb and R.I. State Director Dale Bradley. There were 2 MA Deputy's Kathy Lena and Steve Migneault. Thanks to everyone for your help and showing leadership.

Next April's date for Otter River will be April 17, 18 & 19, 2020. I hope you will come and help out at the Birthplace of NAFCA.

Don Daniel - Chairman

NAFCaree 2020

Rideau Acres Campground
Kingston, Ontario, Canada
July 18-25

Hi to all in NAFCALand. Your 2020 NAFCaree Committee is hard at work putting together a wonderful and fun week for all members.



Let me say we are offering Friday the 17th as early arrival and Saturday the 25th as late check out for an extra fee each of \$51 w/e and \$56 w/e/s.

The price for the week w/e \$365 and w/e/s \$395. A deposit of \$100 will hold your campsite. We have 37 w/e and 38 w/e/s, first come basis. All funds in US dollars.

We are planning trips: Ottawa, the capital; Kingston, the former capital, penitentiary, Ft. Henry, luncheon cruise, marketplace, changing of the guards, walking and Rideau River Tours, Duck Boat; Brewery Tour; live theatre; casino; fishing; pig roast & pottery painting.

Anyone for cardboard boat races?! Lots of Laughs!



Rideau Acres offers individual campsites, 30 amp electric, 136 acres and a mile and a half of water front, hall with big screen t.v., pool table, rectangle tables open to all campers, dining hall, pavilion, boat rentals, ping pong, horseshoes, disc golf, basketball, swimming pool, fishing, paddle boarding, fireworks, hayrides, hiking & biking trails; playground, pedal cars, bingo, pancake breakfast, bird watching; sandy

beach; duck pond & free hot showers; Tuesday Dump.

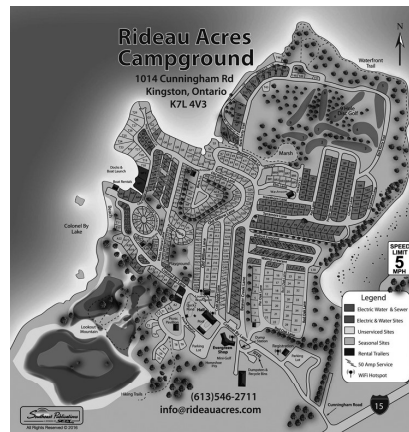
Approximate driving times: Portsmouth, RI, Boston & Concord, NH 7 hours. Manchester, CT 6 hours. Colchester, VT – 4 hours, 42 minutes. Springfield, MA 5 hours, 38 minutes. Most New England destinations are under 8 hours drive time!

Recommended you have a passport/pass card for this international travel. Applying for these is easy but requires 6 to 8 weeks of processing time. Make sure your passport is current! See related passport article.

Remember you can extend your time in Canada by also attending the Hands Across The Border #156 International Weekend on July 30 – August 2. Fun, Food, campfires, games and friendly fun people to round out your Canada experiences. See Chatter for all details.

Your committee is Carol Robison & Phil Chionere, Chair. Don & Maureen Daniel, Bruce & Marjorie Williams, Peg Griswold, Katie Boudreau, Jim Howland & Barbara Starr.

Don Daniel – For NAFCAREE 2020



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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 NAFCALand.

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City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____

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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 NAFCALand

Mail to: Carol Robison

18 Amy Avenue

Leominster, MA 01453



SMOKE SIGNALS



Pine Tree #33

Hello everybody Camping season has come to a halt, water was shut off October 6th. getting too cold.

PineTree had some very sad news Brenda & Brian Hodgdon's Son Brandon passed away, many of us paid our respects, 30 members in all. So sorry for their loss. Afterward we had a get together at the VETS Hall in South, Paris.

All the Snowbirds have left for the warmth. Members Katy & Bill Bourret have moved to Missouri for the winter months. They drove 3 days arriving on September 12th. They are now living near their Son but will be back in the Spring at Buckfield. Also Jan Guilford has had surgery on her Hip, spoke to her and is doing well. I wanted to also report when we had our Planning Meeting on August 31. It was so productive with 29 members willing and able to filling our calendar for 2020 with all their ideas of how to make it a good one. It looks like it will be a great year. Members were very excited and willing to help out. Never saw so many members at a planning meeting before.

By the time you read this article we will be having our last meeting on November 3. It will be a brown bag get together. Brian Hodgdon our CG Director will be locking the buildings for the winter also the entrance so you will not be able to drive in there in the winter months. Also this year the Hall will be secured.

Trees have changed colors and some are bare now. Can't believe this Season

for camping is gone, it flew by. Everett & myself will be taking our 3 hour drive for this November 3 meeting, we wouldn't miss it and would not drive all this way if we didn't enjoy seeing friends, and loving this Campground..

Will report to you any other News, your schedule for next years activities will be arriving, soon. Dan Kinney our Secretary is working on it.

Also have a wonderful Thanksgiving everybody, and eat plenty it only comes once a year. Please stay safe and healthy.

Till next time, Sincerely,

Doris Mitchell

Penobscot Valley Acres #37

The weather is taking on that crispness that lets us know it's time to batten down and wait out Ol' Man Winter to come and go so we can get back to the next camping season. Even though we are not out to P.V.A. things are happening; a big leech field project has been put into motion to hopefully make things better for up coming seasons. We've had some warm days since closing making it nice to go out for a walk about and a little picnic lunch. Already there are signs of the deer moving in for the winter. They usually do a lovely job of pruning my trees and shrubs. How lucky am I to have free gardening care?

We also got happy news of one of our long time members, Bob Ring, who has been battling some serious illness out in Boston (this whole past summer) is finally back in Bangor. I understand he is up and able to receive visitors, he even got a visit from his beloved dog. We would like to wish him well and tell him to keep up the good work of getting well.

Well as there is not much else to tell you about I'll close this and once again...

Wish you all safe travels,
Janet Bagley



Massachusetts State Director



Can't believe that it is time to write an article for December's Chatter but here goes.

On Sun. Nov.3 we meet at the Rutland Public Library for our first indoor

meeting of the non-camping season. All proposals for the 2020 MA Fall Frolic are due. They will be printed in MA Muster and voted on at our Jan. 5, 2020 co-ord meeting. Believe it or not but I have some already! This is great news. Also Kathy Lena told us about the planning of the MA Dinner Dance-Jan. 24-26 at the Holiday Inn in Sturbridge, MA.

It is time to step up to the plate and throw YOUR name "into the hat" to run for a MA Co-ord Committee office. ALL positions are up for grabs! A description of each position is available. The more positions that we are able to fill, the easier it will be! "Many hands make the work lighter". Don't only think about it..... investigate and join our "team". We strive to make camping FUN, and have fellowships and friendships blossom.

Don't forget to lend a hand at the NAFCA booth at the Springfield RV & Outdoor Show at the "Big E" (W. Springfield, MA) Feb. 14-17-, 2020. Sign up for a 2 hr. shift, get in the show for free, and meet new people that are interested in learning more about NAFCA and joining our great club!

When planning your summer schedule don't forget our annual "Multi-Chapter" to be held at Traveler's Woods in Bernardston, MA the weekend of Aug. 7-9, 2020.

Scussett Beach can't be booked before six months before the campout so I know that you are all anxious and we'll kept you posted. That is the best we can do for this favorite campout.

Know that I have a lot to write in

next month's Chatter but until then have a wonderful Holiday. Stay healthy and safe. Keep the spirit ALIVE!

Linda Ostiguy
Massachusetts State Director

Squaw-No-Cook #30

Hello everyone,

Hope all are doing well. I know Diane is on her way south, and I suspect Dick and Marty are either on their way as well, or will be soon. I wish them all safe travels!!

It's been a bit rainy these past few days, but I know some of the past Saturdays have been absolutely beautiful.

And speaking of beautiful Saturdays - I pestered Janis about the Columbus weekend and she shared a few tidbits... including that Harry went camping too!! She mentioned the foliage was beautiful and that they had great weather. They enjoyed the time around the fire with family and friends, for the final campout for the season.



Some of the fun was lunch one day at an Irish pub in Chester, visiting Wellwood Orchards and the Vermont Country Store, and that Charlie and Eric went alpine sliding. (Janis had to work so she couldn't go.) Dan and Melissa didn't go that weekend either.

Hmm.... last campout of the season - guess I better help Jim get the cover out for the camper. Of course, it will need to stop raining so that the camper dries off before we put the cover on, and he'll have to figure out how to keep the little four legged creatures out. Anyone have any suggestions on how to do that? I recently read an article about using Irish Spring. Or peppermint oil. Or cayenne pepper. Does one option work better? Or maybe all three together would work. We'll have to try some things, see how they work out, and report back in the spring.

Our first indoor meeting was going

to be the first Saturday in November, but Leominster delayed Halloween trick or treat to Saturday (because of the storms). I only really recall one other time (I think it was 2011?) that trick or treat was delayed and that was due to a snow storm!! I don't recall it ever getting delayed when I was younger (but that was a long time ago....).

We'll be having our Christmas party in December - don't know where yet, but hopefully we'll get some suggestions at our meeting (whenever we have it!).

Harry had a birthday and he's been doing really great at home. A few extended family members have been hospitalized, but are doing much better.

Happy Thanksgiving everyone!!!

Barbara Starr

Canvasback # 157

We have wrapped up our camping until the spring time. Some chapter members have done a lot of camping throughout this past season. Now we plan the camp outs (chapter, state and NAFCA) for the 2020 camping season.

The year ahead promises to be a full camping year and we have Massachusetts state and NAFCA elections. Busy, busy, busy and still busy. The NAFCA annual meeting camping weekend will be April 24-26, 2020 at Country Aire Campground in Charlemont, MA (Route 2, 13 miles West of I-91 and MA 2 intersection; Greenfield, MA). Watch Campfire Chatter for any plans for that weekend. Please be sure your delegates for your chapter attend this meeting. Your chapter needs to be represented and your delegate is your voice between the NAFCA Board and your chapter.

Months before the afore mentioned NAFCA weekend, Massachusetts will have its coordinating meeting on Sunday, November 3 at the Rutland, MA public library, lower level, rear meeting hall. The meeting starts at 10 AM and there will be coffee, tea and donuts as refreshments. All members of NAFCA are most welcome to attend. Please bring any ideas or location you may know of for the mass fall frolic for September 2020.

Lastly, I would like to put in a plug for the mass dinner dance weekend. The weekend will be January 24-26, 2020 at the holiday inn express in Sturbridge, MA. The dinner and dancing will be on Saturday evening and Will be a fabulous

time. I know you'll enjoy the whole weekend with all your NAFCA friends and others who attend. Come and shake off the winter blues. You will be so glad you came for this fun filled event. Canvasback will be very well represented at the Premier winter event. Come and enjoy, you'll be glad you did.

Until next we are together,
Don Daniel-correspondent



Wolf Den #103

Merry Christmas to all!!

The Goodwin's, Gibbon's, and Taylor's attended the last campout of the season on Sept, 27, 2019 at Ginny B's in Foster, RI. Everyone arrived early in the day, and the weather was great! Jon and Donna brought their granddaughter, Savannah. This was her first campout ever, and she had a blast! The Pepin's decided this would be a great weekend for us to be their guests, and reminisce the old days when his parents, Dick & Aline, were a huge part of Wolf Den when the club first became a charter member of NAFCA, and Brian was just a little tike. Hopefully he and Melissa can find time to camp more and become members in the future.

Friday evening some of us went to a local seafood takeout for fish & chip dinners. The restaurant is new and was recommended by Pam at Ginny B's.



When we returned, Jon started a roaring fire for the evening to catch up on the summer's activities with everyone.

Saturday morning we started the day as usual with our community break-

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fast. We continued our day with a walk. Then we had a game of Bocci with the girls against the guys. Savannah was our balini thrower. Of course the girls won! We had lunch, and then Bruce, Dave, Jon and Donna played horse-shoes. When they finished with shoes, we challenged a few games of Grunt between everyone. It was almost like our Fall Frolic outing but only unofficial.

Pat Henault came to visit as our traditional outing here she always manages to come see us. We had an early afternoon assortment of appetizers before dinner. Our Saturday potluck was grilled chicken with a few sides of potato salad, corn on the cob, brown beans, and yummy sautéed vegetables. For dessert we had pumpkin cream cheese cake, and Pat brought a delicious rhubarb bread.

Again, Jon started a blazing fire for the evening. We had a fun filled night of karaoke and everyone sang. There was so much laughter, and we weren't laughing at any one person but laughing with everyone. Believe it or not, we all had great voices! No one was singled out! It was hysterical at times, especially when Brian decided to do the jig while he was blasting his pipes.

Sunday morning we said our good-byes and wished everyone well until we meet again, which will be at our Holiday Christmas Party the first Sunday of December 1, 2019.

Thank you all for an awesome last campout of the season!!!

Submitted by Arlene Goodwin
Wolf Den 103 Secretary



Palm Tree Chapter #27

OK "snowbirds", I hope you have all made it down here safely and are enjoying the warm Florida weather.

The annual Palm Tree Get-Together will be held at Lake Parker Recreational area in Lakeland Florida on February 19th, 2020. We usually start arriving around 11 AM, but come as early as you want and stay as late as you want. Lake Parker is a beautiful area, right on the waters edge, with nice walking

paths, and usually a variety of wildlife hanging around.

Bring your own lunches and this year we ask that you bring a dessert to share. You can bring your own chairs or use the benches in the pavilion. Bring games if you so desire or just hang around, chatting with old friends.

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

Remember, this is just a 'social chapter', anyone is invited so if you have friends that would like to come with you, bring them along.

See ya 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.



SICK LIST

Judy Alario, Ch. 30, continues a battle with heart disease and has been in and out of the hospital and rehab. She is hoping to get home soon but hubby Carlo won't be able to help her out, he fell and broke his ankle recently and was in the hospital too. No, not the same one :(They could use some prayers and cheery cards from their friends. The address is 625 Reservoir Rd., Lunenburg, MA. 01462.

Barbara Norkus was in the hospital lately with kidney problems, hoping she

is much better and back at home by now. Cards may be sent to 8 Swift's Beach Rd., Lot #42, Wareham, MA. 02571-1972.

On the sick list from PV8 there is Rob Hutchinson and and Wayne LeDuc.

Frank Higgins, past NAFCA President and Ch. 1 member, is undergoing a series of chemo and radiation treatments for his bladder cancer. Things are going well for him right now, sure hope that continues. Please send cards to him at PO Box 1, East Haven, VT 05837

HAPPY NEWS

Baby boy, Carter Richard LaValley was born to Kristen LaValley recently, he weighed in at 7 lb. 6.4 oz. and was 21 inches long!

Jen Cantu, daughter of MaryEllen and Ted Fischer and grand daughter of Paula and Dale Bradley, was recently awarded a Doctorate of Education after 5 1/2 years of hard work. She was also pretty busy traveling all over Europe and raising 2 boys as well :)

Dave and Rachel MacPhee, Ch. 30, recently celebrated their 50th anniversary in Surfside Beach, South Carolina, where they live now.

DIED

Joe Dunham, Ch. 33 and 126 in Maine, passed away recently. His wife, Clarice, had served as Secretary for the State of Maine for many years as well as performing church services at the Maine Spring Safari in Fryeburg for many years. Cards may be sent to Clarice and family at PO B0x 335, Dixfield, ME. 04224-0335.

The Uncle of Marjorie Williams, PV8, died Nov. 2, cards may be sent to Marjorie and family at 24 Grassy Meadow Rd., Wilbraham, MA.01095.

IN THE SERVICE

Please keep the men and women serving in the Armed Forces for our country in your thoughts and prayers. We thank them for their service.

Doris Lewis

NAFCA Cares Sunshine Lady

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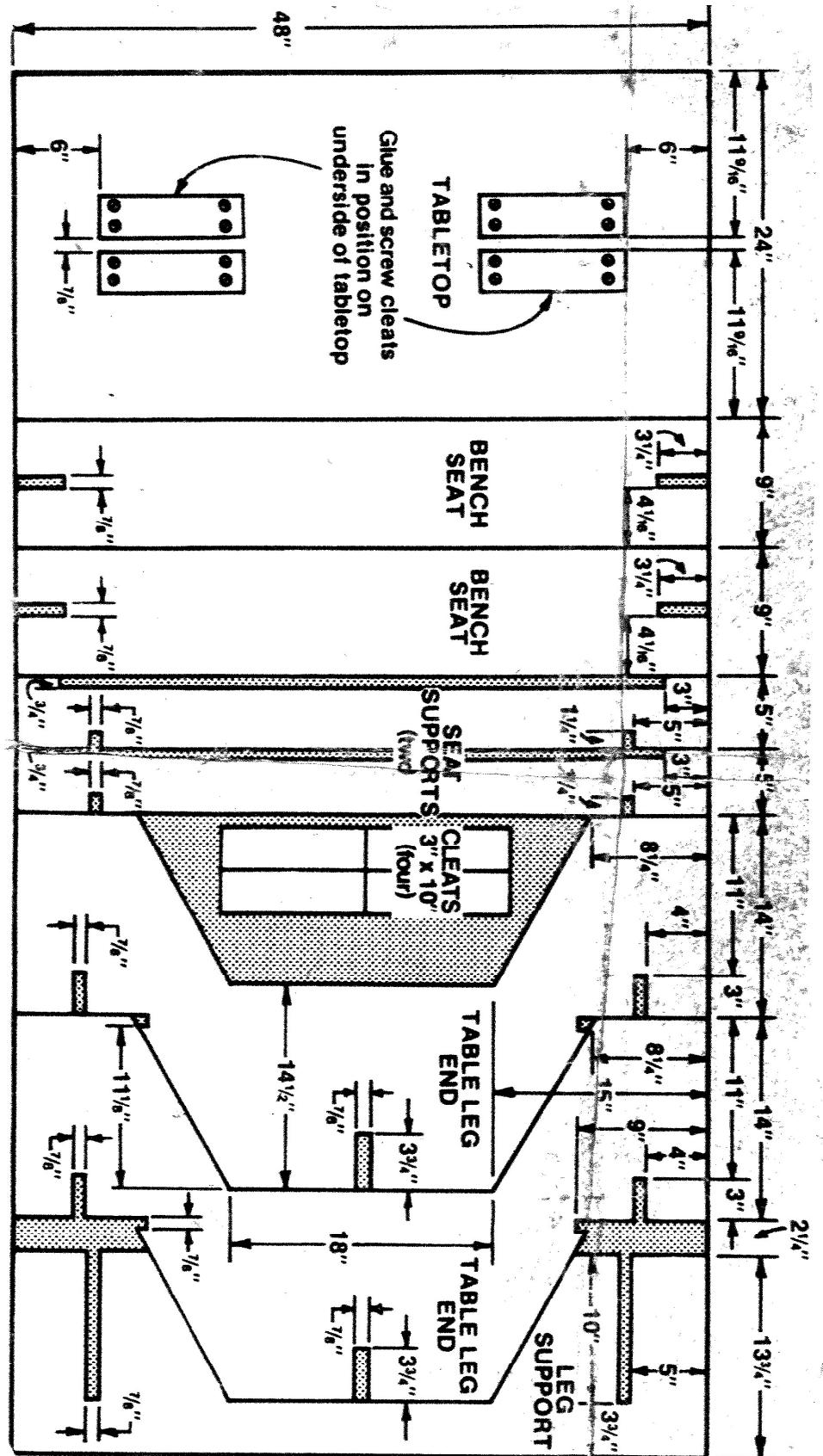
Please share news, happy or sad, of our NAFCA members to be shared with others in Chatter. It's a way for members who cannot camp anymore or that don't have a computer to keep up with their friends. It's so nice to hear from old friends !!



Portable Picnic Table

I was camping at the Camp-O-Rama and had many comments on my plywood picnic table. This table was printed in Family Circle magazine in the mid 1970's and was re published a few times sense then in the Campfire Chatter. Where I had a few request for the directions, I searched my files and found the diagram provided. This table is made with one sheet of $\frac{3}{4}$ " plywood and a few screws. It requires only a few tools to make it: screw driver, measuring tape, straight edge, circular saw, and a jigsaw. Other than screwing on the cleats during construction, there is no hardware needed to put it together at the campsite it is a 3D jigsaw puzzle. See the assembled table.

Liz Weaver



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HOMEMADE APPLE PIE

Submitted by David and Paula Colvin

1 box refrigerated pie crust, softened as directed on package
 6 cups thinly sliced, peeled apples (6 medium)
 ¾ cup sugar
 2 tbsp flour
 ¾ tsp ground cinnamon
 ¼ tsp salt
 1/8 tsp ground nutmeg
 1 tsp lemon juice

Heat oven to 425°. Place one pie crust in ungreased 9 inch glass pie plate. Press firmly against side and bottom. In large bowl, gently mix filling ingredients; spoon into crust-lined pie plate. Top with second crust. Wrap excess top crust under bottom crust edge, pressing edges together to seal; flute. Cut slits or shapes in several places n top crust.

Bake 40-45 minutes or until apples are tender and crust is golden brown. Cover edge of crust with 2-3-inch-wide strips of foil after first 15-20 minutes of baking to prevent excess browning. Cool on rack at least 2 hours before serving.

Apple Cake

Submitted by David and Paula Colvin

3 cups flour
 2 ¼ cups sugar
 1 cup oil
 4 eggs
 ½ tsp salt
 ¼ cup orange juice
 3 tsp vanilla
 3 ½ tsp baking powder
 6 apples sprinkles with 2 Tbsp sugar
 1 tsp cinnamon
 1 tsp nutmeg
 1 tsp ginger

Wish eggs, add sugar and oil. Mix

wet with dry ingredients. Four layers of batter with apples. Start with batter and end with apples.

Bake at 350° fir 1 hour to 1 ½ hours.

CIDER-GLAZED CHICKEN WITH BERRIES

Submitted by David and Paula Colvin

1 ½ tbsp flour
 ¾ tsp salt
 ¼ tsp ground allspice
 4 (6 oz) boneless, skinless chicken breast halves
 1 tbsp butter
 1/3 cup dried cranberries
 ½ cup apple cider or apple juice
 1 tbsp cider vinegar or white balsamic vinegar
 Hot rice

Heat large non-stick skillet over medium heat. Combine flour, salt and allspice in zip lock bag. Add chicken to bag; seal and shake to coat.

Melt butter in pan. Add chicken and cook 4 minutes. Turn chicken over and add cranberries, apple cider and vinegar; cook 5 minutes or until chicken is done. Spoon berries and glaze left in pa over chicken. Serve with rice, if desired. Serves 4.

BUTTERMILK PANCAKES

Submitted by David and Paula Colvin

1 cup flour
 1 cup buttermilk
 1 egg
 3 tbsp butter, melted
 2 tbsp sugar
 2 tsp baking powder
 ¼ tsp salt
 Butter and syrup for serving

Lightly grease a griddle and heat to 350° or until drops of water sizzle. Combine flour, buttermilk, egg, melted

butter, sugar, baking powder and salt in a large mixing bowl. Beat with a mixer at medium speed until smooth, about 1 minute. Batter will be thick.

For each pancake, spoon ¼ cup batter onto griddle. Spread batter to 4 - inch circles. Cook until bubbles form on surface, about 2-3 minutes. Turn; continue cooking until light brown, 1-2 minutes. Makes 10

OLD SOUTHERN HOMINY CASSEROLE

Submitted by David and Paula Colvin

3 tbsp butter
 ½ cup chopped green pepper
 1 small onion, grated
 3 tbsp flour
 ½ tsp dry mustard
 1 ½ cups milk
 Salt and pepper to taste
 ½ cup grated cheese
 1 (15 oz) can hominy
 1 cup chopped ripe olives
 1 (3 oz) can sliced mushrooms (optional)
 Bread or cracker crumbs for topping

Preheat casserole to 350°. Grease an 8 x 8 casserole dish.

Melt butter, Sauté green pepper and onion in butter. Add flour, mustard, milk, salt and pepper. Cook and stir until thickened. Add cheese, hominy, olives and mushrooms (optional). Put in prepared casserole dish. Top with crumbs. Bake 30 minutes. Serves 4 - 6.

New Recipes Needed!

A big Thank You to thosr who submitted this months recipes. If you want this page to continue in future issues of Campfire Chatter please sent Dena your recipes.

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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**
 Second Beach
 474 Sachuest Point
 Middleton, RI 02842



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