

Campfire Chatter

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President's Message

As we start the new year, let's hope for a great camping season. I have asked our NAFCA secretary to contact all Chapters so that we can update our contact information and review the membership data. This is overdue and 2021 is a perfect time to do "housekeeping".

We have a new Chapter forming from Maine, the Wanderers so that is GREAT! Most of our "snowbirds" are in warmer places but we up North can't really complain about the weather (so far). We continue to try and stay healthy and safe but we also continue to plan.

Get your NAFCAree reservation form in. Make proposals for 2022 NAFCAree and NAFCA Spring Safari. If you need any help with this please ask any board member.



Our new editors are working very hard on the Chatter so PLEASE make sure that your articles are in on TIME.

I know that the holidays are very different this year and so many of the traditions we enjoy so much are either cancelled or completely changed and I for one don't like the change!

But, like it or not, we are all in this together and that is a good thing.

Happy & Healthy New Year!

Linda Ostiguy
NAFCA President



Dear Campers, Family & Friends:

As we start 2021 with hope in our hearts for a better year I, as many of you, reflect back on what we have accomplished this past year. Although it is not what we had hoped for the year I hope you all had a wonderful holiday. We used this year to take our traditions and modify them so we could still enjoy family and friends. (It might have even helped to push my mom into some social media). As we look to the future and the many activities planned for the upcoming year, we must all keep an open mind and remember some time together is better than none. Until then, wash your hands, wear your mask and stay safe so we can see you in person when the summer comes.
fingers crossed

Janell & Tony Forget, Editors



Snowbirds reminder

It's that time of year again when many of our members travel to warmer destinations for the winter. If you are receiving the Campfire Chatter by postal mail, we need your temporary address as soon as possible with the effective date.

Or please consider getting the Chatter by email to save printing and mailing costs. Address changes can be made quickly by email to:

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The Chatter does not get forwarded by the post office because it is considered a periodical. These get returned to the NAFCA PO Box and we in turn need to pay for returned mail and you do not receive the newsletter.

Chatter Email Address

The email address to submit articles for Campfire Chatter has changed. The new address will now be:

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2021 Calendar Events	
January 29-31:	Mass Dinner Dance Holiday Inn Express Sturbridge, MA
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

Hello NAFCA Members,

We are writing to let all the NAFCA members know it is with great sadness that it has been decided by both the Board of Directors and the 2021 Springfield RV, Camping & Outdoor Show that the 2021 show has been cancelled..

This decision was not taken lightly. There were many things to consider in order to make this important decision.

There were just too many hurdles to try to work around in order for the show to happen. We had discussions with the Eastern States Exposition staff and there would to many, many restrictions that we would have to try to work around. Those restrictions would greatly affect our show.

There is no need to worry about our February dates for the 2022 show. Our dates will not change for 2022.

We hope you are all staying safe in these difficult times. See you in the Spring when we start camping again.

Thank You for all you do.
The 2021 Springfield RV, Camping & Outdoor Show

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\$30 for 1 year, \$55 for 2 years or \$75 for 3 years

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Current Membership 578

For the month of November, there were no new members.

Sustaining Members had 2 additions. Long-time member, Pete's RV Center in Vermont has added their other locations in Massachusetts and Connecticut.

Thank you to the several members who are now receiving the Campfire Chatter by email. We are now up to 230 digital copies. You will receive the Chatter around the 15th of month, every month. No waiting for the mailman to arrive. Another benefit to the digital Chatter is that it is now in color. And, you can have one sent to you and a second person on the membership. If you would like to have the Chatter by email, please send your request including your name to membership@nafca.org We will still offer the printed mailed copy in black and white print. Thank you for considering this option to help save printing and mailing costs for NAFCA.

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/>



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 highlight the trips for the last half of NAFCaree week (plus a revision to the Tuesday trip). Please see the reservation form for the trips also included in this Month's Chatter.

REVISED Tuesday, July 20th: Day Trip to Lancaster for the Amish Experience: This trip has been revised from last month. Lunch is no longer included in the price and it will be on your own. Join us for an air conditioned 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 and the Jacobs Choice Movie presentation. Lastly, we will board the bus for a quick ride to the Kettle Kitchen Village where lunch and shopping will be on your own.

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



Totem Pole Playhouse, "*America's Summer Theater*", began its life in a small converted auto shop in 1950 and has gone on to become one of the best known and highly-regarded summer theaters in the United States. The New York Times called Totem Pole Playhouse "the Cadillac of summer theaters."

During the 2021 NAFCaree, the show presented by the Playhouse will be "Beehive – The 60s Musical". *Beehive* is the ultimate celebration of 1960's female empowerment. Featuring such timeless classics as "*My Boyfriend's Back*", "*Be My Baby*", "*Son of a Preacher Man*", and "*Me & Bobby McGee*", Beehive nostalgically recalls the days of miniskirts, transistor radios and flower power. Told from the perspective of six young women

who came of age in this enigmatic decade, these young ladies look back on a host of issues ranging from their first Beehive Dance to the challenges we faced as a nation – all accomplished by a vast array of the most celebrated and memorable songs of the era. **Rated G** (suitable for the whole family).

<https://totempoleplayhouse.org/>

Thursday 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/>

After the train ride, we will visit a traditional local Amish farmers market. The Market features over 20 merchants who sell everything from locally-grown produce, Amish desserts and canned goods, and farm-fresh meats and cheeses to traditional PA Dutch furniture, crafts, and gifts. The farmers market also boasts a variety of local eateries all in one convenient location. Lunch at the Market is on your own.

<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>

Hickory Bridge Farm: next, we will stop for lunch at Hickory Bridge Farm and Restaurant which dates back into history as far as the late 1600s when the King of England granted the land to Charles Carroll the father of the signer of the Declaration of Independence. Here we will enjoy a full family style meal for lunch. The menu may include, a house salad with a warm sweet and sour dressing, warm baked bread with apple butter, two or three entrees passed family style complimented with several vegetables, corn fritters, stewed apples and a choice of homemade dessert.

After an abundant meal, you are welcome to visit the farm museum, old time country store or the bed and breakfast at no additional cost (Please no hanky-panky in any of the guest rooms!).

Lastly, to cap off a great meal (and a very busy week), we will stop at the Adams County Winery. The winery offers an inviting, comfortable, and casual atmosphere where anyone can relax and taste wine. Enjoy the beautiful gardens, pet-friendly grounds, and the historic tasting room built in an 1860's era bank barn.

Whether you are a wine connoisseur or a complete newcomer, you are invited to visit, make yourself at home, and let the knowledgeable staff guide your experience here at the winery. Note: The cost of any beverages / refreshments at the winery are NOT included in the cost of the trip.

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	
		Make Checks Payable to:	NAFCA
		Mail to:	P.O. Box 345
			Billerica, MA 01821

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.

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). To see a description of the cabins, please go to

[https://drummerboycampresort.com/Cabin and Cottage Rentals.php](https://drummerboycampresort.com/Cabin%20and%20Cottage%20Rentals.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 NAFCa Committee

NAFCa 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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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:		\$ _____

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SMOKE SIGNALS

Penobscot Valley Acres Chapter 37

We have enjoyed a nice stretch of pleasant weather but that seems to be coming to an end. It seems to be getting colder with each new day but with each passing day we are getting closer to our next camping season. I have been looking back through some summer picture and recalling some wonderful memories with good friends. I thought I'd share one. On this particular day Steve and some of the other men were cleaning up some fallen trees and roots and as he was putting away the tractor he picked up a couple "hitch hikers"

One of our couples who have become "snow birds" this year, taking up winter residence in Florida recently made a quick trip back to Maine to meet their beautiful new grand-daughter Addie Mae (hope I spelled it right) I'm sure this makes it doubly hard to head back to Florida. Many members got the opportunity to visit with them over a pizza dinner at Pat's Pizza in Hampden while they were here.

Also in November some of us also shared a meal at Governor's in Old Town to celebrate some November birthdays with good friends. It was so nice to see folks and catch up a little. Well I hope you all have had a wonderfully Happy Thanksgiving and again I encourage you all to stay safe during this unusual and difficult holiday season.

Safe Travels
Janet Bagley

Canvasback Chapter#157

I do trust that most of our NAFC A family will remain safe and away from this insidious virus. The very most prudent thing to do now is to only be with your own household members for the holidays. Will we be on the rocky road to recovery in the Spring of next year? I do want to be optimistic that there will be a normal camping season when once more we can be together as we have done in the past.

As you may well know first up in January will be the NAFC A Full Board Meeting, if we can hold this meeting at all. I do hope our board will inform the membership in a timely manner if the meeting will happen or again have to be cancelled. Let us not throw caution to the wind if the virus is still raging across the Northeast. We all need to stay healthy.

Whatever transpires be safe and may the New Year be bright and happy for us all.

Don Daniel – Correspondent



CT Wolf Den Chapter #103

HOPEFULLY A BLESSED HAPPY NEW 2021 YEAR TO BE!!

Unfortunately, Wolf Den did not have their annual Christmas Party this year, or Secret Santa. We are praying for a better year in 2021 COVID free, and good health for all.

It certainly was a challenging year. We do hope our NAFC A campers all made it through without any difficulties, and/or unpleasantness. I know many people were out of work, and struggling to get by. Some folks had to give up a lot just to survive. Blessings to all!

Meanwhile, there is an abundance of people who are working overtime, and many companies are hiring in various industries. It's hard to hear about those who are succumbing to the sadness that surrounds our country. Some people are willing to wear a mask, whatever it takes to help in destroying the germs of this Pandemic. While others would rather not because it's not good to breathe in your own air, and other various reasons. I understand we all have our own opinions, and I for one, respect everyone's choice. However, for me, I don't like wearing a mask, but I do it out of respect for others who are paranoid. I don't want to be the one that infects someone by carrying the germ even if I don't have symptoms.

Please, wear a mask, wash your hands, and be kind!

As you read this article, I pray that our new President, Biden, has not mandated a country wide lockdown as it's been circulating that this is something he is considering. If he does, I pray everyone across our nation complies, and we are all civil about it, and the COVID is eradicated once and for all!

Here's to a Happy, Healthy, New Year for the WORLD!!!
And, to a normal camping season!

Submitted by Arlene Goodwin
Wolf Den 103 Secretary



SYMBOLISM OF THE NAFCA EMBLEM

OVERALL IMPRESSION: It is simple and forceful with a pleasing and unique shape. It clearly and plainly announces the name of the organization so that the emblem can't be confused with that of any other association. The shape, colors and design are meaningful as explained here.

SHAPE: The clean symmetrical outside line of the emblem with its opposing points, represents the compass and the far-flung spread of Association membership.

The four outer points have a second and important meaning. NAFCA's action program for better camping follows four avenues. 1.

Camper education 2. Campground development 3. Conservation concern 4. Legislative alertness.

The inner oval symbolizes the unity of family campers regardless of race, creed or color, from all walks of life, employing many kinds of equipment, but who join together for mutual benefit. Our very differences weld a stronger more effective organization to work for better camping.

COLOR: The simple but striking color combination of green and white is most meaningful. The white background expresses honesty, square dealing and purity of purpose. The green design stands for the verdant color of the out-of-doors where we pursue our recreation but also symbolizes growth and life itself.

DESIGN: The elements of the design include the name of the association, an open fire, the frame supporting a coffee pot, pine needles and cones. Each has a very special symbolism for campers.

The fire is perhaps the most universal symbol of camping- the flame denoting fellowship, the smoke memories of past camping experiences.

The seven logs in the fire are for the seven-fold NAFCA purposes and NAFCA's 7Cs Campers Code.

While the wooden cooking fire supports and stretcher are

uncommon to family camping today, they remind us of our pioneering forefathers who conquered a continent by resourcefulness and perseverance and left us a proud heritage.

The coffeepot is characteristic of a camper's friendliness and unfailing good humor. It typifies the old-fashioned virtues of sharing and neighborliness.

Pine needles and cones recall the northeastern origin of the Association and the campers driving urge to enjoy the beauty of nature.

MEANING: Despite the symbolism described here, the true meaning of the emblem lies not in its physical elements but in the attitudes, manners, and spirit of its members. The heart and soul of an organization are determined by its member's interest and enthusiasm and NAFCA has always had these in large measure. May the NAFCA emblem continue to stand for the very best in family camping! Display it proudly!

WHAT'S COOKING?

BEEFY CORN CASSEROLE*Submitted by Dena Rickson*

1 lb ground beef
 1 small onion, chopped
 2-3 jalapeno peppers, seeded and chopped
 1 (8 ½ oz) corn bread/muffin mix
 ¾ tsp salt
 ½ tsp baking soda
 1 (14 ¾ can) cream-style corn

1 cup milk

½ cup vegetable oil

2 eggs, beaten

3 cups (12 oz) shredded cheddar cheese, divided

In a large skillet, cook the beef, onion and peppers over medium heat until meat is no longer pink; drain and set aside. In a small bowl, combine the corn bread mix, salt, baking soda, corn, milk, oil and eggs. Pour half the ingredients in a greased 13 x 9 x 2 inch baking dish. Layer with half of the cheese and all of the beef mixture. Top with remaining cheese. Carefully spread remaining batter over top. Bake, uncovered, at 350° for 40-45 minutes or until a toothpick inserted near the center comes out clean. 8-12 servings.

CHERRY MACAROONS*Submitted by Carol Santos*

½ cup butter, softened

½ cup shortening

1 cup sugar

2 eggs

1 tsp almond extract

2 ½ cups flour

1 tsp baking powder

1 tsp salt

½ cup chopped maraschino cherries, plus more for garnish

2 cups shredded coconut

1 cup chopped pecans or walnuts

Preheat oven to 350°. Cream together butter and shortening. Gradually add sugar, mixing well. Blend in flour, baking powder, and salt. Stir in cherries, coconut and nuts. Drop by rounded teaspoon onto lightly greased baking sheets. Garnish each cookie with one quarter of a cherry. Bake 10 -12 minutes or until lightly browned. Yield 5-6 dozen.

LEMON BARS*Submitted by Carol Santos*

2 sticks butter or margarine, softened

½ cup brown sugar

2 cups flour

1 tsp salt

Bake 15 minutes. Cool. Then mix and pour over cooled crust.

4 eggs

2 cups sugar

6 tbsp flour

½ cup fresh or bottled lemon juice

Bake 25 more minutes. Dust with powdered sugar while still warm

DEPRESSION-ERA CAKE*Submitted by Carol Santos*

1 cup brown sugar-firm pack

1 ½ cup water

1/3 cup vegetable oil

2 cups dark raisins

2 tsp cinnamon

½ tsp ground cloves

½ tsp ground nutmeg

1 tsp baking soda

1 tsp salt

2 tsp water

2 cups flour

1 tsp baking powder

Preheat oven to 325°. Combine sugar, water, oil, raisins and spices in a saucepan, and boil to 3 minutes, stirring frequently. Take pan off heat and let cool for ten minutes. Dissolve baking soda and salt in 2 teaspoons of water and add to raisin mixture. (it will foam). Blend in the flour and baking powder. Mix well. Pour batter into a greased 9 x 9 inch square pan, and bake for 55 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Let cake cook for about 10 minutes before serving

Yield 10-12 servings

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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
877-860-4757
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)

RHODE ISLAND

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

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\$\$ 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

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offer 10% discount off of their
regular daily rate.
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Campfire Chatter

PO Box 345

Billerica, MA 01821

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NAFCA CARES

Sick List

PV8 has the following members on the sick list:

Richard LaValley

Bob Recouille

Mary Ellen LaValley

Joe Nadeau

Died

Jean Savoie, 85, long time member of Ch.8 passed away recently. He served in the US Army in Germany. He kept the spirit of NAFCA games going in PV8, they still have a weekly card night. Besides his wife Francine, he leaves a daughter and 2 sons and many grand children. Cards may be sent to Francine and family at 19 Carlton St., Springfield, MA 01108.

Rene LeBlanc, long time NAFCA member from Maine passed away recently. He and his late wife Gerri were very active for the organization in Maine. They served many positions in the State organization including starting one of the Maine Chapters. Cards can be sent to the family at 231 River St., Canton, ME. 04221.

Edward Szweczyk, 68, brother of Kathy Harrup of Ch. 8 died recently.

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

NAFCA Cares

Doris and Dena

bobndoris04@gmail.com

978-302-4003

Please send news, happy or sad, in to NAFCA Cares so it can be shared with other members. It means a lot to hear from friends when you aren't camping together anymore!

Learn About Nature by Bob Wright

Posse Polecat would like to set somethings straight. It is commonly thought a pole cat and a skunk are the same animal. They are not. They are similar but different. They are not even kin. Pole cats are more related to the weasel or ferret. Pole cats lives mainly in Europe and skunks live in the good old USA.



Pole cats name originated from the French poule chat meaning 'chicken cat', reflecting its reputation for raiding chicken coops. They both have an odor about them. They are about the same size and close in color. You can see why we exchange their names. Some interesting facts about skunks are:

- Skunks are nocturnal, so they are most active at night. *Like walking under chairs around the camp fire. Ask my wife.*
- Live only around three years.
- Have excellent senses of smell and hearing, but have poor vision.
- Male skunk is called a boar and female is called a sow. Baby skunk is called kit.
- Illegal in 33 states to keep as pets. *Luckily all New England states ban them.*
- Skunks don't hibernate, but huddle in their dens in winter for warmth.
- A **group of skunks** are called a **surfeit**.
- Skunks are immune to wasp, honeybee stings, and poisonous snake bites.
- They eat small rodents in the winter, *but not recommend to put in campers to keep the mice out.*
- **Some people can't smell a skunk's spray at all - You should be so lucky.**