

Campfire Chatter

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President's

Message

Can you feel it? Things are changing!!!! People are getting their vaccine, the positive covid rate is declining, and the hospital numbers are lower, BUT we are not out of the woods yet. Celebrate the longer daylight and some warmer weather, be careful and PLAN!

I have been getting calls from people about joining NAFCA and NAFCAree. This is great! We have extended the NAFCAree deadline to April 1.

We have booked Oak Haven for our Annual Meeting, Fri. April 23-Sunday April 25th.

It is a camping weekend. With our NAFCA discount the rate will be \$81.00 for the weekend. The meeting will take place at 10:00am on Saturday April 24, 2021. This is as far as we can plan now because we must follow all Covid guidelines(which hopefully will be relaxed by then). I'm taking a break.....

Back from break with this news, talked to the head from the Spencer Fairgrounds and the fairgrounds are just waiting for town approval! (looks good) and Gov. Baker has lifted more restrictions.

It is snowing right now but by the time you read this "It Will Be Spring!!!!" Like



always we must wait and see but it “looks like we made it”. We will rely on each other to spread the word and look forward to see each other around the campfire.

“Winter is on my head, but eternal spring is in my heart”-Victor Hugo

Linda Ostiguy
NAFCA President

NAFCAree RESERVATION DEADLINE EXTENDED

The NAFCAree CAMPING deposit deadline has been extended to April 1. Please consider joining us by sending in your reservation today. The form is in the Chatter and on the NAFCA website. Final payment is due May 1.

CANCELLATION POLICY

You will receive your FULL refund if cancelled prior to 60 days. A cancellation within 60 days of the scheduled arrival will result in forfeiture of the \$90 one night's stay.



Campers, Family & Friends:

This last week’s weather reminds us that Spring is coming! Although I fear it may be short lived with some winter weather coming to officially welcome Spring we seem to be heading in the right direction! We in the Forget household are ready to get back outside and get some energy out and it looks like we may have the opportunity to get some camping in this year!

As I reflect on what has now been a year of drastic changes to how we all conduct our daily lives, I am grateful for where we are now, how my family has adapted and for organizations like this that have kept connected and persevered to remain intact and continue to provide opportunities for family camping fun despite some very difficult months. So many businesses and organizations have lost the battle during this last year. I am proud to be part of this organization and look forward to raising my family and having them experience the great experiences I did through NAFACA growing up!

Janell Forget, Co-editor

**Spring Safari 2021
“Lets have fun in 2021”
May 14th -16th 2021**

The Fairgrounds have given us the green light to camp in Spencer this May! Let’s pray that nothing changes.

While you have been stuck at home, we hope you have been cleaning your unwanted, but good condition, household items to bring to Spencer for the Chinese Auction!

So Come to the Spring Safari to play games, visit with friends and make new ones.

Have a booth and sell some food for us to eat!

Your Chairmen
Tony & Ellen Migneault

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2021 NAFCaree

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.

For this month's Chatter article, we are going to Summarize all the NAFCaree trips and their itineraries in bullet format for easy reading and decision making.

Trips have limited seating. Please get your trip reservations in as soon as possible to save your spot!

Sunday, July 18th**Gettysburg National Military Park Visitor's Center & Guided Battlefield Tour**

8:30 AM Depart for Gettysburg National Military Park
 8:45 AM Arrive GNMP Visitor Center
 Begin self-guided tour
 9:45 AM Film & Cyclorama begin
 10:45 AM Licensed Battlefield Guide: Boarding Group Bus
 12:45 PM Return to GNMP Visitor Center
 1:00 PM Depart for Drummer Boy Campground
 1:15 PM Arrive at Drummer Boy Campground
Trip Cost: Adults: \$40, Children 12 and under: \$36

Tuesday, July 20th**Day Trip to Lancaster for the Amish Experience**

8:30 AM Depart for Amish Experience
 10:00 AM The Amish Experience: Amish at Home
 11:15 AM Depart for Kitchen Kettle Village
 11:40 AM Arrive at Kitchen Kettle Village, lunch on your own
 1:00 PM Depart for Drummer Boy Campground

**Monday, July 19th****Seminary Ridge Battlefield / Gettysburg Heritage Center Museum / General Pickett's Lunch Buffet / Shriver House Museum**

8:30 AM Departure for Seminary Ridge Museum
 8:45 AM Arrive Seminary Ridge Museum
 10:30 AM Depart for Gettysburg Heritage Center & Museum
 10:45 AM Arrive Gettysburg Heritage Center
 11:45 AM Depart for General Pickett's Buffet
 12:00 PM Arrive General Pickett's Lunch Buffet
 1:00 PM Departure for Shriver House Museum
 1:15 PM Arrive at the Shriver House Museum
 2:30 PM Depart for Drummer Boy Campground
 2:45 PM Return to Drummer Boy Campground
Trip Cost: Adults: \$60, Children 12 and under: \$54
 2:30 PM Return to Drummer Boy Campground
Trip Cost: Adults: \$46, Children 12 and under: \$41

Wednesday, July 21st Daytime**The Pride of the Susquehanna Riverboat Ride (Harrisburg)**

10:30 AM Depart for Pride of Harrisburg Riverboat Tour
 11:30 AM Arrive at Pride of Harrisburg Riverboat Tour

1:45 PM Depart for Drummer Boy Campground
 2:45 PM Return to Drummer Boy Campground
Trip Cost: Adults: \$31, Children 12 and under: \$26

Wednesday Evening, July 21st

Totem Pole Play House - Beehive – The 60s Musical

7:00 PM Depart for Totem Pole Playhouse
 7:30 PM Arrive at Totem Pole Playhouse
 10:30 PM Depart for Drummer Boy Campground
 11:00 PM Return to Drummer Boy Campground
Trip Cost: Adults: \$50, Children 12 and under: \$50

Thursday, July 22nd

Train Trip - North Central Railway of York / Amish Market

9:30 AM Departure for North Central Railroad of York
 11:00 AM Arrive at North Central Railroad of York
 12:40 PM Depart for The Markets at Shrewsbury
 1:00 PM Arrive at The Markets at Shrewsbury
 3:00 PM Depart for Drummer Boy Campground.
 4:30 PM Estimated return time
 Lunch on your own at the Amish Market
Trip Cost: Adults: \$50, Children 12 and under: \$40

Friday, July 23rd

Eisenhower National Historic Site / Hickory Bridge Farm Lunch / Winery Tour

9:15 AM Departure for Eisenhower National Historic Site
 9:30 AM Arrive at Eisenhower National Historic Site

11:45 AM Departure for Hickory Bridge Farm & Restaurant
 12:00 PM Arrive at Hickory Bridge for Lunch family style home
 1:00 PM Departure for Adams County Winery
 1:15 PM Arrive at Adams County Winery tasting on your own
 2:45 PM Departure for Drummer Boy Campground
 3:00 PM Return to Drummer Boy Campground
Trip Cost: Adults: \$62, Children 12 and under: \$50

The fine print; Although we expect that all trips will be provided as described, they are tentative and subject to change. In addition, the committee reserves the right to cancel or modify any trip if minimum participation is not met or availability changes. **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. **A \$100 minimum deposit was due February 1st. Final payment is due by May 1, 2021.** After that, the remaining sites will be turned back to the campground.

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 by calling Kelsey Nelson at 844-289-6234. Some of these cabins will be near the rest of the group and some will not be. **For reference, the cabins nearest our group are on Picket's Thicket road.** Please mention that you are with NAFCAs 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 NAFCAs costs (the same that everyone else is paying in their camping fee).

FINE PRINT: Although we expect that all trips will be provided as described, they are tentative and subject to change. In addition, the committee reserves the right

to cancel or modify any trip if minimum participation is not met or availability changes.

If a trip reaches maximum capacity, you will be placed on a waiting list for that trip and

openings will be filled from the top of the list. Final payment for trips is due by **May 1, 2021**. Please reserve your spots soon!

TRIP RESERVATION FORM		Wednesday Evening: Baked Potato Bar	
NAFCAree 2021		Adults _____ @ \$6.00	\$ _____
Drummer Boy Camping Resort		Children Meals (7 – 9) _____ @ \$4.00	\$ _____
Name _____		Children 6 and under - Free	
Saturday Dinner – Ziti & Meatballs, Salad, Rolls, Butter		Wednesday Evening: Totempole Playhouse - Beehive – The 60s Musical	
Adult Meals _____ @ \$6.00	\$ _____	Adults _____ @ \$50.00	\$ _____
Children Meals (7 – 9) _____ @ \$4.00	\$ _____	Child under 12 _____ @ \$50.00	\$ _____
(under 6 – Free)		Thursday July 22nd	
Sunday July 18th		North Central Railway Train Ride / Markets of Shrewsbury Trip	
Gettysburg National Military Park Visitors Center and Battlefield Guided Tour		Adult _____ @ \$50.00	\$ _____
Adults _____ @ \$40.00	\$ _____	Child under 12 _____ @ \$40.00	\$ _____
Children 12 & under _____ @ \$36.00	\$ _____	Friday July 23rd	
Monday July 19th		Eisenhower National Historic Site / Hickory Bridge Farm Lunch / Adams County Winery	
Seminary Ridge Museum / Gettysburg Heritage Center Museum / General Pickett’s Lunch Buffet / Shriver House Museum Tour		Adults _____ @ \$62.00	\$ _____
Adults _____ @ \$60.00	\$ _____	Children 12 & under _____ @ \$50.00	\$ _____
Children under 12 _____ @ \$54.00	\$ _____	Initial \$50 Deposit (refundable until 5/1/21)	
Tuesday July 20th		TOTAL ENCLOSED	
Lancaster Amish Experience: Homestead Tour / Jacob’s Choice Movie		\$ _____	
Adults _____ @ \$46.00	\$ _____	Final Payment due by May 1, 2021	
Children under 12 _____ @ \$41.00	\$ _____	Progress payments acceptable	
Wednesday July 21st		Make Checks Payable to: NAFC A	
Pride of the Susquehanna Riverboat Trip		Mail to: P.O. Box 345	
Adults _____ @ \$31.00	\$ _____	Billerica, MA 01821	
Children under 12 _____ @ \$26.00	\$ _____		

Current Membership 593
 For the month of February there were 3 new members. One in Chapter 8, one in Maine and one joining to attend NAFCAree.

RENEWALS

When renewing your membership, please send in the correct amount with the new rates that were effective January 1. There have been some payments sent with the incorrect amount.

\$30 one year \$55 two year \$75 three year
 If you have any questions regarding membership, please contact membership@nafca.org. Thank you.

**NAFCAre 2021
Registration Form**

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Cell: _____

Email: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Emergency Contact Phone: _____

Adults _____

Chapter to Camp with: # _____

Children/Teen Names & Ages

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 late departure

\$90/night \$ _____

(list night(s)) _____

Extra Adult @ \$50.00 \$ _____

(18 and over)

2nd Family @ \$100.00 \$ _____

Name of 2nd family _____

2nd Family Children/Teens Names & Ages:

Cabin Rental Administration Fee @\$50.00

Make your own reservation

(several types of cabins available)

Administration Fee @\$50.00 \$ _____

Non NAFCAre member add 1 year membership @\$30.00

\$ _____

Initial Deposit \$ _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

\$100.00 Deposit was due by 2/1/2021

Final Payments due by **May 1, 2021**

Make Checks Payable to: **NAFCA**

P.O. Box 345

Billerica, MA 01821

**2022 NAFCAre Proposal
Rideau Acres
1014 Cunningham Road
Kingston, Ontario, Canada**

July 19-24, 2022

Early arrival on Friday, July 16

Extend your stay and depart on Sunday, July 25

Both dates listed above would incur an extra camping fee for each date.

Requested 75 campsites be held for exclusive use by NAFCAre until deadline.

Campsites available will have water & electric (30amp) or water, electric & sewer.

Campground offers Tuesday pump out service. Reserved by individuals at the office by Monday (July 19) at 6pm. There is a nominal fee for this service paid directly to the campground.

Restroom building has free hot showers.

Central group campfire planned.

Campground amenities may include:

Sandy beach for swimming and boat rentals; office, camp-store, picnic pavilion, 2 large halls; game room; lounge area; walking and biking trails; nature area; swimming pool; laundromat.

The campground is located just 15 minutes from downtown Kingston.

Trip proposals:

- Downtown Kingston tour hop-on, hop-off trolley; Fort Henry, Penitentiary; Bellevue House History Site + other.
- Upper Canada Village – Canada History Self-guided Walking Tour
- NAFCAre Day - sit down meal and games and other goings on during the day
- Ottawa – Canada’s Capitol: Changing of the Guard, Parliament Buildings, Prime Minister’s Residence, canal boat ride.
- Thousand Island Play House: live performance play at the Springer Theatre
- Luncheon Cruise on “Island Star” a three hour cruise with live entertainment and Premium seating with plated meal. Transportation direct from campground to dock.

All proposed trips and details are subject to change.

Submitted by Don & Maureen Daniel for Rideau Acres Campground, NAFCAre Proposal for 2022 on behalf of the Committee.

RESERVATION FORM

NON - CHAPTER MEMBERS

(Members of Chapters are to make reservations with your chapter's wagon master or person taking the reservations for your chapter)

2021 NAFCA SPRING SAFARI

**May 14 – 17, 2021
SPENCER FAIRGOUNDS
SPENCER, MA**

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE: _____

ZIP _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

RIG TYPE & LENGTH _____

HANDICAP _____ **YES**
_____ **NO**

(If Handicapped, please attach a letter with your requirements.)

PETS _____ **YES**
_____ **NO**

FEES:

WEEKEND CAMPING: \$70.00
THURSDAY ARRIVAL: \$35.00
SECOND FAMILY IN RIG: \$35.00
ADDITIONAL ADULT: \$15.00

TOTAL ENCLOSED: _____

DEADLINE APRIL 24, 2021

MAKE CHECKS PAYBLE AND MAIL TO:

**NAFCA
P.O. BOX 345
BILLERICA, MA 01821**

**New Memberships or Renewals
FAMILY MEMBERSHIP RATES**

Couple, Individual, 1 or 2
Adults and Dependents

\$30 one year \$55 two years
\$75 three years
Includes monthly issue of
Campfire Chatter

New__ Renew__ Chapter_____

LAST NAME _____

FIRST NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

ST _____ **ZIP** _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

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by
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BillERICA, MA 01821**

When renewing your
membership, please send in
the correct amount with the
new rates.

\$30 one year \$55 two year
\$75 three year

**T-SHIRT / GOLF SHIRT / HAT
ORDER FORM**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Chapter # _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

T-SHIRTS

Quantity	Size	Price	Amount
_____	Small @	\$ 15.00	\$ _____
_____	Medium @	\$ 15.00	\$ _____
_____	Large @	\$ 15.00	\$ _____
_____	X-Large @	\$ 15.00	\$ _____
_____	2X-Large @	\$ 17.00	\$ _____
_____	2X-L -Tall @	\$ 18.00	\$ _____
_____	3X-Large @	\$ 18.00	\$ _____
_____	3X-L -Tall @	\$ 19.00	\$ _____
_____	4X-Large @	\$ 19.00	\$ _____
_____	4X-L -Tall @	\$ 20.00	\$ _____
_____	5X-Large @	\$ 20.00	\$ _____

GOLF SHIRTS

Quantity	Size	Price	Amount
_____	Small @	\$ 18.00	\$ _____
_____	Medium @	\$ 18.00	\$ _____
_____	Large @	\$ 18.00	\$ _____
_____	X-Large @	\$ 18.00	\$ _____
_____	2X-Large @	\$ 20.00	\$ _____
_____	2X-L -Tall @	\$ 21.00	\$ _____
_____	3X-Large @	\$ 21.00	\$ _____
_____	3X-L -Tall @	\$ 22.00	\$ _____
_____	4X-Large @	\$ 22.00	\$ _____
_____	4X-L -Tall @	\$ 23.00	\$ _____

BASEBALL HAT

Quantity	Price	Amount
_____	\$ 16.00	\$ _____
TOTAL ENCLOSED:		\$ _____

Make Checks Payable to: NAFCA

**Mail Form and Check to:
NAFCA
P.O. Box 345
BillERICA, MA 01821**

**NAFCA
ANNUAL
MEETING**

Please join us at the NAFCA Annual meeting at 10:00 AM on Saturday, April 24 at Oak Haven Campground, Wales MA. Camping reservation form is below. We are unsure if day visitors will be allowed.

You have a voice at this meeting, so bring your thoughts and ideas for consideration or send to any NAFCA officer.

Agenda items to include officer reports, changes to the NAFCAree voting process, 2022 NAFCAree and Spring Safari proposals, and more.

Save the date. Hope to see you there!

Reservation Form
NAFCA Annual Meeting
April 23 – 25, 2021

Oak Haven Family
Campground
22 Main St. Wales, MA

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Chapter _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Camper Type & Length

Weekend Camping Fee W/E
\$81.
Please make check payable
and mail to:

NAFCA
P.O. Box 345, Billerica, MA
01821

Deadline April 16,2021

What's Cooking?

MACARONI AND CHEESE FROM MOODY'S DINER, WALDOBORO, ME.

Submitted by Doris Lewis

2 Tbsp margarine, 2 Tbsp flour, ½ tsp salt, dash pepper, 2 cups milk, 2 cups shredded Cheddar cheese, 2 cups elbow macaroni, cooked and drained. Melt Margarine over low heat, add flour, salt and pepper. Add milk and stir until thickened. Add cheese. When cheese is melted, add to macaroni in 1 ½ quart casserole. Bake 30 minutes at 350°. You can add bread crumbs on top and other ingredients to the dish, as kielbasa, shredded chicken and buffalo sauce, etc.

ULTIMATE CHOCOLATE BROWNIES

Submitted by Dena Rickson

¾ cup cocoa
 ½ tsp baking soda
 1/3 cup melted butter
 ½ cup boiling water
 Mix above ingredients together well until it thickens
 Then add:
 1/3 cup melted butter
 2 cups sugar
 2 eggs
 1 1/3 cup flour
 1 tsp vanilla
 ¼ tsp salt
 1 cup chocolate chips

Pour into greased 9 x 13 pan and bake at 350° for 30-35 minutes or until brownies start to pull away from sides of pan

TACO PIE

Submitted by Doris Lewis

1 (8 Oz) package refrigerated crescent rolls
 1 lb ground beef
 1 (1 oz) pkg. taco seasoning mix
 8 oz. shredded Mexican style cheese blend
 Optional topping, sour cream, shredded lettuce, diced tomatoes, green onions, avocado, olives.

Preheat oven to 350°
 Lay crescent dough flat on the bottom of a square cake pan and bake according to package instructions. Meanwhile, brown the ground beef in a large skillet over medium high heat. Add the taco seasoning and stir together well. When the dough is done, remove from oven and place the meat mixture on top and then layer with the cheese. Return to oven and bake at 350° for 10 minutes or until cheese has melted. Top with desired toppings and enjoy. to the campground.

SMOKE SIGNALS

Penobscot Valley Acres Chapter #37

Have you noticed it's staying lighter longer each day! and that "white" stuff seems to be melting, Folks on Facebook are starting those countdowns to spring! Yea! It must be coming... you know the 2021 camping season. I for one am ready to start packing up the ole 5er and moving out to our little lot on the Hudson stream. Campfires, pot lucks, games and good friends is just what the doctor ordered as far as this old gal is concerned. I always start putting things together in little bundles around the house and garage this time of year. Things that I want to make sure I don't forget to grab when heading out. Unfortunately due to Covid 19, P.V.A. will not be having our half-way to spring luncheon so we won't have the opportunity to get together prior to spring opening and it means we need to get our dues and lot donations to treasurer Shelda Madigan by the deadline. Usually she has everything ready for the pre-spring luncheon. Lucky for us we had an unusually warm last day of February and we were invited out to join the Madigans for a campfire out to PVA some of us took this opportunity to go out roast some tube steak (AKA hot dogs) on the open fire and get our dues & lot donations to Shelda. As always a fun time. It was great to see everyone and do a walk about to make sure the wild life was keeping good order there in our absence. As always I wish you all safe travels and hope to see you this coming summer.
Janet Bagley

Canvasback Chapter#157

April and spring is upon our door step. As I put pen to paper the weather is cold yet there are hints that things outside are a changing.

Maureen and I have had our first vaccination for this virus and will soon get our second shot. Hopes are high we all can get back to camping again like we used to.

Some of our Canvasback members have made our reservation for NAFCAree 2021 in Gettysburg, PA at Drummer Boy campground. Looks like this will be a real family fun time together. Don't let this week of camping pass you by. Get those reservations into the NAFCA P.O. Box. Chatter has all the details for you.

We (NAFCA) Still don't have a location for Annual Meeting weekend. We should have a date, time and place set up before you are able to read this. Many things come into play to set up a camping weekend with the CCP Virus still hung around our collective necks. Hang in there, we have gotten this far and take care we can go much further knowing we will be together at some point.

I do hope all of you in NAFCA Land are staying well and also looking forward to being together as in years past in NAFCA.

Don Daniel – Corespondent

CT Wolf Den Chapter #103

Happy Easter!

I pray that everyone is healthy during this Pandemic. It's been a stressful year for sure, and looks like the Covid-19 won't be disappearing anytime soon. For those of you who choose to get vaccinated, I hope it's not been too difficult getting an appointment.

Unfortunately, while you read this, winter is still here in February. The ground hog says six more weeks of winter, while the other ground hog says winter is over. They also said the ground hog that didn't see his shadow, had been pre-recorded that Thursday morning before. So who really knows?!? My prediction is we will see snow in March. At least it will melt fast! This week we've had sun shiny days at a whopping 40 degrees. The sun beams feel real nice! The sunrises and sunsets have been absolutely beautiful! I believe it's a good sign that Spring is almost here.

Our club has been going to the Winter Fest in Newport, RI for many years, and this year was a complete bummer that it was cancelled. I know last year we were unable to go, because we chose to go to Atlantic City on a bus trip. That was a great trip! Lets hope next year will be back to normal with trips to be had.

Wolf Den hasn't had a club meeting since Fall, and hopefully we can schedule one soon. Also praying that more campgrounds are open to outer Staters, and our club members reserve some sites. We are usually partial to camping out of State, but maybe we need to reserve a few in our own State. If any of our club members have anything in mind, please let everyone know don't wait for a meeting.

In the meantime, everyone be safe, social distance, and wear your masks out of respect for others.

See you all by the fire!
Submitted by Arlene Goodwin
Wolf Den 103 Secretary

CANCELLED

Otter River Conservation Weekend
April 16, 17 & 18, 2021

Your NAFCA Otter River Conservation Weekend has been officially cancelled. As we all in NAFCA land do know the Corona Virus has been very problematic for our Association. There are restrictions in place which would not allow our work weekend to progress as we would like things to go. I feel your pain and this is a hard thing to again announce that we will have to move onto the October 15-17 as the next chance to work at Otter River State Forest.
Your Chairman,
Don Daniel

MA State Director's Report

It's here! The 2021 camping season has arrived. I know things are still uncertain but let's make the best of it. Camp in small groups, have outdoor meetings and meals - it can be done Quahaug chapter did it last year, not as much as usual, but we managed a few. Pack your easy ups and let's get out there.

As more restrictions are lifted, make the best of it but still be safe and use good judgement for all. A little common sense goes a long way.

The Annual Scusset Beach campout will not be happening again this year as they are not reopening the Safari Field. Don't cry (I've done enough for all of us) - we will be back there before we know it. If by chance they change their minds-we'll throw something together and get the word out.

If Spencer Fairgrounds is all set for Spring Safari then we should be good for Mass Fall Frolic-hoping for answers by the Annual Meeting the end of April.

Think positive and hope to see everyone out and about soon.
Happy Camping, Kathy Lena
MA State Director

Dinner Dance 2022

I have 2 proposals for the 2022 MASS Dinner & Dance:

January 28-30, 2022 with the Dinner & Dance on Saturday the 29th.

Holiday Inn Express, Sturbridge MA

Room Rates \$89 per night for 2-
\$10 for additional in room
Suite Rate \$99 night & 1 roll in
shower king Suite @ \$99 per night
Handicap accessible

Breakfast included with room, indoor
pool & fitness center

We will have to have it catered and
BYOB (bring your own beverage) as
they have no kitchen or bar.
Hospitality room included
\$200 for Banquet Room

Southbridge Hotel & Conference Center, Southbridge MA

Room Rates (standard) \$89 per
night for 2 - \$10 for additional in
room
Fully handicapped accessible even
the pool
Indoor Pool, hot tub and fitness
center, racquet ball & basketball
indoor courts

Two restaurants on site; 1 with
breakfast buffet the other a pub
style complete with bar, pool tables
and dart boards.
(I am working on a breakfast
discount - but no promises)
They do the meal and bar for the
Dinner Dance.
Both places are close to each other
and there is shopping and
restaurants close by each of them.

Anyone else with a proposal get it to
me ASAP so we can figure out a
way for the vote- I am shooting for
the Annual Meeting.

The Most Dangerous Animals in the World by Bob Wright

The list of world's most dangerous animals vary of the smallest to the larger variety. They are attributed to killing millions of human beings each year.

10. Tsetse Fly: Tsetse flies are small parasitic flies that feed on the blood of animals, including humans. They cause sleeping sickness, Vaccines for the disease do not exist.

9. Puffer Fish: The puffer fish is relatively small, no longer than 30 inches. It has the potency of 100 times of cyanide. The fish is served as a delicacy in some regions of Asia. Only licensed chefs are allowed to prepare the fish.

8. Saw-Scaled Viper: It is a venomous snake is between 15 and 30 inches. When biting it injects about twice the amount of venom to kill an adult human.

7. Crocodile: Is the deadliest of reptiles. Adult saltwater crocodiles and Nile crocodiles attain immense sizes and are the few animals on earth that actively prey on humans.

6. Killer Bees: Africanized bee, which is also known as the "killer bee" is regarded as the deadliest in the world. The bee's name is a testament to its deadly infamy, with an estimated 1,000 human fatalities being attributed to the killer bee.

5. Golden Poison Dart Frog: It is a small species with adults reaching 2 inches. The frog gets its name from the poisons. It secretes and coats its skin. The poison is so toxic that is enough to kill about 20 people.

4. Tapeworm: Is a parasite that thrives in animals. The worm can grow up to 10 feet. The tapeworm's natural habitat is inside the digestive tract of animals and humans and is spread to humans through the consumption of uncooked meat.

3. Hippopotamus: The aggressiveness of the hippo is unrivaled among large animals and they will attack humans. The majority of hippo attacks occur in bodies of water, but they will attack on land. Despite being over 2,500 pounds in weight, the hippo can reach speeds of 19 miles per hour.

2. Box Jellyfish: It the most dangerous marine creature on earth. The box jellyfish is so named due to its shape like a cube, from which about long tentacles extend. Due to their virtually transparent body, swimmers are at risk of getting entangled with their deadly tentacles.

1. Mosquito: It tops the list of the world's most dangerous animal. They cause a variety of deadly diseases. It's most infamous for is malaria. The World Health Organization puts the number of people infected by the disease around the world at 0.7 billion.

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Sick List:

Pioneer Valley Ch. 8 has the following on their Sicklist in their newsletter; Bob Recoulle, Elsie McClain and Bob Pillion.

Not only is Bob Black, Ch. 51, still in and out of the hospital, rehab and home, now poor Pauline is in the hospital. According to Facebook, she has suffered a stroke :(They sure can use some prayers and cheery cards. Their address is 20 Vreeland Ave., E. Longmeadow, MA. 01028.

DIED:

Robert Shafer, father of Tammy Shafer of Ch. 8, died recently.

Reinie Lehberger, part of the PV8 show family for many years for various RV dealers has passed away. He will be missed.

I hate to say it but NO GOOD NEWS? No special birthdays, anniversaries, babies, graduations or other happy events?

IN THE SERVICE:

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

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2021 Calendar Events

April 16-18	Otter River Conservation Otter River State Forest 86 Winchendon Road Baldwinville, MA - CANCELLED
April 23 – 25	NAFCA Annual Meeting Oak Haven Family Campground 22 Main St. Wales, MA
May 14-16	NAFCA Spring Safari Spencer Fairgrounds Spencer, MA
July 17-24	NAFCAree Drummer Boy Resort Gettysburg, PA