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Current Membership 579

For the month of August, there were 7 new members joining the Maine chapters.

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President's Message

The unofficial Summer is almost gone! For some it never started! Some of us lucky ones have been out camping but not like the "good old days". We continue to plan though. As we continue to plan, the NAFCAs Annual meeting, Council of Chapters and full board are planned for October 3 at Circle CG Farm, Inc in Bellingham, MA. The board is continuing to work on changing the past and working on the future for a bigger and better NAFCAs. This is a very hard task seeing we have a "new normal" which does not include many of our old favorites, but if we all work together we can become NAFCAs Strong and survive and grow.

The NAFCAs Spring Safari is set for May 14-16, 2021 at the Spencer Fairgrounds, Spencer, MA

The NAFCAs booth at the Springfield RV Camping & Outdoor Show (PV8) at the Big E grounds in Springfield, MA Feb 12-Feb.15, 2021.

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That being said, four couples are planning a trip to Drummer Boy to scout out plans for 2021 NAFCAs. SAVE the Date-July 17-July 24, 2021!!!!!! We have a date, a place, but we need YOU!

Think positive,
Linda Ostiguy
NAFCAs President

"I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something." (thank God for a great board working together)

Edward Everett Hale

Email Address Changed

The email address to submit future articles for Campfire Chatter will now be CampfireChatter@nafca.org. Please update your address books.



Otter River Conservation Weekend October 16, 17 & 18, 2020

I'm sure everyone now knows the Fall edition of NAFCAs Otter River Conservation work/camping weekend has been cancelled. I know that upsets several of us and no one is more disappointed than I am. Thinking of all the rules we as a group would have to follow under the state mandates: social distance: sanitize the porta-Jon several times each day: no joint meal and no meal out to a restaurant together even if we could find one to accommodate us. The China Virus has put on hold all that we as a group would have normally done on the aforementioned outing.

Instead of grouching about another lost weekend let us instead look forward to April 16-18, 2021 when with a workable vaccine we will meet together at Otter River State Forest. We will resolve to move as a cohesive group and just pick up where we have left off in 2019. I do believe we will be a stronger Association as we come out from under the far end of camping season 2020. Hang tough and we'll be together at our Spring Otter River weekend.

Don Daniel - Chairman

Fall Council of Chapters

NAFCAs Council Of Chapters
October 2, 3, 4, 2020
Circle C G Campground
131 North Main St. (Route 126)
Bellingham, Ma

Note: Reservations need to be made ~~any~~ to the campground:

1-508-966-1136

Fees: 30 amp WES \$48 per night
30 amp WE \$44 per night
Dogs..... \$2 per night

As of September 1st, we are still on schedule to have our Council of Chapters. They have received some reservations up to this time.

If you are planning to come, please send in your reservations ASAP.

We are planning an American Chop Suey supper and a basket raffle, plus campfires with your goodies each night.

Dale Bradley

Rhode Island State Director

Fall Council of Chapters Weekend

October 2-4, 2020
Circle CG Campground
131 North Main Street
Bellingham, MA 02019
508-966-1136

As of this writing, the Council of Chapters meeting is on for Saturday, October 3, 2020, 10 am, at Circle CG Campground. The State of Rhode Island is hosting this year and we have planned a dinner for Saturday night - American Chop Suey, bread/butter and dessert for \$5.00 (please bring setups and beverage). We will also be having a basket auction, similar to the ones we have been doing the last few years at Camp-O-Rama, just fewer of them. We would love to see all our NAFCAs friends for this weekend, whether you camp for the weekend or come for the meeting on Saturday, please make an effort to come by. You will need to contact the campground and make your own reservations - the phone number is 508-966-1136.



North American Family Campers Association Summer Full Board Meeting August 8, 2020

Call to Order – President Linda Ostiguy

President Ostiguy called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

The group said the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and held a moment of silence for the sick and departed.

Roll Call of Board Members and State Directors– Karen Donnelly, acting Secretary for Jim Hurley;

- President Linda Ostiguy – Present
- 1st Vice President Karen Donnelly – Present
- Treasurer Bill Neeb – Present
- Massachusetts State Director Kathy Lena – Present

Excused;

- National Secretary Jim Hurley
- New Hampshire State Director Marilyn Hurley
- Rhode Island State Director Dale Bradley
- Vermont State Director Michelle Perry

Secretary's Report - The Minutes of the January 5, 2020 Winter Full Board Meeting were printed in the February 2020 Campfire Chatter. The minutes were accepted as printed. M/Bill Neeb, S/Kathy Lena; passed.

Treasurer's Report – Bill Neeb.

Copies of the Treasurer's Report for the First Quarter that ended June 30, 2020 were available at the meeting. The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented by Bill Neeb, subject to audit. M/ Kathy Lena, S/ Karen Donnelly; passed.

Numerous suggestions were shared in order to increase revenue and cut costs. Suggestions to raise revenue included increasing the cost of membership, charging a fee for Campfire Chatter to be printed & mailed, increasing the costs to attend campouts. Suggestions in cutting costs included a review of the current insurance policy, reducing mailing costs, and a review of the current membership signing structure to eliminate a free year of membership. This list is not all-inclusive. The board will review the list of suggestions and are currently working on other potential cost cutting measures.

Committee Report;

NAFCAre 2020. The committee worked hard to plan an excellent NAFCAre, however, due to the pandemic the NAFCAre was cancelled. A save-the-date fee paid to the caterer hired to serve a dinner during the event was not reimbursed, but the fee will be honored in 2022 if NAFCAre votes to return to the area.

Spring Safari 2020 - Cancelled due to the Covid-19 virus. The Spencer Fairgrounds is closed for 2020. The deposit to the Spencer Fairgrounds will be rolled over to 2021. The date for the 2021 Spring Safari is May 14 – 16, 2021.

Sustaining Members – Rose Neeb

reported out that NAFCAre currently has 27 sustaining memberships. She reminded all the attendees that a list of sustaining members is in Chatter and on the NAFCAre website. Also, it is everyone's responsibility to get new sustaining members and don't forget to camp at the campgrounds listed. If you would like Rose to send an invitational letter to a campground or dealer, just let her know and a letter will be sent. The annual cost is \$50.

Campfire Chatter – President Ostiguy thanked Dick Basha for his 18 years of editorial service to the Chatter. Linda is currently working with a potential replacement for Dick, however, is still looking for volunteers. Conversation ensued on the continuation of providing a stipend to the future editor of the Chatter. The Board will have further discussions on this topic.

Sports Rules – no change. Discussion ensued on a sports survey that was previously published in Chatter. There was a limited response on the previous survey, however, this may be revisited and presented to members in ways other than in Chatter.

Auxiliary – The Board is currently reviewing the current process and discussing potential revisions. Name badges are not being ordered at this time.

Conservation – Don Daniel, Chairman. NAFCAre camping / work weekend of October 16, 17 & 18, 2020, at Otter River State Forest in Baldwinville, MA has been cancelled. Don is hopeful the Conservation Weekend will be next held April 16 – 18, 2021. Don thanks NAFCAre members for your continued support at the birthplace of NAFCAre (NECA).

Scholarship Committee – Elizabeth Sheldon provided a report of the Scholarship Committee with balances on the accounts.

Correspondence was received questioning specific by-laws and policies. The board is currently reviewing the by-law and may address potential changes to by-laws when appropriate.

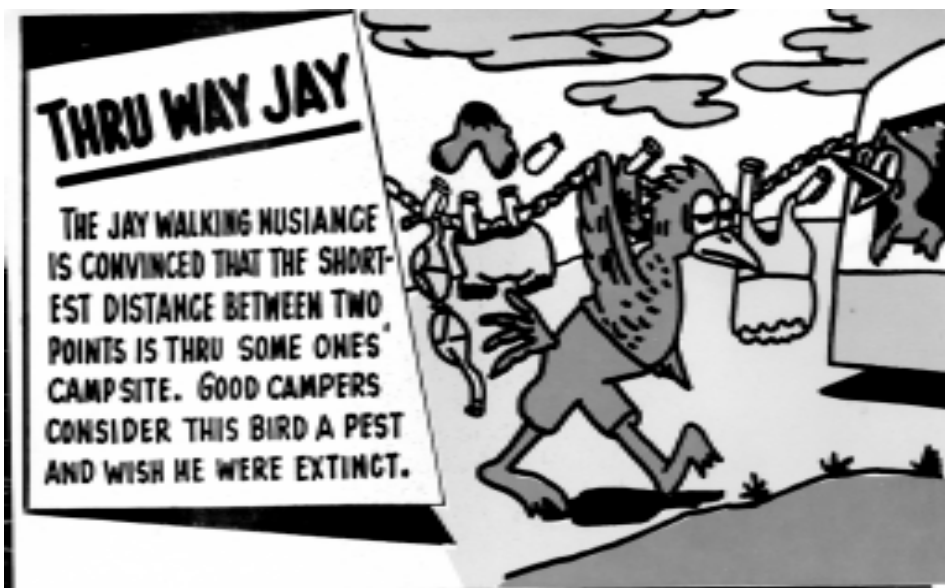
Unfinished Business

President Ostiguy shared the vote for the 2021 NAFCAre;

- Drummer Boy Campground, Gettysburg, PA = 15
- Camp River Landing, Pigeon Forge, Tennessee = 14

Discussions ensued on how the voting is currently structured in the by-

The NAFCAre Funny Birds



laws. Members requested clarification and shared ideas on future votes. The board will have further discussions on the bi-laws and provide clarification where needed, however, the vote for the 2021 NAFCAree will not change.

New Business

Fall Council of Chapters and Annual Meeting at Circle CG Campground in Bellingham, MA – Paula & Dale Bradley. The meeting and campout are currently still being planned. Please contact the campground directly for reservations. Additional information is forthcoming in Chatter.

Spring Safari 2021 – Spencer Fairgrounds – Tony & Ellen Migneault

State Director Reports

Massachusetts – Kathy Lena

So good to be out and see everyone, but better safe. In March I was installed as Mass State Director, and thought to myself, “what did I do, this is going to be a lot of work”, well, so far so good!!!! Just kidding, if we could have “the work” or Covid....“the work” hands down.

The State of Mass like everyone else has had to cancel everything and still not looking good. We have not made a decision about the November meeting as of yet. As of now the Mass Dinner Dance is still a go for January 30, 2021 at the Holiday Inn Express in Sturbridge.

We are still looking for a deputy to join the ‘Team”, yes there is some work involved but also fun and getting to meet additions to our camping

family along the way, so think about it and give me a call. Be Safe and Stay Healthy.

For the Good of NAFCA

Tony & Ellen Migneault are chairing the 2021 Spring Safari on

Ron & Irene Phelps will chair the 2021 NAFCAree in Gettysburg, PA

The attendees welcomed four NAFCA members visiting from the Penobscot Valley Acres, Chapter 37.

Kathy Lena made a motion to close the meeting, S/Karen Donnelly, passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen J Donnelly

NAFCA 1st Vice President



CAMP WITH NAFCA

Yes, we’d like to join NAFCA 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 NAFCA activities and benefits by mail.

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\$50 three years**

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The NAFCA Funny Birds





2021 NAFCaree
SAVE THE DATES!
July 17 – 24, 2021
Drummer Boy Camping Resort
1300 Hanover Street
Gettysburg, PA 17325
Web Site:
<https://drummerboycampresort.com/>

NAFCA Members, please plan on joining us for the 2021 NAFCaree at Drummer Boy Camping Resort in Gettysburg PA.

The committee will be providing more information in the coming months related to trips, activities meals, etc. Please read the chatter for monthly updates and reservation forms.

Drummer Boy Camping Resort offers 95 acres of wooded campgrounds and cabins in Gettysburg PA. There are over 400 sites available for seasonal and short-term rental. For the customer that wants to be in luxury we have cabins, cottages and lofts. Amenities include; Deli on the Deck" Snack Bar, Two Laundry Facilities, Impeccably Clean, Modern Restrooms, Gettysburg & DC Bus Tours, Auto Tour CD Rentals, Game Room & Recreation Hall, Playgrounds, Mini Golf, Store & Gift Shop, Spa & Swimming Pool, 250' Waterslide With Activity Pool, Fishing pond (no license required!), Volleyball and Basketball Court and an Outdoor Movie Theater.

Camping Reservations: The cost for a full hook up site (water, electric, sewer and cable TV) for the week will be \$575.00 Extra Family in a rig will be \$100 and extra adults will be \$50 each.

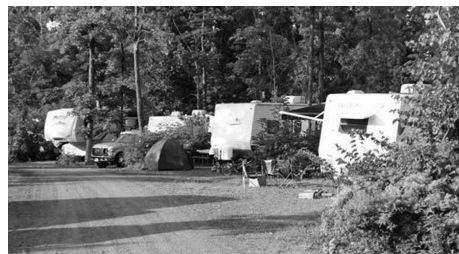
Cabins: There are several types of cabins available that range in price from \$ 778.60 to \$1,593.42 for the week. You will need to make your own reservations for a cabin. Some of these cabins will be near the rest of the group and some will not be. For reference,



the cabins near the group are on Picket's Thicket. Please mention that you are with NAFCA when making the reservation to receive the discount. If you will be renting a cabin, you will still need to fill out a reservation form and pay the \$50 Admin fee to cover NAFCaree costs (the same that everyone else is paying). To see a description of the cabins, please go to https://drummerboycampresort.com/Cabin_and_Cottage_Rentals.php on the Drummer Boy Web Site.

There is a minimum deposit of \$100 due for camping by February 1, 2021. Final Payment for camping will be due on May 1, 2021. Progress payments are gladly accepted.

The 2021 NAFCaree Committee



Registration Form
NAFCaree 2021

Name _____

Phone _____ Cell _____

E-mail _____

Emergency Contact _____

Emerg. Contact Phone _____

Adults _____

Chapter to camp with: # _____

Children/Teen Names _____ Age(s) _____

Pets: Yes ___ No ___ # of pets _____

Breed of Dog _____

Type of Rig _____ Length _____

Number of Slide Outs _____

Handicap Yes _____ No _____

Please describe your special needs. Use additional paper.

Camping Fee @ \$575.00 \$ _____

Early arrival or later departure @ \$90 per night \$ _____

(please list night(s) _____)

Extra Adult @ \$ 50.00 \$ _____ (18 and over)

2nd Family @ \$100.00 \$ _____

Name of 2nd Family _____

2nd Family Children/Teens Names Age(s) _____

Cabin Rental Administration fee @ \$50.00 (Make your own reservation – several types of Cabins available).

Admin Fee @ \$ 50.00 \$ _____

Non NAFCA Member add 1 Yr Membership @ \$25.00 \$ _____

Initial Deposit \$ _____

\$100 min. (or higher)

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

\$100 Deposit Due by February 1

Final payments due by May 1

Make check payable to: NAFCA

Mail to: P.O. Box 345
 Billerica, MA 01821



Color Me



Karen Lukens



SMOKE SIGNALS



Squaw-No-Cook #30

Hello everyone,

I hope each of you is doing well and keeping safe.

I was at Market Basket in Leominster on Saturday, 29 August, and saw and waved to Melissa. Not sure if she recognized me with my mask on though.

Jim and I visited with Carol and Phil at Lake Shirley a few weeks back. It was not very busy - we were the only ones on the beach for quite a while - and quite relaxing. Was nice to catch up with each other. The ducks came close, looking for nibbles of food from Phil. We went back to the campsite to chat some more and my problem? I got a lot of bug bites. Reminded me of the time we visited Old Holbrook campground, where - you guessed it - Brad, Janis, Charlie, Elise, Harry, Dan, and Melissa were. We went and got ice cream and stayed for the campfire. I know I used bug spray then, but I ended up with a lot more bites than I thought. This time? I did not use bug spray so ended up with a slew of bites, but boy did they itch!! It was as if I had a reaction to the bug bites. I ended up getting a prescription from the doctor, as nothing else I tried worked. Whew!

I saw that Marty has moved into her home!! She posted some before and after photos. Congratulations, Marty!!!!

Eric was in an accident recently but is recuperating. I suspect he is getting around slowly, and I did see a few photos of his cast and he looks to be in good spirits though.

Brad, Janis, and Charlie (along

with a few others) camped at Wakeda recently, as they could not get to Old Orchard Beach. Janis sent me a photo of the fire on Saturday night, and I made them smile because I said there was no color to it!! Brad usually has something to make the fire colorful but this time it was Sue who did. Thank you, Janis, for sending me photos! I appreciate them a lot.

Harry was in the hospital for a short while and as of today, is still in rehab. Please keep him (and the rest of the family) in your thoughts.

That's all I have for this month. Fall is right around the corner!!

All the best,
Barbara Starr

Canvasback #157

Can you believe we are into the Fall camping season and our chapter has not been out camping, not even one weekend.

We are one weekend back from the Mass Multi-Chapter Weekend (Canvasback did not camp) at Travelers Woods where the Full Board Meeting was held on Saturday Morning. Looks like we will have a leader in President Linda Ostiguy. We as NAFCAs members have many items to work on as we move forward toward new goals and updates that have needed the attention of the board for many years now. Linda seems to have the ball in her court and she is getting ready to move on many fronts to improve NAFCAs.

As you may have already know NAFCAs 2021 will be at Drummer Boy Campground, Gettysburg, PA. It was a very close vote and Gettysburg squeaked by. Now let's get behind this NAFCAs and support the week of fun the committee is putting together for NAFCAs. Irene and Ron Phelps are the Chairpersons. The committee will be putting out an info article soon if it is not already in print.

This edition of Campfire Chatter for Dick Basha as our Editor is his (next to the) last. I know I've already

said thanks to Dick for 18 years of being at the helm. With the passing of the torch to a new Editor, let's support the new leader. When you write info into your Campfire Chatter that shows support for our publication and NAFCAs in general.

All event leaders should be selling their Campout and other events in Chatter. Don't let "Smoke Signals" fall by the wayside. The State Directors and Chapters need to input their info so the rest of us may want to engage with their goings on. It's your publication, support it!

Maine looks like we may have a State Coordinating Committee and active participation with NAFCAs by Penobscot Valley Chapter #37. We as NAFCAs welcome these members back active with the rest of NAFCAs.

Welcome back P.V.A. #37.

Think positive about us getting through this time of the China Virus. Many prudent measurements have been put into motion for NAFCAs and everyone's benefit.

Yours for a stronger NAFCAs,
Don Daniel - Correspondent



Connecticut

Wolf Den #103

Happy Halloween!

Our next campout was planned for the weekend of Aug 30, 2020. Unfortunately, there were a couple of families that ended up canceling due to family issues. And, as it turned out, at the last minute, we ended up canceling the weekend all together because we were expecting the remnants of Hurricane Laura, and it was supposed to be a washout with heavy rain and winds. So we're planning on rescheduling for the end of Sept.

Instead, we decided to get together and social distance for dinner on Saturday night since everyone already bought their fixin's for potluck. The day started out drizzly and rainy off and on, and then the sun peeked out around 5ish. Ahhh man, did we make the right decision?!? Hmm, well we're supposed to get the brunt of it overnight.

We enjoyed our Mexican themed dinner with all the fixin's for taco salads, mexican rice, chicken Mexican salad, and Mexican corn salad.

Then we topped it off with cinnamon taco hot fudge sundaes. And, Melissa made a birthday cake for Lori.

Yeahhhh.... We now have new members joining Wolf Den!! Welcome Brian & Melissa! It'll be just like old times! Only this time around, Brian will actually remember the weekend, lol!

There are a couple more people wanting to join and prefer to wait until next year to get past this COVID-19 virus.

This year was the longest, slowest, year ever! The summer flew by with very few campouts for us personally. I do hope everyone had a pleasant summer, and unfortunately old man winter is on his way. Let's pray next summer will be much better!

STAY SAFE!!! And, God Bless!!
Submitted by Arlene Goodwin
Wolf Den 103 Secretary

Thank You

Thank you Dick for your dedicated service creating the Campfire Chatter all these years for NAFCA Members!!

I for one, and many others, appreciate all your hard work. Now you can relax, and enjoy some "Me" time.

Best of luck and ENJOY!!!
Arleen Goodwin



Pine Tree #30

Hello everybody. We are near the ending of our camping season. What a different year this has been. The weather has sure changed in the last 2 weeks, going from humid and in the 90's to now in the 70's. Nights have been cool and the sunsets are getting shorter and shorter. Winter is coming fast. Labor Day is around the corner. We will be planning to closing by the time you get this report.

Elections will be coming soon, please make sure you vote, its very important.

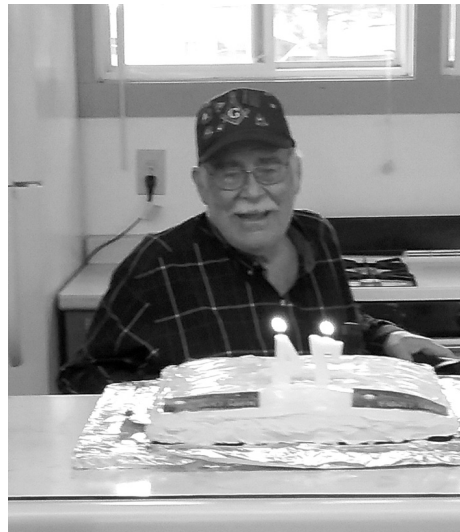
Lots of changes coming. Our campground is pretty full. We are all

still wearing our masks, when necessary and self distancing until this Virus has a cure. Hope all is well and be safe.

See you next time.
Sincerely Doris Mitchell

Penobscot Valley Acres #37

Well as usual this camping season has been flying by but we have been truly enjoying our summer here at P.V.A. We have shared many good times with our friends and family. Birthdays, Anniversaries, Retirements



etc. One very special surprise birthday was for one of our long time members, Bob Ring, who was celebrating his 74th birthday! His life partner Charlene, with the help of a few members were able to pull it off and it was actually a surprise! There was a wonderful "turn-out" to share cake, ice cream and good memories. Another surprise was for the retirement of Mary & Chuck Willey. Unfortunately I was working and unable to attend but I wish them great happiness as they start this next chapter in their lives.

With all this stay-cationing we have been getting back to doing things in small groups like cribbage, "Potty," Dominoes. We have discovered we have some very competitive players no matter what the game is, even cooking has been competitions. Of course we have been sharing pot lucks and campfires. Sandy Macomber got the ball rolling and we participated in a 3 town Yard sale. We put stuff out on P.V.A.'s front lawn and raised some money, met some potential new members and more important had a wonderful time.

Again as I close I encourage all of you to stay safe and I wish you Safe Travels

Janet Bagley



As October is upon us & our camping is almost done for the season, it is never too soon to be thinking about the Springfield RV, Camping and Outdoor Show! Mark your calendars now. FEBRUARY 12-15th, 2021!

While the Covid 19 virus is forcing many events to be canceled or postponed, we are remaining positive that by February things will be somewhat back to normal. As of right now the show is still on & it has been business as usual for the 2020 campshow. Our camp show committee has been hard at work behind the scenes preparing for the upcoming show, filling the buildings with many great vendors & finding great entertainment & seminars.

The 59th 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 58 years, this show has been produced by the membership of Pioneer Valley Chapter 8 (PV8). This year's chairmen, Dale & Ron Bernard, and their committee are working hard to keep our show the biggest and the best. The last four years shows have each had over 47,000 in attendance.

Admission is one low price of \$10! Of course, senior, DAV, military are still \$7 & children 12 & under are free! Stay tuned for complete show details including directions, exhibitor list, entertainment schedule, and more! Check out our web site at www.springfieldrvcampingshow.com or call 413-781-CAMP. And don't forget to like us on Facebook! www.facebook.com/PV8NAFCA/

Respectfully,
Kris & Bonnie Spaulding (PV8)

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131 North Main St.
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info@circlecgfarm.com

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413-625-2996 - www.Country-Aire.com

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508-885-5814 - www.spencerfair.org

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Chester, MA 01011
413-354-2295
www.walkerislandcamping.com

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27 Ocean Park Road
Old Orchard Beach, ME 04064
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893 White Mountain Highway
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136 Athol Road
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603-239-4768 - shir-roy.com
*10 or more rigs (no holiday weekends)

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325 Point Judith Rd.
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71 US Rt 2
South Hero VT 05486
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802-728-5548 abelmountain.com

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4016 Williston Rd.
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Her Name Was Rose

The first day of school our professor introduced himself and challenged us to get to know someone we didn't already know. I stood up to look around when a gentle hand touched my shoulder.

I turned around to find a wrinkled, little old lady beaming up at me with a smile that lit up her entire being.

She said, 'Hi handsome. My name is Rose. I'm eighty-seven years old. Can I give you a hug?'

I laughed and enthusiastically responded, 'Of course you may!' and she gave me a giant squeeze.

'Why are you in college at such a young, innocent age?' I asked.

She jokingly replied, 'I'm here to meet a rich husband, get married, and have a couple of kids...'

'No seriously,' I asked. I was curious what may have motivated her to be taking on this challenge at her age.

'I always dreamed of having a college education and now I'm getting one!' she told me.

After class we walked to the student union building and shared a chocolate milkshake.

We became instant friends. Every day for the next three months we would leave class together and talk nonstop. I was always mesmerized listening to this 'time machine' as she shared her wisdom and experience with me..

Over the course of the year, Rose became a campus icon and she easily made friends wherever she went. She loved to dress up and she reveled in the attention bestowed upon her from the other students. She was living it up.

At the end of the semester we invited Rose to speak at our football banquet. I'll never forget what she taught us. She was introduced and stepped up to the podium. As she began to deliver her prepared speech, she dropped her three by five cards on the floor.

Frustrated and a little embarrassed she leaned into the microphone and simply said, 'I'm sorry I'm so jittery. I gave up beer for Lent and this whiskey is killing me! I'll never get my speech back in order so let me just tell you what I know.'

As we laughed she cleared her throat and began, 'We do not stop playing because we are old; we grow old because we stop playing.'

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Come and Get It!

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SWEET AND SPICY PARTY WINGS

Submitted by Dena Rickson

- 6 lb chicken wings (about 24)
- Tips discarded and wings split
- 4 cloves garlic, thinly sliced
- ½ cup unsalted butter, melted
- ½ cup honey
- ¼ cup green hot pepper sauce
- 3 Tbsp grated ginger
- Kosher salt
- 5 Jalapenos, seeded and chopped

Preheat oven to 450°. Line two 15 x 10 baking pans with nonstick foil; set aside.

Bring a large pot of salted water to boiling. Add chicken and garlic. Simmer 8 minutes; drain. Pat wings dry. Transfer to prepared pans. Bake 30 minutes, rotating pans. Bake 30 minutes, rotating pans halfway through.

Meanwhile, for sauce, in a small saucepan, stir together butter, honey, hot pepper sauce, ginger, and salt. Bring mixture to boiling. Reduce heat. Simmer, uncovered, 4 minutes or just until sauce is thickened. Place wings in a large bowl. Add wing sauce; toss to coat. Sprinkle jalapenos on top and serve immediately.

VANILLA CHIP MAPLE COOKIES

Submitted by Dena Rickson

- 1 cup shortening
- ½ cup butter or margarine
- 2 cups packed brown sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 1 tsp maple flavoring
- 3 cups flour
- 2 tsp baking soda
- 2 cups vanilla or white chips
- ½ cup chopped pecans

Frosting

- 1/3 cup butter or margarine, softened
- 4 cups confectioners' sugar
- 1 tsp maple flavoring
- 4-6 tablespoons milk
- 3 ½ cups pecan halves

In a mixing bowl, cream the shortening, butter and brown sugar. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Beat in vanilla and maple flavoring. Combine the flour and baking soda; gradually add to creamed mixture. Stir in vanilla chips and pecans.

Drop by rounded tablespoonfuls 2 in apart onto ungreased baking sheets. Bake at 350° for 8-10 minutes or until golden brown. Cool for 2 minutes before removing to wire racks.

In a mixing bowl, cream butter and confectioners' sugar. Beat in maple flavoring and enough milk to achieve spreading consistency. Frost cooled cookies. Top each with a pecan half. About 7 dozen.

PORK CHOPS WITH CHEESY SCALLOPED POTATOES

Submitted by Dena Rickson

- 4 boneless pork loin chops
- ¼ tsp pepper
- 1 box (4.7 oz) scalloped potatoes
- 2 cups boiling water
- 2/3 cup half and half
- ¾ cup shredded cheddar cheese (3oz)
- 1/3 cup chopped onions
- 2 tsp chopped thyme
- 5 slices bacon, crisply cooked, crumbled.

Heat oven to 400°. Heat 10 inch nonstick skillet over medium heat. Sprinkle pork chops with pepper; brown 3 minutes on each side. Spray 2 ½ quart casserole with cooking spray. Stir sauce mix (from potato box), boiling water and half and half with whisk

in casserole. /stir in cheese, potatoes (from box), green onions and thyme. Stir in 3 sliced crumbled bacon

Place pork chops on potatoes in casserole. Cover and bake 25 minutes. Uncover; bake 5-10 minutes or until potatoes are tender, pork is no longer pink in center, and meat thermometer inserted in center of pork reads 145. Sprinkle with remaining bacon 4 servings

CHICKEN AND DUMPLINGS

Submitted by David & Paula Colvin

- 2 tbsp butter
- 1 whole chicken, cut up (or equivalent parts)
- 2 cups chicken stock
- 4 stalks celery, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 2 cups baby carrots
- ¼ cup onion, chopped
- 1 bay leaf
- 3 tbsp flour
- ½ cup water
- 1 2/3 cup baking mix
- 1/3 cup milk
- 1 tbsp butter, melted

Heat a large, deep skillet or sauté pan over medium heat. Add butter. When butter begins to sizzle, add the chicken, skin side down, and brown well. Turn chicken and brown on the other side. Add the stock, celery, carrots, onion, and bay leaf. Bring to a boil, reduce heat, cover and simmer for 45 minutes.

Remove chicken and bay leaf. Mix the flour with the water, making sure there are no lumps. Add into hot liquid, and stir until thickened. Add the chicken back to the pan. Raise the heat to medium high so the liquid boils.

To make dumplings; mix the baking mix, milk and melted butter in a small bowl. Drop by tbsp full onto boiling chicken and liquid. Cook uncovered 10 minutes, cover and cook an additional 10 minutes.

New Recipes Needed!

A big Thank You to those who submitted this months recipes. If you want this page to continue please sent your recipes to: Dena Rickson, 7 Cypress Lane, Wilbraham, MA 01095, 413-596-2386, russrider@aol.com

2020 Calendars

NATIONAL EVENTS

October 3 **NAFCA Full Board**
Circle CG Farm, Inc.
Bellingham, MA

NOTE NAFCA Annual Meeting
and Council of Chapters
has been **CANCELED**

Oct 16-18 **NAFCA Conservation
Weekend**
CANCELED

2021

NATIONAL EVENTS

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

July 17-24 **NAFCAree**
Drummer Boy Camping
Resort
Gettysburg, PA

STATE EVENTS

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

CHAPTER EVENTS

Feb. 12-15 **Springfield RV Camping &
Outdoor Show**
Eastern States Exhibition
Grounds
Springfield, MA



SICK CALL

On the PV8 sick list are Bob and Carole Barclay, 225 Hanson Dr., Springfield, MA 01128

and Jean and Francine Savoie, 19 Carlton St., Springfield, MA 01108. Jean has been cooped up in a rehab. facility since before the Covid hit, it just now allowed 1 family member to visit for a short time each day. He really needs some cheery cards from old friends.

HAPPY NEWS

Conrad and Jeanne Perreault, members of Ch. 66 in New Hampshire, recently celebrated their 50th anniversary!

DIED

Helen Fedrico, 90, mother of Sherrie Vilbon, Ch. 8, died recently leaving 6 children. She lived in Millinocket, Me.

DEATHS

Helen Federico, 90, mother of Sherrie Vilbon of Ch. 8 passed away Aug. 21. She lived in Millinocket, Maine and leaves 6 children.

George Brown Jr., son of George and the late Betty Brown, passed away recently. George Sr. belongs to Ch. 49 and 26 and is the treasurer for Ch. 49.

IN THE SERVICE

Please keep the men and women in the US Armed Forces in your prayers for a safe and speedy return home.

Doris Lewis, NAFCA Cares Sunshine

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Please send news of our NAFCA members to be shared with others to this column, if it doesn't come in it can't be sent out!!

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There are only four secrets to staying young, being happy, and achieving success. You have to laugh and find humor every day. You've got to have a dream. When you lose your dreams, you die.

We have so many people walking around who are dead and don't even know it!

There is a huge difference between growing older and growing up.

If you are nineteen years old and lie in bed for one full year and don't do one productive thing, you will turn twenty years old. If I am eighty-seven years old and stay in bed for a year and never do anything I will turn eighty-eight.

Anybody! Can grow older. That doesn't take any talent or ability. The idea is to grow up by always finding opportunity in change. Have no regrets..

The elderly usually don't have regrets for what we did, but rather for things we did not do. The only people who fear death are those with regrets.'

She concluded her speech by courageously singing 'The Rose.'

She challenged each of us to study the lyrics and live them out in our daily lives. At the year's end Rose finished the college degree she had begun all those years ago.

One week after graduation Rose died peacefully in her sleep.

Over two thousand college students attended her funeral in tribute to the wonderful woman who taught by example that it's never too late to be all you can possibly be.