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**President's Message**

Hello to all my fellow campers in NAFCA.

Wow we are fully into the fall season and that is going by quickly.

All the Fall Frolics are completed; also the Fall Council of Chapters has gone by as well as the last Full Board meeting of the year. Wow what a year!!!

I am pleased to announce that Carol Robison has volunteered to head the committee for the 2020 NAFCAree at Rideau Acres Campground in Kingston, Ontario Canada. Thanks Carol for stepping up to do this. Okay folks she needs help with this so don't be shy and get in on the fun.

We do have a chairperson for the 2020 NAFCA Spring Safari. Thanks Tony and Ellen Migneault. They also need your help to run this big event for the spring.

Well we are going to get into the winter season so remember to travel safe to all of your outings this winter.

Pam and I would like to wish everyone in the NAFCA family a Happy Thanksgiving.

Yours in camping,  
Dennis & Pam Richardson

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Wow! It's hard to believe that it is November already & our minds are starting to think about Thanksgiving & all of the wonderful food & time with friends & family! Some of us are still out there on the road finding new places to camp & enjoying what our great county offers. Even though the season isn't over for some, we are already getting ready for the 2020 season.

The Springfield RV Camping and Outdoor Show committee is working hard to give everyone a great show. RV's, Campgrounds and suppliers will be ready and waiting for you to check out their products.

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FEBRUARY 14-17th, 2020

The 58th edition of the camping show, produced by campers for campers, is on tap for Presidents' Day weekend at the Eastern States Exposition Grounds in West Springfield, MA. For the past 57 years, this show has been produced by the membership of Pioneer Valley Chapter 8 (PV8). This year's chairmen, Phil Nadeau and Kevin & Sherrie Vilbon, and their committee are working hard to keep our show the biggest and the best. The last three years shows have each had over 47,000 in attendance.

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Respectfully,  
 Kris & Bonnie Spaulding (PV8)

**Annual Quilting Weekend**

Looks like our "fat quarters" have gone to our head! Anyway we have booked our Annual Quilting Weekend for August 20-23, 2020 at Country Aire Campground in Charlemont, MA. This is NOT the weekend before Labor Day!!!! Please note!!!!!

Doris & Linda

**Special Thanks**

We want to thank our friends from the North American Family Campers Association

for their continued support in donating aluminum pull tabs benefiting the

Shriner's Children's Hospital in Boston. This is our 10th year that we've been

collecting pull tabs for this worthy cause. We thank everyone who contributes.

Dave and Paula Colvin  
 Squaw-No-Cook #30

**Massachusetts Fall Frolic Dedication**

Each year at the MA Fall Frolic we dedicate the campout to a person or couple who we want to especially thank for all of their help and dedication to the MA Co-ord. Most of you know that they are always involved with National but we want you to know that it does not stop there. Both Jim & Marilyn Hurley are always ready to lend a helping hand

and we (the MA Co-ord) want to recognize this couple and say THANK YOU, so this year we dedicate the 2019 MA Fall Frolic to Jim and Marilyn Hurley.



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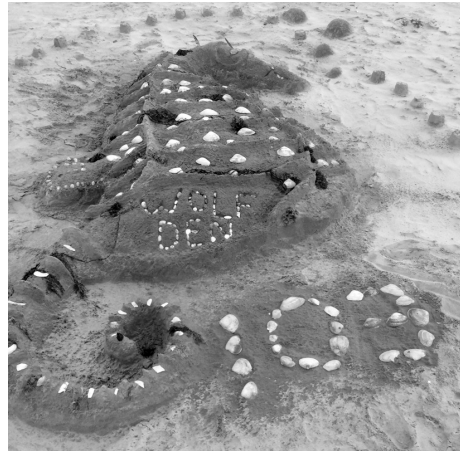


### Wolf Den #103

The Goodwin's and Taylor's were the only two families from Wolf Den that attended the Camp-O-Rama in Rhode Island on Sept. 12th. We took advantage of the long weekend, and arrived on Thursday. The weather was drizzly, but turned misty and then the rain stopped completely. We had lunch, and walked the beach.

Friday was a nice sun shiny day. That morning, we went to the antique car museum. We were pretty impressed by the 75 cars, from Lamborghini's to Mustangs, and the cool modern furniture. They even had a few vehicles for sale. If you could afford them! We stopped at a favorite brewery spot. When we returned, Dave and Arlene flew their kites. After dinner, we strolled along the beach picking shells for tomorrow's Sand Castle contest. Dave did some fishing and caught a few sand sharks. The orange Moon was absolutely gorgeous gleaming over the ocean so huge.

Saturday morning our hosts fed us french toast, sausage, and we got ready for our adventurous day. I got started on the Sand Sculpture contest. I started digging the outline for our Seahorse before the Taylor's came to play in the sand. Carol burst my bubble to tell me I was in the wrong spot for our age group. We covered it up and moved to start over. The four of us worked tirelessly digging and building our Seahorse in honor of my twin sister Audrey. It was a great feeling as the 1st place trophy



winners!!! WooHooo Wolf Den!!! Way to go! Thanks Dave & Carol for helping, it truly meant so much to me!

No one in our group won anything this year from the basket auction. Dinner was from Jim's Clam Jam truck. Lobster Rolls, Clam Chowder, Clam Cakes, Fried Clams... mmm tasty! We hung out in the Taylor's stunning new camper, laughed and snacked all night!

Sunday morning we walked the beach to see if our Seahorse was damaged by the tide. Still looked pretty good! It's the end of our weekend. Why is it that long weekends go so fast!?! Looking forward to see if our suggestions get selected: fire pit on the beach, backyard BBQ, dessert contest, along with a few others.

Thank you Rhode Island for a tremendous weekend as usual! We hope to see you next year

Submitted by Arlene Goodwin  
Wolf Den 103 Secretary

### Pine Tree #33

Hello everybody. As you read this camping season is over for 2019. Pine Trees last meeting was October 6th. The weather has been really chilly in Maine, you sure do need the heat at night. Lots of members have closed their rigs, the water will be shut-down October 14th. or sooner if it stays cold.

We had our planning meeting for next years things we will be doing. 29 members showed up to help for the year 2020. We were amazed at the interest showed to help out. Looks like it will be a great hit for everybody to come and enjoy yourself. New things presented.

Everett and I just did a week at Salisbury State Park. Camping weather was beautiful, no rain at all. Met up with friends George and Michelle Young formerly from the 49ers, had fun with them. Now we are home but will go to the October 6th. meeting in Pine Tree. The meeting on November 3rd. will be out last and bring your lunch.

Winter will be socialize, as far as planned, December 7 at Pine Tree Hall or alternative at Lotus in Auburn, January 4th. at Chickadee, February 1 at Antigonis, Lewiston, March 7, Lotus. First meeting in 2019 April 5, Psalm Sunday at the Fire Station Western Avenue in South Paris. Unfortunately we picked this date because the following Sunday is Easter Sunday. Roberta White will be the Host for this.

Next year will be Buckfield's 100 Anniversary. Two of our members have recently had surgery, Gene Bard and Jan Guilford. We are thinking of you, please keep them in prayers.

Well that's it for now, hopefully the winter in Maine will not be as bad this year especially that white stuff, but Farmer's Almanac is predicting a very cold one. A big Thank you goes out to those who helped this year for a very successful season. See you next time.

Sincerely,  
Doris Mitchell

### **Penobscot Valley Acres #37**

How time flies! Another wonderful season at P.V.A. has drawn to a close.

We celebrated the wonderful Fall Harvest with a traditional ham boiled dinner with many of the veggies grown in P.V.A.'s own garden. As always the feast was delicious and many hands lightened the work load. The club house was decorated beautifully with fall decor compliments of sister, Debbie Ramp and Vickie Kennedy. The meal was organized by Chris and Tom Dyson.

We also celebrated Halloween. Many sites were decorated for the holiday. The little ghost and goblins "Trick or Treated" their way though the campground. I enjoy this greatly as at home we have very few "Trick or Treaters".

Then it was time to close the campground. Again many hands made light work. As we leave for the winter we look forward to the next camping season and we leave our little campground on the banks of Hudson Stream to the gentle care of the wild life.

I wish you a healthy winter and safe travels where ever you go,  
Janet Bagley



### **Massachusetts State Director**



Just got home from the Spencer Fairgrounds in Spencer, MA where we enjoyed our annual Fall Frolic-"No Theme in 2019". The crowd was small so we spread out and enjoyed beautiful weather! Some of us "early ladies" went to Klems for "ladies night on Thurs. night. Booths were few but that made it more profitable for them. We had crafts & treasures, Chili, Chix Corn Chowder, Breakfast sandwiches, NAFCAs wear, and all sort of yummy apple desserts. NOICREAM! Maybe next year. Our youngest camper was Lily Fisher who is 3 years old now.

Our oldest (in years only) is Joe Santos, Sr. (88). We had homemade cookies along with our coffee on Friday night. The games were held (I'll list the winners next time), a kids corner, a "winterize" demo presented by Mann's RV in Rutland, MA., card bingo on Friday night, candy bingo in Sat. night, the dedication of this year Mass. Fall Frolic, Chapter raffles, 50/50, food basket raffles, and special raffles. Everyone got a "door prize" that was there for our MA Co-ord meeting. Even with the weather so beautiful the campfires still roared. We thank all for coming and hope you had a good time.

We travel to the Rutland Public Library, 280 Main St., Rutland, MA on Nov.3 for our next Mass. Co-ord Meeting. It starts at 10am. Please put this date on your calendar.

Don't forget our "Winter Get-away" at the Holiday Inn in Sturbridge, MA on January 24-26, 2020.

Be thankful for your camping friends and have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Linda Ostiguy  
Massachusetts State Director

### **Pioneer Valley #8**

November, already?! PV8 has fun in store for every season. The children had their third year of Trunk-or-treating at the Chapter 8 hall. Cars and kids all dressed up for Halloween. Thank you to Matt and Megan Chartier for chairing the committee.

The adults too will be getting together for some Halloween playtime. We will be stumbling through the cornstalks at Mike's Maze in Sunderland, MA on Nov. 2 at 6:00 pm. Chaired by Tina Savoie and Laurie Bessette, With Laurie's awesome sense of direction we should have no problem finding our way through this year's PEACE, LOVE, and MUSIC themed corn field.

On November 17th PV8 will hit the lanes in Southamptn, MA for Candlepin Bowling and munchies.

Happy Thanksgiving to All!

Respectfully submitted by Nancy Cosby

### **Squaw-No-Cook #30**

Hello all,

Well, it's now technically autumn. Camp-O-Rama is over. And Fall Frolic is over. And October is just around the

corner.

There were a few of us who went to Camp-O-Rama a few weeks back. Weather was quite nice - at least by the time a few of us got there. Marty and Dianne said it was really cold Thursday night, and it was a little chilly Friday night, and quite nice for the weekend. Katie made her first trip this year! As did Lily the cat (who performed a few disappearing acts).

A group of us went to Newport again, taking advantage of the bus Saturday morning. We visited a few stores, had a snack (or two), walked around on a few streets we hadn't been on before. Took the bus back and then Jim and I headed back out to the winery for a quick shopping trip. And back to the beach for the drawing of the gift baskets. Well, Jim stayed and ended up winning 2 prizes. I went with Brad and Janis, and their friends Brian and Judy, to the Cliff Walk. It was more humid than I expected but pretty nice, just the same.

Remember last year and all the "fun" tire issues many of us had? Sunday morning, Katie came to chat with us and said... that tire looks a little low... and yup, there was a nail in the tire, so Jim changed the tire before we could leave.

We didn't camp at Fall Frolic this year, but quite a few of our group were there. Jim and I visited Saturday afternoon and stayed for the meeting. Thanks to Carol, Phil, and Katie for sharing their Saturday night dinner with us as well. We did a wine basket again - Marty did a nice job with the basket. However, I don't think I won a thing!! Darn... maybe next year.

October is here and that means camping at Horseshoe Acres and apple picking! Or maybe that's visiting the orchard and drinking apple cider and buying and eating apples, apple pie, and donuts. Perhaps someday we'll get there, but not this year. I wish them good weather.

The snowbirds will be headed south soon. Doesn't seem like the camping season is so close to being over for 2019!

I wish the snowbirds safe travels and the campers nice weather!!

Barbara Starr

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Email your recipes to [russrider@aol.com](mailto:russrider@aol.com)

Thanks again to David and Paula Colvin, also Doris Lewis and Melissa Curtis Johnson

We are out of member recipes, Please feel free to send more!!!!

1/2 teas. baking soda  
 1 egg  
 Heat oven to 350, unwrap candy. Beat pb, gran. sugar and brown sugar, vanilla, brown sugar, baking soda and salt in lg. mixing bowl. Add egg, beat well.

Make 36 equal size balls, appx 1 in., roll in gran sugar and place on ungreased baking sheet. Cook for 8-10 min, lightly browned. Immediately press candy into center of cookie.

## UNSTUFFED CHICKEN ALFREDO SHELLS

Submitted by David and Paula Colvin

- 4 cups large pasta shells, uncooked
- 1 lb cooked and shredded chicken
- 1 (15 oz) jar garlic alfredo sauce
- 1 (8 oz) tub cream cheese spread
- 1/2 tsp dried basil
- 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1/2 tsp garlic powder
- 1 1/2 cup shredded mozzarella cheese, divided

Preheat oven to 375°

Cook pasta as directed on package, omitting salt. Drain water and set aside.

Spray 2-quart casserole dish or 9 x 13 pan with non-stick spray. Spray half cup alfredo sauce on the bottom pan.

In a large mixing bowl, cream together cream cheese spread, basil, Parmesan, remaining alfredo sauce and garlic powder. Stir in chicken, pasta, and 1 cup mozzarella cheese. Mix until well combined.

Layer pasta mixture over alfredo sauce in pan. Top with remaining cheese and cover with aluminum foil.

Bake casserole, covered 40-45 minutes or until heated through, uncovering after 30 minutes.

## Gluten Free Peanut Butter Blossoms

Submitted by Doris Lewis

- 36 chocolate kisses
- 1 c. creamy pb
- 1/3 c granulated sugar extra granulated sugar for rolling
- 1/3 c. packed light brown sugar
- 1/2 teas. vanilla

## Foil Packet Barbeque Pork Chops with Succotash

Submitted by Melissa Curtis Johnson

- 4 boneless pork chops
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1/2 cup barbeque sauce
- 2 cups frozen corn kernels, thawed
- 2 cups Lima beans, thawed
- 2 scallions, sliced
- 1 teaspoon thyme
- 4 tablespoons of melted butter

Preheat a grill to medium high. Lay out four 12 by 18 inch pieces of heavy duty aluminum foil. Season pork chops on both sides with salt and pepper. Brush some of sauce on pork now, reserve rest for service. Mix Lima beans, corn, thyme and melted butter along with scallion whites in a bowl, divide mixture among the foil sheets, top each mound with a chop. Bring the two short ends of foil together and fold twice to seal. Grill the packets pork side down

## New Recipes Needed!

A big Thank You to those who submitted this month's recipes. If you want this page to continue in future issues of Campfire Chatter please send Dena your recipes.

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603-332-1263 - grandviewcamping.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 Rd.  
Narragansett RI 02882  
401-783-4902

## Vermont

### Abel Mountain Campground

354 Mobile Acres Rd  
Braintree, VT 05060  
802-728-5548 abelmountain.com

### \$\$ Apple Island Resort

P.O. Box 183 71 US Rt. 2  
South Hero, VT 05486  
802-372-3800 - appleislandresort.com

### \$\$ Pete's RV Center

4016 Williston Rd.  
So. Burlington, VT 05403  
802-864-9350 - petesrvvt.com

## Pennsylvania

### Drummer Boy Camping Resort

1300 Hanover Rd.  
Gettysburg, Pa 17325  
800-293-2808 - drummerboycampresort.com



### Where to send your news.

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# NAFCA CARES

## SICK LIST

Judy Alario, Ch. 30, has been in St. Elizabeth's hospital in Brighton recently, she is out of intensive care now but still being treated for a broken back. The address is 625 Reservoir Rd., Lunenburg, MA. 01462.

Bill Neeb, NAFCA treasurer, was

under the weather recently at the NAFCA Fall Council of Chapters meeting at Country Aire recently. Seems as he has a case of pneumonia, is on bed rest and medication for at least a week.

Jean Savoie, Ch. 8, is still in need of cheerful cards, his address is Wingate Nursing Home, 32 Chesnut St. #2803, East Longmeadow, MA. 01028

Bob Recoulle of Ch. 8 also needs your thoughts and prayers for good health.

## HAPPY NEWS

PV8 Wedding anniversaries

Bill and Katrina Ulasewich 5 years  
 Chris and Ann Marie Yager 10 years  
 Scott and Jennifer Chapman 15 years  
 Kris and Bonnie Spaulding 20 years  
 Jim and Debbie Roper 30 years

## DIED

John LaCasse, former member of Squaw-No-Cook Ch. 30, died recently after surgery. Send cards to 19 E. River St., Orange, MA 0136

Lucille Busha, infant great grand daughter of Barbara Busha, died at birth recently. Cards may be sent to Barbara at 1 Golden Heights Apt G, Webster, MA. 01570.

Branden Hodgdon, son of Brian and Brenda Hodgdon, Pine Tree Ch. 33, passed away recently in Buckland, ME. He served 4 years in the U.S. Army for four years as an electrician. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him and his love of Pine Tree Acres. He was often found climbing on roofs shoveling snow at the campground for the members camping there. Cards may be sent to his parents and family at

## IN THE SERVICE

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

Please pass on news of our NAFCA friends to be shared with others, happy or sad, so it can be shared in Campfire Chatter.

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## 2019 Calendars

### STATE EVENTS

Nov. 3 **Mass. Coord Meeting**  
 Rutland Library  
 Rutland MA

## 2020 Calendars

### NATIONAL EVENTS

March 1 **Deadline for 2021 NAFCAree proposals**

March 1 **Deadline for 2021 Spring Safari proposals**

May 14-17 **NAFCA Spring Safari**  
 Spencer Fairgrounds  
 Spencer MA

### STATE EVENTS

Jan. 5 **Mass. Coord Meeting**  
 Rutland Library  
 Rutland MA

Jan 24-26 **Mass Dinner Dance**  
 Holiday Inn  
 Sturbridge MA

Aug. 7-9 **Mass. Multi-chapter**  
 Travelers Woods  
 Campground  
 Bernardsten, MA.

Aug 20-23 **Annual Quilting Weekend**  
 Country Aire Campground  
 Charlemont, MA.

### CHAPTER EVENTS

Feb 14-17 **Springfield RV, Camping & Outdoor Show**  
 Eastern States Exposition  
 Grounds  
 West Springfield MA