

Campfire Chatter

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President's Message

Even if 2020 didn't turn out great we look forward to 2021 with anxiety and hope for a "new" normal year where we will be able to meet with friends and most of all CAMP! We have hope on the horizon so let's not jump the gun. We will wait for the vaccine, wear our masks and be careful and not careless. We have gone this far, let's not blow it now.

While we are waiting for all of this to happen, let's plan for the warmer weather. We hope to be able to have a camping weekend the end of April for our Annual Meeting. May brings us to Spencer for the NAFCA spring safari. Wouldn't it be great to go again to Scusset Beach in June, NAFCAree in Gettysburg in July, Chapter campouts

during the Summer, the quilting weekend in August, Camp-o-rama, and Fall Frolics in Sept.?

The old saying that you don't appreciate what you have until you loose it certainly is in place here and now, so let's appreciate what we have, count our blessings and look forward to the future. We'll do what we can now to be able to enjoy the future.
"Keep on Plugging"

Linda Ostiguy
NAFCA President



Don't Forget!!



2021 Calendar Events

January 29-31:	Mass Dinner Dance Holiday Inn Express Sturbridge, MA CANCELLED
February 12-15:	PV8 Springfield RV Camping Show CANCELLED
April 16-18	Otter River Conservation Otter River State Forest 86 Winchendon Road Baldwinville, MA
May 14-16	NAFCA Spring Safari Spencer Fairgrounds Spencer, MA
July 17-24	NAFCaree Drummer Boy Resort Gettysburg, PA

NEW OR RENEWALS
FAMILY MEMBERSHIP
RATES

Couple, Individual, 1 or 2
Adults and Dependents

\$30 one year \$55 two years
\$75 three years
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NAFCaree 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**

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Current Membership 585

For the month of December
there were 2 new members. One
for PV8 and one as a recipient of
a gift membership purchased by
a PV8 member.

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2021 NAFCaree News

NAFCA Members, please plan on joining us for the 2021 NAFCaree in Gettysburg PA!

July 17 – 24, 2021

Drummer Boy Camping Resort
1300 Hanover Street
Gettysburg, PA 17325

Web Site: <https://drummerboycampresort.com/>



For this month's Chatter article, we are going to highlight some 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.

Catoctin Wildlife Preserve

13019 Catoctin Furnace Rd, Thurmont, MD

Amazing experiences and hundreds of exciting new exotic animal friends await you in this 50-acre park!

Catoctin Wildlife Preserve welcomes you with natural ponds, lush landscaping, and wandering Ambass-zoo-dors, eager to indulge inquisitive guests. Get curious about everything from bears to boas, macaws to monkeys, panthers to pythons, and alligators to zebra.

<https://catoctinwildlifepreserve.com/>

Adams County Pour Tour: Grab your Pour Tour passport and collect stamps as you treat your palate to the wines, ciders, spirits, meads and craft brews found in Gettysburg's downtown tasting rooms and throughout the Adams County countryside. Our new interactive trail map allows you to plan your journey and get step-by-step directions to your next location right from your mobile device. Our bountiful orchards, vineyards and farmlands produce flavorful fruits, hops, honey and grains that we turn into amazing craft beverages for your enjoyment.

<https://destinationgettysburg.com/pourtour/>

Ghosts of Gettysburg Tours:

Hear stories about the Ghosts of Gettysburg Tour Headquarters-where disembodied voices have been recorded and a child has been spotted...a century after his death.

Visit the County Courthouse that witnessed the battle, was filled to over-flowing with wounded soldiers...and now holds visitors from another world.

See the church where so many amputations occurred, they had to drill holes in the floor to let the blood run out and where a spectral undertaker continues to walk to the nearby cemetery...removed decades ago. <https://ghostsofgettysburg.com/>

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 NAFCaree 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 February 1, 2021**. Final Payment for camping will be due on May 1, 2021. Progress payments are gladly accepted. The 2021 NAFCaree Committee

SMOKE SIGNALS

Penobscot Valley Acres Chapter #37

As we begin a new year "2020" I pray that we see an end to the pandemic though I fear it will be with us for a while yet. Christmas certainly took on a different look this year, our beautiful daughter-in-law has been battling this covid but I am grateful to be able to say she is winning the battle. We are looking forward to a new camping season with family and friends sharing good times around the campfires. My computer has crashed and I am down to using this awful phone so I will just end for now. I encourage you all to stay safe and pray God rides with you in your travels.

Janet Bagley

Palm Tree

Hello NAFCA "SNOWBIRDS". I hope you are all warm and staying safe this winter. In an effort to maintain your safety, we are NOT going to have our annual Palm Tree get together this February. Hopefully this pandemic will eventually fade away and we will be able to get back to our normal activities. For now, just enjoy the warmth of the sun down here and hopefully we will be able to get together in the Spring back in New England.

Marty Moore

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Janet Bagley

Canvasback Chapter#157

Out went the old year and we have moved in the New Year. Can't say I will miss most of 2020. Not too many nice things went on in the past year so we will look ahead to our new and better camping season.

As far as our Chapter goes, at this early stage of the new normal we as a chapter have no planned campouts or get togethers. That does not in any way mean we will not plan some things. Some Canvasback members have made plans and reservations for NAFCAree 2020 at Drummer BoyCamping Resort in Gettysburg, PA. We look forward to a great week with other NAFCA families.

As an association of like minded campers we all need to be on the positive side of all the troubles that have taken place and are now mostly behind us. Who knows, we may even get to have a Spring Safari this coming May! Until next time...

Don Daniel – Correspondent

CT Wolf Den Chapter #103

HAPPY VALENTINE's DAY!!

Well it seems that the New Year started off with a bang! Literally! On January 6, 2021 there was quite the commotion at the White House with President Trump protesters who took over and barged their way onto the legislative floor while they were in session counting ballots to confirm President Elect Biden won the November 2020 election. A scary day for all!! Let us hope and pray this is NOT the way 2021 will continue to go.

I for one, want to focus on camping this summer with my camping friends, and make up for last summer. We have been getting together off and on with friends, and keep our social distancing, and wear our mask. There's no way I will stop living life. We're just taking extra precautions, like we do any other day with the flu. And, I bet they miss me at work, since I was the one who disinfected all the offices and bathrooms every morning for over 28 years. I did this on my own accord because of all the sickly students wandering around. Except, no one's in their office anymore.

I look forward to the day where we can go back to normalcy, even if it's just a little bit. I have to truly wonder, if that day will ever come.

Here's to all the NAFCA camper's for a Peaceful year! Stay safe and Healthy... social distance and wear your mask.

Submitted by Arlene Goodwin, Wolf Den Secretary

TRIP RESERVATION FORM

NAFCAree 2021

Drummer Boy Camping Resort

Name _____

Saturday Dinner – Ziti & Meatballs, Salad, Rolls, Butter

Adult Meals _____ @ \$6.00 \$ _____

Children Meals (7 – 9) _____ @ \$4.00 \$ _____
(under 6 – Free)

Sunday July 18th

**Gettysburg National Military Park Visitors Center and
Battlefield Guided Tour**

Adults _____ @ \$40.00 \$ _____

Children 12 & under _____ @ \$36.00 \$ _____

Monday July 19th

**Seminary Ridge Museum / Gettysburg Heritage Center
Museum / General Pickett’s Lunch Buffet / Shriver House
Museum Tour**

Adults _____ @ \$60.00 \$ _____

Children under 12 _____ @ \$54.00 \$ _____

Tuesday July 20th

**Lancaster Amish Experience: Homestead Tour / Jacob’s
Choice Movie**

Adults _____ @ \$46.00 \$ _____

Children under 12 _____ @ \$41.00 \$ _____

Wednesday July 21st

Pride of the Susquehanna Riverboat Trip

Adults _____ @ \$31.00 \$ _____

Children under 12 _____ @ \$26.00 \$ _____

Wednesday Evening: Baked Potato Bar

Adults _____ @ \$6.00 \$ _____

Children Meals (7 – 9) _____ @ \$4.00 \$ _____

Children 6 and under - Free

**Wednesday Evening: Totempole Playhouse - Beehive – The
60s Musical**

Adults _____ @ \$50.00 \$ _____

Child under 12 _____ @ \$50.00 \$ _____

Thursday July 22nd

**North Central Railway Train Ride / Markets of Shrewsbury
Trip**

Adult _____ @ \$50.00 \$ _____

Child under 12 _____ @ \$40.00 \$ _____

Friday July 23rd

**Eisenhower National Historic Site / Hickory Bridge Farm
Lunch / Adams County Winery**

Adults _____ @ \$62.00 \$ _____

Children 12 & under _____ @ \$50.00 \$ _____

Initial \$50 Deposit \$ _____
(refundable until 5/1/21)

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Final Payment due by May 1, 2021

Progress payments acceptable

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

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
atawning@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

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

Spencer Agricultural 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
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

\$\$ Apple Island Resort
71 US Rte. 2
South Hero, VT 05486
802-372-3800; appleislandresort.com

\$\$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
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\$\$\$ Indicates a 15% discount
(GR) Indicates Group Rates are
available.

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Sick List

Donna James, Ch.8, Sunshine Lady, underwent emergency surgery for her appendix recently. By the time she got home, most of the rest of the house was sick as well. Hope they all get home soon. The address is 312 Dickinson St., Springfield, MA 01108.

Judith Sullivan, mother of Jon Sullivan, Ch. 11 President, passed away recently. Cards can be sent to the family at 25 Mill Rd., N.Brookfield, MA 01535.

Richard LaValley, 86, member of NAFCA since 2009, died recently. He leaves his wife, Mary Ann and three children, including Brian and his wife Michelle who all belong to Ch. 8. He was a veteran of the United States Navy. Cards can be sent to his wife at 151 Applewood Dr, Chicopee, MA 01012 and to Brian and family at 21 McKinstry Ave., Chicopee, MA. 01013

NAFCA Cares

Doris Lewis

978-302-4003

Please send info in to share with your fellow NAFCA members.

bobndoris04@gmail.com

What's Cooking?

Red Devil's Food Cake

1 1/2 C. Flour
1 tsp. Baking Powder
2 eggs, well beaten
1/2 C. Sour Milk
1/2 C. Hot Water
1 C. Sugar
1 tsp. Baking Soda
2 Sq. Chocolate
1/2 tsp. Salt
1 tsp. Vanilla

Cream butter and sugar; add beaten eggs, flour and sour milk. Cut chocolate into hot water; stir until melted. Add soda and salt. Let cool slightly before adding to cake mixture. Lastly add vanilla. In an 8 or 9 inch pan bake at 350 degrees until done and toothpick inserted center comes out clean. Approximately 25-35 minutes.