# **Campfire Chatter**

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# President's

Message

This may be the September Chatter but we still have a lot to do before we put the RV to bed!

We spent 10 days in Gettysburg working on the NAFCAree and I am happy to report that the comments were very positive. We worked hard but the whole event was rewarding. We also learned a lot of new (to us) history and added a couple of new ventures. I am happy to announce that Charlotte D. from PV8 won the guilt, hope she enjoys it as much as I did making it. We had many great door prizes and raffles and thank all that came, donated, and worked on what I think was a successful NAFCAree. THANK YOU ALL!!! Now we must get down to business-The October Full Board and Council of Chapters is coming up on October 2nd....we will continue to work together to plan for the future. We need NEW blood...consider this opportunity seriously and see what you can do...... I'll leave you with that thought,

I'll leave you with that thought Yours for NAFCA, Linda Ostiguy NAFCA President



# **NAFCA NATIONAL ELECTIONS**

All National positions are open for election. A slate of candidates will be presented at the Council of Chapters meeting in October. Elections will be held in January for a two-year term starting April 1, 2022.

Board of Directors meetings are held four times annually following the close of each fiscal quarter. January, April, July/August, October. The April meeting is usually held the same day as the Annual Meeting and the October meeting is held the same day as the Council of Chapters meeting. There is also a Council of Chapters meeting at Spring Safari.

If interested in any of the Board positions, please inform your State Director or any NAFCA officer listed in the Chatter.

# **QUALIFICATIONS:**

To be eligible for these offices, candidates must have served as a state or chapter elected officer.

# RESPONSIBILITIES OF NAFCA OFFICERS

**PRESIDENT:** To preside at NAFCA Board and Executive Committee meetings, to appoint standing and special committees, to present an annual budget and to perform such other duties as pertain to the office.

**VICE PRESIDENT:** To familiarize themselves with the duties of the president.

To preside at NAFCA Board of Director meetings in the absence of the president.

The 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents must be prepared to assist and support the president in the performance of duties at all times and to perform the duties of the president in the absence of the president.

**SECRETARY:** To keep accurate, written records of all NAFCA Board and Executive Committee meetings and distribute these reports to members of these bodies.

To perform the duties of clerk in recording and documenting votes of the Board of Directors as they pertain to written contracts and/or agreements of the association.

**TREASURER:** Keep accurate written records of all monies and make all authorized disbursements.

Distribute quarterly financial reports to the NAFCA Board of Directors. To annually publish in the official publication of NAFCA, notice on annual billing for dues, that an annual financial report of the Corporation is available to all members upon request.

In addition to the above responsibilities, officers will address situations as they arise, and take on other assignments as necessary.

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# Campers, Family & Friends:

As I prepare for the kids return to school I am reflecting back on the summer which was 50% normal and my daughter is next to me reminding me there are 4 months and 2 days until Christmas. Wow, where has this year gone?

I am optimistic but remain concerned for the upcoming year. The initial glimmer of hope for a "normal" school year without masks and social distancing is now gone and we are back to full restrictions.

Despite the current state, there are lots of great activities planned for the Fall. Hope you will take advantage of the time with family and friends before the colder weather comes.

If I have learned anything during the last 18 months, I have learned that life is fragile. Seize the day and enjoy every minute!

Have a great Labor Day!

Janell Forget, Co-Editor



# 2021 Calendar Events

NH&VT Fall Frolic September 13-15

Apple Island Resort S.Hero, VT

September 16-19

Camp-O-Rama Second Beach Middletown, RI

September 23-26

MA Fall Frolic Spencer Fairgrounds Spencer, MA

October 1-3

Council of Chapters Canoe River Campground Mansfield, MA

October 15-17

NAFCA Conservation Work Wknd Otter River State Forest Baldwinville, MA

January 28-30

MA Dinner Dance Southbridge Hotel & Conference Ctr. Southbridge, MA

# Camporama 2021

Hello everyone, for those who have not yet heard, Camporama is a go for this year. The dates are Sept16th thru the 18th, check out on the 19th. For those who don't know, Camporama is held at 2nd beach in Portsmouth Rhode Island. We were waiting to hear from the town and it finally happened! We immediately began working on putting together an event that will be memorable for all! We will have live entertainment, games such as bingo on Thursday nite. Mikes Clam Jam will be serving us Saturday nite, the auction and raffle that you are all accustomed to will be on Saturday afternoon, and much more! Too much to write.

We just want you to know this year will be at least as good, if not better than previous years. We are back in action!!! For anyone who has not yet received a registration form from Donna, feel free to contact her at (blu8dolfin@gmail.com) or call her at (508-644-2763).

Remember Camporama is open to anyone, you do not have to be a NAFCA member to join us so feel free to share the membership forms with friends and family. We look forward to seeing you all this

year! Be well and God Bless!!! \_\_\_\_ Phil Stevens(wagon master) 508-496-5690

# **Current Membership 570**

For the month of July there were 4 new members. One for Chapter 48 and three for the NAFCAree.

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# Vermont & New Hampshire Fall Frolic 2021 Information

# The "Frolic"

The Vermont & New Hampshire Fall Frolic will be held September 13, 14 & 15th. Yes, we are having the Fall Frolic on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday. This exciting event will be held at the Apple Island Resort in South Hero, Vermont. The cost per night is only \$45 plus Vermont tax. You need to call the Apple Island Resort (**802-372-3800**) and make your reservation directly. Tell them that you are with the Vermont & New Hampshire NAFCA Event. You can come early and extend your stay for the same \$45 per night.

# **Frolic Activities**

Fall Frolic activities will occur on Tuesday, September 14th. Activities include Games during the day, Root Beer Floats in the afternoon, a Pot-Luck-Supper at dinner time & a Brown Bag Auction in the evening. Campfires are planned in the evenings. If you have Games please bring them with you.

# Please Let Us Know that You are Coming.

After making your reservation with the Apple Island Resort please contact us. We would like to know the dates you have reserved, the number of people in your rig and your assigned campsite. We would also like to know your email address and phone number.

Please contact Jim Hurley via email at werv4fun@hotmail.com, or via phone call or text at 603-209-2006 with your information. This is important as we are assembling Goodie Bags for participating rigs.

# NAFCA Conservation Weekend Otter River State Forest October 15, 16, 17, 2021

Hello to everyone and especially faithful followers and helpers of your NAFCA Otter River State Forest Conservation camping and working weekend.

You have the dates now. We of NAFCA need you to come and be a part of the Mass State Forest where NAFCA was born of the idea of banding together to form this Association of ours in 1957.

As you may know no reservation or camping fee is need in exchange for a few hours of help with those tasks assigned to us by the Forest staff. Most, if not all, the tasks will be on Saturday of this weekend and those tasks are not very strenuous nor will they take all day. There will be lots of time before and after our efforts to enjoy the company and surrounding area.

Please remember there are no hookups or dump station. We will have a portajon for our use over the weekend. With that, please plan accordingly. We'll have a campfire on Friday and Saturday evening. Please bring a goodie to share.

Otter River State Forest is location on U.S. Route 202 in Baldwinville, MA. Just a short distance from the center of town. Camping will be in the parking lot at the end of the entrance driveway. The gate must be closed over each time you enter or exit the driveway.

Thanks for considering Otter River at this time when NAFCA is moving back into our very familiar patterns. It has been a long and rough road for us to get to this point.

If you have any concerns please call Don Daniel at (978) 664-4294.

Yours in NAFCA, Don Daniel – Chairman 2022

# NAFCA FALL COUNCIL OF CHAPTERS & Full Board Meeting October 1 st - 3 rd

Canoe River Campground 137 Mill Street Mansfield, MA 02048 (508) 339-6462

Please join us for the NAFCA Fall Council of Chapters and Full Board Meetings to be held at Canoe River, Mansfield Mass. Council Meeting will be at 10:00 am on Saturday, followed shortly thereafter by the Full Board Meeting.

Please fill out and return the reservation information listed below. Pricing is based on 2 adults, and 3 children. Additional charge will be assessed for extra adults @ \$10 per night. Visitors Fee will be waived if attending the meetings only.

NAME
Chapter #
Cell Phone#
Email
Camper Type & Length
30 Amp Site W/E/S @ \$94.00 \$
Thursday Arrival @ \$47.00 \$
Extra Adult @ \$10.00 / night \$
Total \$ Make Checks Payable to:
NATOA

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

Campground facilities are handicap accessible. If Handicapped, please provide a list of special needs.

Deadline for Reservations: September 20, 2021

# MASS Fall Frolic September 23-26 2021

# Spencer Fairgrounds Spencer MA

Come join us at the Spencer Fair Grounds this September for a fun relaxing fall weekend. There is electric and water, a building for our use, rest rooms and showers.

With everything going on this past year it has been tough to say the least to make a plan, but we are having the MA Fall Frolic and we'll do the best we can "with a little help from our friends".

There will be coffee and cookies on Friday night, NAFCA games on Saturday; I am working on something for the children. Not sure on entertainment but there are always the campfires; so If you don't have a fire ring, join the chapter next to you at theirs (or do it anyway) (great way to meet others). We will have a meeting on Sunday morning also.

The reservation form in the Chatter is for non-members – the chapter reservation forms were recently sent to the chapter presidents; but If you need one call and I can email it to

There is plenty of space at Spencer so bring a friend, you do not have to be a member to attend and it's a good way for others to see what we are about.

The area has plenty close by if you choose to venture out and there is always things to do at the Fair Grounds – booths, games, visiting with friends new and old – and you can keep a safe distance.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the MA Fall Frolic – please come and support us.

Kathy Lena MA State Director

**MASS Fall Frolic** September 23-26, 2021 **Spencer Fairgrounds** Spencer, MA **NON Chapter Reservation** Deadline September 15th NAME:\_\_\_\_\_ Address:\_\_\_\_\_ PHONE:\_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: Type of Rig & length #Adults\_\_\_Teens\_\_\_Children\_\_\_\_ Friday&Saturday \$70.00 \$35.00 Thursday 2nd Family in Rig \$20.00 Name #Adults Teens Children \$15.00\_\_\_\_ **Extra Adult** Total Enclosed **MAKE CHECK OUT TO: Mass Coordinating Committee** MAIL TO: Irene Phelps 519 Wheel Wright Road, Barre, MA 01005

The MA Fall Frolic committee needs your help. We are looking for chapters to bring and run games like bocce, cribbage, potty, grunt, horseshoes, and dominoes.

Please call or write to Stephen Migneault, E-mail eagle111074@aol.com or call 413-289-9020.

# Mass Fall Frolic September 23-26, 2021 Booth Reservation Form

Name:
Chapter Name:
Chapter Number:
<b>Specific Description of item</b>
to be sold:
Electricity Needed? Any special needs?
Chapter Raffle:What?
Booth Fee: \$20.00 Members \$40.00 Non Member

Mail to: Ellen Migneault PO Box 514 Monson. MA 01057

Chapter Raffle: \$10.00

Questions? Call Ellen @ 413-267-9507

Email: eagle111074@aol.com
Or ask any of the Mass
Coordinating Committee

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# **SMOKE SIGNALS**

# Penobscot Valley Acres Chapter #37

As is usual this summer seems to be going way too fast but the weather has been great and we are truly enjoying our vacation time here. There was a wonderful surprise celebration held in the club house for JoAnn & Sheldon Leonard's 50th Anniversary. We wish them all our best and many more to come. The 4th activities include some games and of course good eats and local fireworks. Isn't it wonderful that we can go back to celebrating and sharing wonderful activities with family and friends. I somehow missed a condolence in my last post for a past member Larry Sanford who lost a courageous battle with cancer this past winter. He was a very kind man with a great sense of humor. Our sympathy goes out to his partner Nancy Bragan and all of his family especially his sister, Wanda and brother-in-law Jim Martin who are also members of PVA. He will be greatly missed. I will close again with a wish for vou all to have Safe Travels Janet Bagley

#### Canvasback #157

We have just returned from NAFCAree '21 at Drummer Boy Camping Resort in picturesque Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

The campground has over 500 campsites; two pools; open pavilion; enclosed hall; laundry and restroom buildings and sixty plus cottages and cabins. There

is a fishing pond; playground; volleyball court and mini-golf. This is Avery large campground and within minutes of downtown Gettysburg and all the battlefields.

The committee did an outstanding job of putting together and pulling off a fine NAFCAree for those who were there. Our hats off to all the committee.

The tours were much fun with loads of info.

- Sunday was Military Park
  Visitors Center with a guided
  tour of the Gettysburg
  Battlefield. The tour guide
  sure did know her stuff.
- Monday we went to Seminar Ridge Museum, then to Heritage Center Museum, then onto the ash river House for a tour.
   \*Wednesday we went on the Susquehanna Riverboat ride (one of three) side wheel propelled Riverboats in the country.
- Thursday we rode on the North Central Railroad and went afterward to the Markets at Shrewsbury (Amish Marketplace). During this bus ride we took a side trip into Maryland by making a slight wrong turn! The area is very scenic.
- Friday we got a very good WWII tour in and around Gettysburg. This former CIA agent knew her stuff including things about

President Eisenhower and his farm. Next we went to Hickory Bridge Farm and Restaurant for lunch. After lunch we went over to Adams County Winery.

In the early evening we had social gatherings under the big top with door prizes and raffles. A fun week with ourNAFCA friends. Now we want to see you at the 2022 NAFCAree at Rideau Acres Campground: July 16-23, 2022 in Kingston, Ontario, Canada. You will be very glad if and when you come to this NAFCAree. We'll have trips and other fun things for all the family to to.

Next up will be Camp-O-Rama and Mass Fall Frolic. Hope to see you at both of these, not to be missed, weekend campouts.

Don Daniel – Correspondent

# Sad News From Our NAFCA Cares Sunshine Lady, Doris Lewis:

# DIED

Lilla Di Tullio, 57, died Aug. 20 after a 15 month battle with pancreatic cancer. She was the daughter of Doris and the late Bob Lewis, Ch 30, 49 and 1. Besides her Mom she leaves her husband David, three children, Kate, Matthew and Rachel as well as three grandchildren, Henry, Charlie and Isabella Mae. Her family was her world and she was ours. She graduated in 1986 from the University of Lowell with a BSN in nursing and then served in the USAF at Brooks AFB in San Antonio before getting married and starting a family.

Cards may be sent to her family at 124 Jewett St., Pepperell. MA. 01463



# 2022 NAFCAree Rideau Acres Campground Kingston, Ontario, Canada July 16 -23, 2022

Hi and greetings from your NAFCAree committee. Have you set aside the dates? The dates are firm and you can rest assured the committee has put together a week of family fun in Canada for all to enjoy. The committee should have all that information and a reservation form, out by the end of September or Council of Chapters Weekend (October 1-3) at Canoe River Campground in Mansfield, MA.

Please remember you will need a passport or passport card to cross into Canada from the USA. A new passport application can take up to six months to process, so, if you need to get your passport for NAFCAree, keep that in mind.

We have asked the campground for seventy sites total and half of the sites (35) will have water and electric hookups and the other half (35 sites) will have water, electric and sewer hookups.

The campground offers a nice swimming beach along the river and swimming pool with a life guard. There are boats to rent. You may want to go fishing in the river. Fishing, I've been told, is very good in this river. There are walking trails right from the campground. There is an lounge with a t.v, and a game room for anyone to use. The camp store has some basic needs items and downtown Kingston is only a short drive from Rideau with plenty of stores to shop in.

Watch Campfire Chatter for upcoming trip and reservation information. The committee hopes all of NAFCA will come and enjoy your 2022 NAFCAree. "On The Go In Ontario"

Don & Maureen Daniel For the 2022 NAFCAree Committee Reservation Form 2022 NAFCAree Rideau Acres Campground Kingston, Canada July 16-23, 2022 Deadline: May 1 2022

Names of all individuals in your rig. All must be members of NAFCA

Address:	_
City, State, Zip	
Phone	
E-Mail	
#Adults#Child#Pets	
Rig Type Length	
Reg for Camper	
Reg. for Tow Vehicle	
Camping W/E/S@ \$405 \$	
Friday 7/15 @ \$59 \$	
Sunday 7/23 @ \$59 \$	
Camping W/E @ \$380 \$	
Friday 7/15 @ \$54 \$	
Sunday 7/23 @ \$54 \$	
X Adult over 18 @\$95 \$	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Family @190 \$	
Total Camping Fee \$	
Depoist \$100 \$	

# Final Payment Due May 15, 2022

Make Checks payable to NAFCA Mail to: Carol Robison 18 Amy Avenue Leominster, MA 01453

If you are joining us but renting a cabin
directly with the campground there is a
NAFCAree fee of \$50.00 \$

# **Sustaining Members**

# CONNECTICUT

\$\$ 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.mineralspringscampround.com Groups receive 10%

Nelson's Family Campground 71 Mott Hill Road East Hampton, CT. 06424 860-267-5300 www.nelsonscampground.com 10% discount not including holiday or discounted weekends

Ross Hill Campground 170 Ross Hill Road Lisbon, CT 06351-2922 860-376-9606 www.rosshillpark.com

\$\$ RV Parts & Electric 2385 S. Leonard Street Waterbury, CT 06706 203-754-5962 a1awning@snet.com

Wolf's Den Family Campground 256 Town Street East Haddam, CT 06434 860-873-9681 www.wolfsdencampground.com 10% discount not including holiday or discounted weekends

Pete's RV Center 417 John Fitch Blvd South Windsor, CT 06074 860-528-9800 petesrvct.com

# **MASSACHUSETTS**

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

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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 10% discount. Spring and Fall rates only. Not valid on weekly rates.

# **NEW HAMPSHIRE**

\$\$ 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)

# RHODE ISLAND

Long Cove Marina Campsites 325 Point Judith Road Narragansett, RI. 02882 401-783-4902

# **VERMONT**

Abel Mountain Campground 354 Mobile Acres Road Braintree, VT. 05060 802-728-5548; ablemountain.com

Pete's RV Center 4016 Williston Road So. Burlington, VT. 05403 802-864-7495 petesrvvt.com

\$\$ Indicates campgrounds that offer 10% discount off of their regular daily rate.
\$\$\$ Indicates a 15% discount (GR) Indicates Group Rates are available.

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# NAFCA CARES

# SICK LIST

Mary O'Malley, Past President of SNC Ch.30 and wife of Past NAFCA President, Patrick O'Malley, has been in and out of the hospital recently fighting cancer. Cards may be sent to her at 223 Pleasant St., Lunenbury, MA. 01462

Lenny Trinkle, Ch. 30, fell out of bed recently and broke 2 bones in his shoulder area. After spending 2 1/2 weeks in a rehab facility he is home recovering with the help of Carol and Lisa! The address is 294 Ridgewood Dr., Leominster, MA.

Brian LaValley, Past President of Ch. 8. posted a note on facebook to his wife, family and friends in PV8 and NAFCA for all the prayers and support during his recent illness. He became sick on March 7 and went to the hospital on March 10 with the COVID virus. He was in a medically induced coma for 3 weeks and had a tracheotomy done and when he woke up he couldn't move his arms and legs. He was transferred to a rehab facility and now can walk 12 to 15 feet with a walker and is scheduled to come home August 12th. Talk about a survivor! Cards can still be sent to him at 21 McKinstry Ave, Chicopee, MA

Also on CH. 8's sick list are Michelle LaValley, Bob Recoulle, Joe Nadeau and Francine Savoie.

#### HAPPY NEWS

Dennis and Pam Richardson, Past NAFCA President and Ch. 49 members are enjoying their retirement. They recently celebrated 42 years of marriage. They have been working at Philadelphia South KOA in Clarksboro, NJ, and say hello to all their NAFCA friends. special Wedding Anniversaries from PV8:

Judy and Shannon Bean 20 years Ron and Liz Bierowka 20 years Joe and Nancy Gigure 25 years Angelo and Karen Zeni 35 years Tom and Eileen Barnes 40 years Tom and Elizabeth Stasiak 40 years Fred and Jackie Bergeron 55 years.

#### DIFC

Condolences to Suzi and Josh Wallace on the passing of her mother, Kathleen Wales.

# IN THE SERVICE

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

Doris Lewis NAFCA Cares Sunshine Lady bobndoris04@gmail.com

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Please send news of our NAFCA members that can be shared with others, sad or happy, that can be shared with others.