

Campfire Chatter

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President's

Message

BRRRRRR.....it's cold outside (below 0 with the wind chill) but I am looking forward to Groundhog Day, Valentines Day, receiving my vaccine, and CAMPING.

Things are starting to turn around and this gives me hope that we WILL be able to get together again. Anything worth while takes time. That being said...let's put our faith in the future.

Nothing is set in stone yet, but we are planning a Annual Meeting at the end of April. I need NAFCaree and Spring Safari proposals in so we can plan for 2022. It is nice to have a choice.

At this time 2021 NAFCAs Spring Safari and Otter River are still a go so please plan

on them, we hope not to cancel either at this time. I know that it is hard to plan in unsure times but we need to know what your plans are in attending the Gettysburg 2021 NAFCaree. If you would like to go but are worried about a deposit we understand but we will refund your money if we have to cancel because of Covid.

It is hard to handle your concerns at this time but we are trying. Please send concerns, suggestions, or ideas to any board or state director member so that we can brainstorm with ways to help us continue to be the best camping group!

Please help one another. My thanks goes to NAFCAs Sunshine Ladies, Dena & Doris, for getting the word out



(even when it is sad). Some don't realize how difficult it is to do some of the NAFCAs "chores" along with work and family but it gets done. I really count on the board and thank them as we continue to work as a team. Yes, I am NAFCAs President, BUT only one of the team! NAFCAs membership is ALL part of the team....THANK YOU!

Linda Ostiguy
NAFCAs President
But more important a NAFCAs Team Member

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 NAFCAs 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:

It seems the Groundhog has also failed us during this continued pandemic with 6 more weeks of winter! And boy, it feels like winter now! No matter what the rodent says, Spring is around the corner and we will be outside again before you know it!

I want to thank everyone for their patience as I learn the role of editing the Chatter. We all knew Dick Basha was big shoes to fill and every month I am reminded how big they are and the commitment he had to this process for so long!

If you have questions or concerns about information placed in the Chatter, please contact us by email. Often times edits and movement of information is necessary at the last minute to help with size of the finished product which equals cost to the organization. The more members we have receiving the electronic version, the better it is for NAFCA! Until next month!

Janell Forget, Co-editor

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

We are planning a Spring Safari this year at Spencer Fairgrounds. Let's keep your fingers crossed that all goes well.

The cost for the weekend is \$70 with water and electric. Early arrival on Thursday is \$35, second family in same rig is \$35 and \$15 for a single adult.

You need to sign up with your chapters. Packets will be mailed to the Chapter soon.

There will be NAFCA games, booths, Chinese Auction and Parade of Colors.

Join us Sunday morning for the NAFCA Council of Chapters Meeting where we will hold a vote for the 2022 NAFCAree and Spring Safari.

If you would like to help the committee or run a game, contact us at 413-289-9020.

Your Spring Safari Committee,
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 continue last month's article highlighting the rest of the many other things you can see and do in the Gettysburg area on your own. **These sights and activities are not included in any of the NAFCaree tours offered by the committee.** Please feel free to go out and explore the area with these and the many other offerings in the area. We also encourage everyone coming to the NAFCaree in Gettysburg to do your own research on the activities and sights in the area.

The Jennie Wade House

548 Baltimore St, Gettysburg, PA 17325

Authentically furnished from cellar to attic, the Jennie Wade House is a shrine to Jennie and to life during the American Civil War. Just 20 years old at the time of the Battle, Jennie was kneading dough in the kitchen when a rifle bullet pierced two doors and claimed her life. Jennie Wade was the only Gettysburg civilian to be killed outright during the battle.

The Jennie Wade House features guides in period attire who are well-versed in the history of the home. For years, they've enthralled visitors with passionate retellings of the tragedy that befell young Jennie and her family.

Artifacts from that fatal day in 1863 are on display as well, including the artillery shell that punctured the roof of the house and a floorboard with Jennie's blood still on it.

<http://jennie-wade-house.com/index.html>



Gettysburg Reenactment (You will need to verify the dates for 2021)

965 Pumping Station Road, Gettysburg

For the past 25 years GAC has been putting on the annual Gettysburg Civil War Battle Reenactment in Gettysburg each July. There is no better way to make those dusty old history books come alive than to experience first-hand the battles, live mortar fire demonstrations, talk with Generals, Infantry, Artillery, and Cavalry at the 156th Gettysburg Civil War Battle Reenactment. Nowhere else can you hear the clashing of swords, the thunder of hooves, the smell of black powder, the sound of artillery shells bursting in the air and hear that distinctive rebel yell other than at this stimulating event. The event will feature daily battles and an extensive Living History Village. It will also include a Living History Activities Tent with a variety of interactive demonstrations that you will be able to see throughout the day, all three days.



<https://gettysburgreenactment.com/>

The National Civil War Museum (Harrisburg)

One Lincoln Circle at Reservoir Park, Harrisburg, PA

The National Civil War Museum is a permanent, nonprofit educational institution created to promote the preservation of material culture and sources of information that are directly relevant to the American Civil War of 1861-1865, and the aftermath period of the war as related to Civil War Veterans' service organizations, including the Grand Army of the Republic, United Confederate Veterans and the Daughters of the Confederacy to 1920. The museum also serves as the National Headquarters for the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW), the legal successor to the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR). In 2009, the museum became affiliated with the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C.[1]

The museum's exhibits are designed to tell "the entire story of the American Civil War without bias to the Union or Confederate causes". The exhibition covers the period from 1850 to 1876, with its major focus on the Civil War years of 1861 to 1865.

<https://www.nationalcivilwarmuseum.org/>

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 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 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 NAFCa costs (the same that everyone else is paying in their camping fee). 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 April 1, 2021. Final Payment for camping will be due on May 1, 2021. Progress payments are gladly accepted.

The 2021 NAFCa Committee



As a Reminder, Here are the trips offered by the committee:

Sunday, July 18th: Gettysburg National Military Park Visitor's Center & Guided Battlefield Tour: The Tour begins with a self-guided tour of the park Museum and Visitor Center which offers visitors an updated museum experience that tells the story of the Battle of Gettysburg and its significance to our nation's history, within the context of the causes and consequences of the Civil War. Opened in 2008, the museum showcases an extensive collection of artifacts and archival materials and provides visitors with a perspective of the Civil War through the words of its participants and spectators, including Presidents Lincoln and Davis, Generals Meade and Lee, soldiers, correspondents, and civilians. Through a variety of exhibits, interactive displays, films, and a host of research resources, the museum provides a Civil War experience unlike any other. <http://www.nps.gov/geG/index.htm>

Monday July 19th: Seminary Ridge Battlefield / Gettysburg Heritage Center Museum / General Pickett's lunch Buffet / Shriver House Museum: This tour starts at the heart of the first day's fighting in Gettysburg, Seminary Ridge. Seminary Ridge Museum and Education Center, is located on Seminary Ridge along the National Park Service's auto tour route. Three floors of exhibits connect individuals and groups to the dilemmas which led to the Civil War, provide a powerful and personal view of the battle's first day, and show the work of one of the battlefield's largest field hospitals. The museum also features a museum shop and a mile-long outdoor walking trail with wayside markers. Please note that all three floors of museum exhibits and the museum entrance are handicap accessible. <http://seminaryridgemuseum.org/plan-your-visit.html>; <https://www.gettysburgmuseum.com/>;

Tuesday, July 20th: Day Trip to Lancaster for the Amish Experience: Join us for an airconditioned bus tour of the backroads of Lancaster to get a glimpse into Lancaster County life. We will stop for an Amish at Home Experience with a homestead tour, Jacobs Choice Movie presentation and an authentic Amish Lunch with a stop the Amish Farm and House Countryside Bus Tours. This 90-minute bus tour weaves through the farmland, takes riders to a tucked-away covered bridge, and passes Amish schoolhouses, buggies, barns, homes, and farmland vistas, all while sharing stories and facts about the Amish way of life.

Wednesday July 21st: The Pride of the Susquehanna Riverboat Ride (Harrisburg): The Pride of the Susquehanna Riverboat is an authentic stern-driven paddle wheel riverboat built 32 years ago as a community service project by the Harrisburg Area Riverboat Society for the benefit of and visitors to the Harrisburg, Pennsylvania area. Since her construction and launch 1988, the Pride has carried over a million passengers. She's has been, and is continually, used for weddings, parties, business functions, a whole variety of themed dinner cruises, Murder Mysteries, and the ever-popular Pirates on the Pride. In recent years, the Pride's events expanded drastically to include fun events like Wing Nights, Hard-shell Crab Nights, Blues, Jazz, Family events, Wine & Cheese Cruises, and much more. <https://harrisburgriverboat.com/>

Wednesday Evening July 21st: Totem Pole Playhouse - Beehive – The 60s Musical <https://totempoleplayhouse.org/>

July 22nd: Train Trip - North Central Railway of York / Amish Market: Ride along the same route that carried President Lincoln from Washington, DC to Gettysburg, PA, where he delivered one of the greatest speeches in American History! The Northern Central Railway is an excursion railroad that makes time travel possible! It's an authentic experience where you might meet presidents and generals, experience the Wild West, and literally ride along the very rails that helped build and save our nation. It's a breathtaking journey through gorgeous countryside that brings out the child in all of us. We expect to have an old-time magician entertain us on this trip as well. <https://www.northerncentralrailway.com/>;

<https://www.marketsatshrewsbury.com/about-us/>

Friday July 23rd: Eisenhower National Historic Site / Hickory Bridge Farm Lunch / Winery Tour: The Eisenhower National Historic Site preserves the farm of General and 34th President Dwight D. Eisenhower. Adjacent to the Gettysburg battlefield, the farm served the president and first lady as a weekend retreat and as a meeting place for world leaders. With its peaceful setting and view of South Mountain, it was a respite from Washington, DC, and a backdrop for efforts to reduce Cold War tensions.

Web Site: <https://www.nps.gov/eise/learn/education/fieldtrips.htm>; <https://www.hickorybridgefarm.com>

For additional, expanded descriptions of these trips, please review your December and January editions of the Campfire Chatter or check out their websites.

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.

TRIP RESERVATION FORM			
NAFCaree 2021			
Drummer Boy Camping Resort			
Name _____		Wednesday Evening: Baked Potato Bar	
		Adults _____ @ \$6.00	\$ _____
		Children Meals (7 – 9) _____ @ \$4.00	\$ _____
		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)			
Sunday July 18th		Thursday July 22nd	
Gettysburg National Military Park Visitors Center and Battlefield Guided Tour		North Central Railway Train Ride / Markets of Shrewsbury Trip	
Adults _____ @ \$40.00	\$ _____	Adult _____ @ \$50.00	\$ _____
Children 12 & under _____ @ \$36.00	\$ _____	Child under 12 _____ @ \$40.00	\$ _____
Monday July 19th		Friday July 23rd	
Seminary Ridge Museum / Gettysburg Heritage Center Museum / General Pickett’s Lunch Buffet / Shriver House Museum Tour		Eisenhower National Historic Site / Hickory Bridge Farm Lunch / Adams County Winery	
Adults _____ @ \$60.00	\$ _____	Adults _____ @ \$62.00	\$ _____
Children under 12 _____ @ \$54.00	\$ _____	Children 12 & under _____ @ \$50.00	\$ _____
Tuesday July 20th		Initial \$50 Deposit (refundable until 5/1/21)	\$ _____
Lancaster Amish Experience: Homestead Tour / Jacob’s Choice Movie		TOTAL ENCLOSED	\$ _____
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:	NAFCA
Pride of the Susquehanna Riverboat Trip		Mail to:	P.O. Box 345
Adults _____ @ \$31.00	\$ _____		Billerica, MA 01821
Children under 12 _____ @ \$26.00	\$ _____		

NEW 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_____

I would like to receive newsletter by
EMAIL_____PRINT_____

How did you hear about NAFCA?

Make Check Payable to NAFCA and
mail to:

NAFCA
P.O. Box 345
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

Current Membership 592

For the month of January there
were 3 new members. Two for
Chapter 33 in Maine and one
from Mass.

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 NAFCA member add 1 year
membership @\$30.00 \$ _____

Initial Deposit \$ _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

\$100.00 Deposit Due by **February 1, 2021**

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

Make Checks Payable to:

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Billerica, MA 01821

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:
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Billerica, MA 01821

Attention Chapter Presidents and Membership Chairs:

An email was sent to you with a new form to use when signing up new or renewing members. Please destroy any old forms you have and start using the new one. It also lets us know how people would like to receive the Chatter and how new members are finding out about NAFCA.

If you have any questions regarding membership, please contact membership@nafca.org
Thank you.

Please continue to consider receiving the Chatter via email!

NAFCA Annual Meeting

We have a place:
Oak Haven in Wales MA.
Date April 23-25

We will give more information as soon as we can. At this time this is will be a camping weekend and all that we can list. It is a beginning and we will keep everyone informed as we "fill in the blanks". Please be patient.

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NAFCA SPRING SAFARI BOOTH SPACE AVAILABLE SPENCER FAIRGROUND MAY 14 – 17, 2021

We have booth space available to give you or your chapter a chance to raise some funds at the 2021 NAFCA Spring Safari.

Name _____

Chapter _____

Telephone: _____

Electricity: Yes ___ No ___

Please indicate location preference:

Inside Building ___

Outside Building ___

Will be selling:

(NO PROPANE ALLOWED IN BUILDING PER FIRE MARSHALL)

Deadline: April 24, 2021

Booth Fee-Members: \$20.00
Non-members: \$40.00

Bring your own tables

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Mail form with check payable to:
NAFCA
P.O. Box 345
Billerica, MA 01821

REGISTRATION 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 FAIRGROUNDS
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:

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BILLERICA, MA 01821

SMOKE SIGNALS

Penobscot Valley Acres Chapter #37

This has been an unusually warm winter thus far I really don't mind but my poor hubby finally got a truck with a plow and so far he has not had much of a chance to use it and my sons and grandsons haven't had much opportunity to ice fish due to thin and unsafe ice.

Not much is happening at our little campground and I'm sure that is the same for most campgrounds this time of year but with the warmer temps it is a great place for a "walk about" and a winter campfire/picnic. If we get a little bit of snow we do have a nice hill for a sled ride or some cross country skiing. We are usually making plans to have a "spring fling luncheon" where we get together, pay our dues and start planning activities for the upcoming season but due to social distancing needs it is probably not going to happen this year. So we will have to send our dues via snail mail and bide our time until we can get together and make plans. Hopefully this Covid will lighten up and we can start live more normal lives. I have mentioned before that I am a nurse and have been in the thick of this virus I am proud to say I have had my vaccine and thus far am one of a very few at the facility that I work at that has not had this horrible disease. Many years ago as a student we learnt the definition of a pandemic but never did we ever imagine we would have to deal with one in modern times. Please stay safe, don't let your guard down we want you to come for a visit and continue to enjoy your camping life.

Unfortunately once again we have to say good bye to a long time member Lloyd Day, he passed away very suddenly shortly after his 75th birthday. He will be greatly missed. The campground just won't be the same without him. He was often seen riding about the campground in his golf cart taking their cat "Franklin" for his evening ride. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his wife Peggy and family.

Well I will close for now and wish you all safe travels,
Janet Bagley

Canvasback Chapter#157

Another month gone by and one more month closer to camping season...that is if we have a camping season. All be it a shortened season of campouts.

This is just about spring and as I write this the world and NAFCA are still being impacted with this China Virus. Vaccinations are ongoing. I hope I can get my shot by this month and a second shot by the end of March or the first weeks of April. Even with a vaccine, we still must continue to wear a face covering.

Just a note on NAFCAree, which is still a go, when you get to read this Chatter the committee has extended the reservation deadline in order to give more time for you to sign up for NAFCAree. My reservation has been made and I wish you would make a reservation as well. This is an outstanding area to view some of our nations history, first hand.

A short line on your Otter River Conservation Weekend. If we can make this weekend happen, the dates are April 16-18 at Otter River State Forest on U.S. Route 202 in Baldwinville, MA. Please check the NAFCA Facebook Group Page or the "events" tab on the NAFCA webpage: NAFCA.org in the first week of April for posted updates. Additionally you can always call me directly at (978) 664-4294 (leave a message if no answer), for any updated information.

Please stay safe and we will be camping together as soon as we can all be safe.

Don Daniel – Correspondent

CT Wolf Den Chapter #103

HAPPY St. Patty's Day!!

I do hope by this time, we are seeing more green grass than white snow. We really have had a mild winter, but I always expect that Old Man Winter will eventually hit us hard. It may not be brutal, but we usually do get some white rain between now and the end of March. We've had some pretty doozy storms in the past. And, the weather has been extremely strange this year, along with the weird year we had with the COVID-19 Pandemic.

I'd like to think once spring has sprung, so will the reduced cases of the virus. More and more people are getting the vaccine, and hopefully what comes with it is the decrease in cases, and deaths. Is this our new normal!?! Will we just take it for granted that it will be just like the flu, and we get vaccinated, and need to be vigilant about washing our hands!?! For me, I pray that everyone can go back to normal without wearing face masks, and we can hug again! Truthfully, I've been bad in that area, as I still hug people. But, that's only if they're okay with it.

It will be real nice if we can go back to camping, instead of reading about all the restrictions, and cancellations which make for a depressing camping season. I have my fingers crossed we can get some camping in this year with big crowds.

Until then, be safe! Social Distance, and wear your masks! I know some people are totally against this... just remember, do it out of respect for those that do care, and are concerned for their own wellbeing.

See you all by the fire!

Submitted by Arlene Goodwin
Wolf Den 103 Secretary Wolf Den 103 Secretary

Pioneer Valley Chapter #8

We have not been able to have any Chapter Meetings our Board Meetings have been on Zoom . On March 13th we are planning on having a parking lot meeting the chapter purchased a wifi system to broadcast over your radio's. We will be holding elections but installations. All for now.

Ellen Migneault Corresponding Secretary

International Weekend Update

I wanted to let everyone know that we have decided not to hold our annual campout: International Weekend. This decision was taken because the latest government restrictions concerning Covid 19. These restrictions make it impossible to cross the border without a negative test, and quarantining for two weeks in a designated hotel at your own expense, for up to two weeks. The talk is that it will remain in effect until the fall of 2021.

We hope to be able to again host in 2022. Stay safe, and we look forward to seeing you all again soon.

Don Nixon, President Hands Across the Border.

What's Cooking?

Fluffy Waffle Recipe

2 C. All-purpose Flour
4 Tbsp. Granulated Sugar
4 tsp. Baking Powder
1/2 tsp. Salt
2 Eggs
1 1/2 C. Milk
6 Tbsp. Unsalted Butter, melted
1 tsp. Vanilla Extract

Preheat waffle iron. Gently coat with non stick baking spray. In a large bowl, combine the flour, sugar, baking powder and salt. Use the back of a spoon to create a "well" in the center. Whisk the two eggs into the milk until well combined.

Pour the wet ingredients (butter, milk/egg mixture, vanilla? Into the well of the guy ingredients and whisk until blended. (Note the batter will be slightly lumpy, don't over-mix). Scoop the battering the preheated waffle iron and cook until the waffles are golden brown and crisp (about 2-3 minutes, but this may vary) Serve immediately or lay on a wire cooling rack until cool. Store leftovers in an airtight bag in the freezer.

Quick Butter Crunch

1 C. Butter
1 C. Sugar
1 1/2 C. Crushed Nuts
1 C. Melted Chocolate Chips

In heavy saucepan, melt butter. Add Sugar. Cook over medium heat stirring constantly for 12-14 minutes. Add crushed nuts. Pour into a 9x9 inch pan. Top with melted chocolate chips and crushed nuts.

Peanut Butter Pie

4 oz. cream cheese
1/2 C. Peanut Butter
1/3 C. Sugar (or 5 envelopes of Equal)
1/2 C. Milk
8 oz. Cool Whip
Graham cracker pie crust

Beat cream cheese, peanut butter, sugar and milk. When well mixed, fold in container of Cool Whip. Pour into graham cracker pie crust and freeze. Remove from freezer a few minutes before serving. (I use a chocolate cookie crust to mix it up sometimes).

Healthy Chicken Alfredo

1.5 lbs chicken breasts or thighs cubed
11 oz whole wheat or gluten free fettuccine linguine or spaghetti
1 tbsp oil
1 cup stock low sodium
2 cups cold 2% or 3.25% milk
2 tbsp cornstarch
1/2 tsp salt
Ground black pepper to taste
1/2 cup Parmesan cheese grated
1 garlic clove grated
3 cups frozen peas broccoli or chopped spinach
2 tbsp parsley for garnish

Fill large pot with water and bring it to a boil. In a medium bowl, add cold stock, milk, cornstarch, 1/2 tsp salt and whisk with a fork. Set aside. In the meanwhile, preheat large deep ceramic non-stick skillet on medium heat and swirl oil to coat. Sprinkle chicken with a bit of salt and pepper, add to a skillet and cook for 10 minutes, stirring occasionally. While chicken is cooking, add 1 tsp of salt and pasta to boiling water. Cook for 7 minutes until pasta is al dente, stirring a few times to make sure noodles do not stick. Give cornstarch mixture a whisk and add it to the skillet. Stir, bring to a boil and cook for 2 minutes or until bubbly and thickened. Add Parmesan cheese, garlic and stir until cheese has melted. Using tongs, transfer noodles directly from the pot to the skillet. No need to drain in a colander. Grab a bunch at a time, hold right above the pot for a few seconds and add to the skillet. Stir and add peas, broccoli or spinach. Let chicken alfredo warm through for a minute.

Turn off the heat and garnish with parsley and black pepper. Serve hot.

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\$\$ Hide-A-Way Cove
1060 North Road
PO Box 129
East Killingly, CT 06243
860-774-1128
hide-away-covefamilycampground.com

Mineral Springs Family Campground
135 Leonard Road
Stafford Springs, CT. 06076
860-684-2993
www.mineralspringscampground.com
Groups receive 10% discount

\$\$ Nature's Campsites LLC
71 Ekonk Hill Road
Voluntown, CT 06384
860-376-4204
www.naturescampsites.com

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East Hampton, CT. 06424
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www.nelsonscampground.com
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Ross Hill Campground
170 Ross Hill Road
Lisbon, CT 06351-2922
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www.rosshillpark.com

\$\$ RV Parts & Electric
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Wolf's Den Family Campground
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www.wolfsdenecampground.com
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Pete's RV Center
417 John Fitch Blvd
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860-528-9800
petesrvct.com

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Bonny Rigg Camping Club, Inc.
59 Main Street, PO Box 417
Becket, MA 01223
413-623-5366
www.bonnyriggcampground.com

\$\$ Circle CG Farm Inc.
131 North Main Street
Bellingham, MA 02019
508-966-1136
info@circlecgfarm.com

Country Aire Campground
1735 Route 2
Shelbourne Falls, MA 01370
413-625-2996
www.Country-Aire.com

Flagg RV Center
66 W. Boylston St.
W. Boylston, MA 01583
800-678-9278
www.flaggrv.com

Lamb City Campground
85 Royalston Road
Phillipston, MA. 01331
800-292-5262
www.lambcity.com

\$\$Mann's RV
52 Barre Paxton Road
Rutland, MA. 01543
800-677-4476
www.mannsrv.com

\$\$Oak Haven Family Campground
22 Main Street, PO Box 166
Wales, MA. 01081
413-245-7148
www.OakHavenCampground.com

\$\$ Pout & Trout Campground
94 River Road
Rutland, MA. 01543
508-886-6677

\$\$Prospect Lake Park
50 Prospect Lake Road
No. Egremont, MA 01230
413-528-4158
www.prospectlakepark.com

Prospect Mountain Campground
1349 Main Rd./Rte. 57, PO Box 323
Granville, MA 01034
413-357-6494
www.prospectmountaincampground.com

Spencer Agriculture Association
PO Box 46
Spencer, MA. 01562
508-885-5814
www.spencerfair.org

Village Green Family Campground
228 Sturbridge Rd/Route 20
Brimfield, MA 01010-9641
413-245-3504
www.villagegreencampground.com

Walker Island Campground
27 Route 20
Chester, MA 01011
413-354-2295
www.walkerislandcamping.com

Pete's RV Center
171 Washington St
Plainville, MA 02762
508-695-9241
petesrvmass.com

MAINE

\$\$ Old Orchard Beach Campground
27 Ocean Park Road
Old Orchard Beach, ME 04064
207-934-4477
www.gocamping.com
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\$\$ Chocorua Campaign Village KOA
893 White Mountain Highway
Chocorua, NH 03817
603-323-8536; chocoruacamping.com

\$\$* Shir-Roy Camping Area
136 Athol Road
Richmond, NH 03470
603-239-4768; shir-roy.com
*10 or more rigs (no holiday weekends)

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Long Cove Marina Campsites
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Narragansett, RI. 02882
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71 US Rte. 2
South Hero, VT 05486
802-372-3800; appleislandresort.com

\$\$Abel Mountain Campground
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Braintree, VT. 05060
802-728-5548; ablemountain.com

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Campfire Chatter

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Billerica, MA 01821

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NAFCA CARES

Sick List

Bob Black has been seriously ill recently but is beginning to improve. His address is 20 Vreeland Ave., E.

Longmeadow, MA 01028

Ben Mattson, Ch. 11, fell and damaged his right quadricep and will be in a leg brace for 16 weeks :(He could use some cheery cards, the address is 45 Ash St. , Webster, MA. 01570.

Elsie McClain was in the hospital and rehab recently but is now home, cards can be sent to her at 30 M0wry Ave., Holyoke, MA 01040.

Good News

Veronica Kelly, daughter of Bev and Paul Kelly and grand daughter of Paula and Dale Bradley recently completed her BA in political science from Boston University! Wow, that makes me feel really old! Seems like she was just getting pushed around in a stroller!

DIED

Loretta LaCasse, 88, former NAFCA and Ch. 30 member died recently. She and her late husband, John, enjoyed many campouts with the Chapter and NAFCA.

William Tower, 85, father of Barbara Starr of Ch. 30 died recently. He was from Adams, MA. Cards can be sent to Barbara at

Fran Goodale, owner of Stafford Springs Campground in CT. died recently , she and her late husband Bill who died in 1993 were always welcoming hosts to NAFCA members. They had belonged to RAFCA Ch. #7 in earlier days.

IN THE SERVICE

Please keep all of our service people serving our country in your prayers for a safe and speedy return home. May God Bless them.

Doris Lewis

NAFCA Sunshine Lady

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Please share news of our NAFCA members so others can send cards and give support.

2021 Calendar Events

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