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President's Message

I remember writing my MA State Director report for Chatter last month talking about it's April and away we go!

Well right now (3/30/20) we are in the middle of a snowstorm!

Self quarantined, social distancing and worried about each other. When they say that we are making history... who would think it was a bad thing? We'll get through this TOGETHER and be able to get back to the norm! Stay positive and healthy and keep the faith. Dream of getting together camping. As soon as we can "be free" we'll make new plans and reschedule.

Linda & Jim Ostiguy
NAFCA President

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INTERNATIONAL WEEKEND



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NAFCA Otter River Fall Conservation Weekend October 16, 17 & 18, 2020

Greetings and salutations my fellow NAFCA members. I am sure anyone who had Intentions of being a part

of the April edition at Otter River State Forest knows I took the bold step and canceled our weekend. This pandemic may well postpone some more of the NAFCA calendar of events already planned. Only time will tell... Stay tuned.

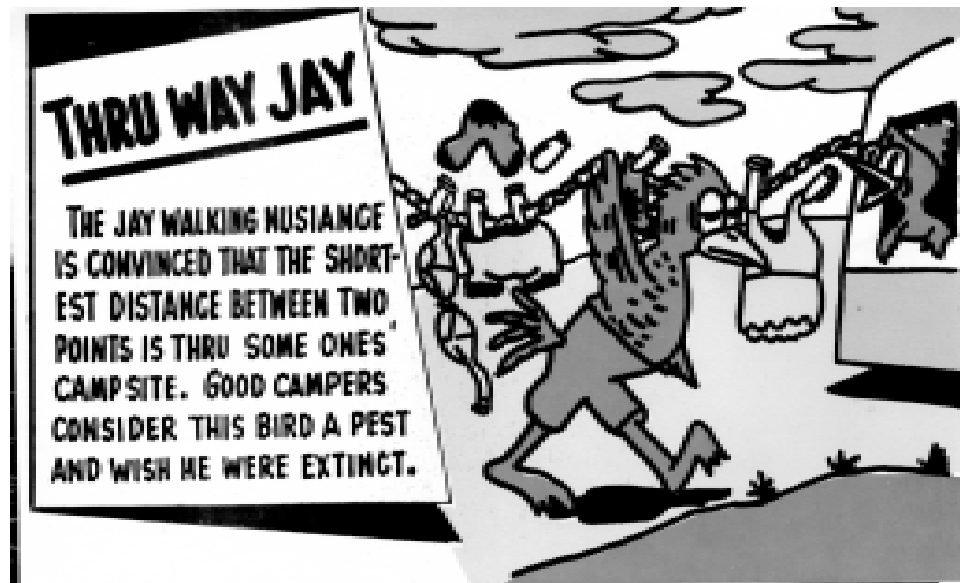
Your October Otter River is still on and I would hope you have put this NAFCA event on your list of must camping weekend.

I will add more details in the months ahead. For now there will be a potluck supper on Saturday evening and campfires on Friday and Saturday evenings as well as coffee and goodies both evenings. The gate will be open starting at 10 in the morning on Friday of the camp out. Please remember to close over the gate and insert the locking pin back into the gate once you have passed through. Please close the gate behind you each time you enter or exit this driveway, thanks. There are no hook ups, water is available at the entrance ranger station on your left side. Water faucet is on the backside of the building near the radio antenna. There is not a dump station although we will have for our use a handicap Porta John. Please consider helping out over this no camping fee weekend for all NAFCA Who lend a hand with our Saturday tasks.

Any questions or concerns please call Don Daniel at (978)664-4294.

I hope to see you for the weekend,
Don Daniel - Chairman

The NAFCA Funny Birds



NAFCaree 2020



NAFCAREE

On the Go in Ontario

As I write this update to the NAFCAREE information, we are in the middle of quarantine. Many activities and vacation plans are being cancelled (including mine to Florida in April) but we are busy at work planning a fabulous NAFCAREE for everyone. We are optimistic that we will be able to travel in July and we look forward to a much needed vacation from all of this quarantine worry.

Since this is the May Issue, the reservation deadline has passed and the trip reservation deadline has also passed but we will entertain further reservations for trips because the virus has forced us to make those purchases of tickets later than we might have. Please send them to me ASAP.

There are a few items I want to highlight:

NAFCA Day Dinner is a Pig Roast – The menu is:

Roasted Pig, Stuffed Chicken Supreme with spinach feta and red pesto, Rice Pilaf, Garlic Mashed Potato, Baked Beans, Corn on the Cob, Green Beans with Rosemary and Garlic in Steamed white wine, Caesar Salad, Greek Pasta Salad, Buns and Butter, Coffee and Tea

The bar will be open, and we have reserved the nice hall for this event. We are offering this at a savings. We are hoping that all of the people who attend the NAFCAREE will join us for this evening meal. The final count is due before we arrive at the NAFCAREE so please sign up through the sign up form.

NAFCaree Trips

TROLLEY TOUR - Sunday – Trolley Tour – We have commandeered our own Kingston Trolley Tour. Explore the history of Canada's first capital aboard our own thirty-two passenger trolley. The trolley will pick up right at the campground and take us to Fort Henry and the Penitentiary Museum, along the way we will hear about the history of Kingston as we make our way from one location to the other. Included in this trip are a guided tour of Fort Henry and a guided tour of the Penitentiary. Explore what Kingston has to offer! (There is a possibility that the Penitentiary will not open this summer – If that is the case we have other stops planned along this historic route)

OTTAWA - Monday – Ottawa "Changing of the Guards" - Please join us for a very full day of activities in the beautiful city of Ottawa. We plan to leave the campground early in a coach bus to travel to Ottawa in time to see the changing of the guards at 10:00 am. There are sooo many things to do in the area of the capital building including restaurants and shops. Our plan is to arrive at Ottawa by 9:00 to see the changing of the guards at 10:00 – this lasts 30 minutes. After that, you will have options. We will plan a walking tour of the area which ends at the restaurant area. A brief lunch stops before heading to a tour of congress then down to the river for a boat ride on the Ottawa River before heading back to the campground. If you would like, you can choose to get go off on your own and meet us later at the boat to see what you would like to see. There are free museums and activities in Ottawa. This tour does have a 30 person minimum for the cost of the bus, so please reserve early. If we do not have 30 people, we make other transportation arrangements.

MUSIC MAN - Thursday – Thursday we are planning a trip to Gananoque which is a city slightly north east of Kingston along the St. Lawrence Seaway. We are offering several options for that day, #1 We will be going to a matinee "Music Man" at the Thousand Islands Playhouse – Canada's Dockside Theatre, a waterfront performing arts venue. Again, please reserve early as this will sell out. #2 Join us for the bus ride and enjoy the afternoon at the Thousand Islands Shorelines Casino

where you can enjoy slots and games as well as a buffet. The bus will pick you up for the return trip home. #3. Join us for the bus ride and enjoy the afternoon in Gananoque on your own, (There are many things to do including taking in a boat ride on the Thousand Islands Seaway, which leaves every half hour, or have lunch at the Gananoque Brewing Company.) Just meet us back at the bus at the theater for the bus ride home.

UPPER CANADA VILLAGE - Friday – On Friday we will be going to the Upper Canada Village, a heritage park near Morrisburg Ontario which depicts a 19th century village as it was in Canada. Learn the history and heritage of the first settlers of the area. There are many activities and interesting homesteads to explore, learn to milk the cows and walk a calf, you can visit the bakery and flour mill while you tour the village and learn about life in the 1860's. We will return at a reasonable time to allow for rest and relaxation before your trip home.

Upper Canada Village Tour

With our tour to Upper Canada Village, you'll get to learn how the people of Kingston lived during the 1860's. The village was founded in 1961 and serves to depict life in a rural English Canadian setting during the year 1866. The site includes over 40 historical buildings including some that are still in operation today. Staff dressed in the clothing of this time period discuss aspects of the daily life including social life, music, religion, and politics.

An attraction the entire family can enjoy is the Loucks Farm. Named after the family that owned the original farmhouse along the banks of the St. Lawrence River, you'll be able to visit a large collection of farm buildings, including several barns, a hired man's house, animal pens, as well as touring the main home and gardens. Costumed interpreters will be involved in the typical farming tasks of the era. Children are encouraged to assist with the daily tasks, including milking cows and leading new-born calves around the barnyard.

The Loucks were a very affluent family, and it shows here at the village. They developed a co-op cheese factory to turn their excess milk production into cheese for domestic and international export. Back in the 1860's, cheese was an important revenue source in the local economy. They make the cheese

the same way and with the same equipment that they did in the 1860s. The Loucks affluence is also shown inside the main farmhouse with an impressive square piano in the parlour, dining room furniture, and luxurious fabrics and wallpapers.

On the other side of the agricultural life, was tenant farming. This was a popular option for those who wanted to farm but did not want to leave their home territory. On the surface, these farms appeared to be run on a poorer level than their neighbors who owned their farms, but that was not truly the case. Most tenant farmers dreamed of owning their own farms and tried saving their money to do so. They only spent what they had to on maintenance equipment and general improvements. The farmers here ran smaller and much less sophisticated operations than the Loucks family. They used ox as they were cheaper than horses, had fewer cows, and did most of their work by hand instead of machine.

To remember your trip, you can also dress up in the historical costumes of the time at the Photography Studio, and be taken in an authentic 1860's photograph. In addition to that, the village also offers Canadian crafts such as tinware, yarn and blankets. They also sell historical books, teas, spices, jams and marinades. You can also purchase village bread baked fresh daily, and cheese made from the factory.

We hope you will join us for this adventure back in time.

Gaurav Garg

NAFCaree 2020 Luncheon Cruise

Rideau Acres Campground
Kingston, Ontario, Canada
July 18-25, 2020

I know you, the NAFCa members have doubts on whether this year's NAFCaree will be happening. The committee's plans are moving forward despite the Covid-19 problems. Carol is still taking your reservations and, at this point in time, all the trips are a go! All you need to do is fill in the reservation form in Campfire Chatter and include a \$100 check payable to NAFCa and mail to Carol Robison, 18 Amy Avenue, Leominster, MA 01453.

I will now give you a little info on the Tuesday, July 21, Luncheon Cruise. The price which includes our transportation from Rideau Acres to the boat dock, 3 hours ride on the Island

Star (our twin hull boat), your choice of 4 different plated meals prepared right onboard our boat fresh. Meals offered as follows: Beef Bordelaise; Wild Mushroom Chicken Supreme; Fresh Ontario Rainbow Trout; or Mediter-

anean Stuffed Pepper. Along with the above entrée choice you will also get, as part of the meal, bread basket; smoked peach Arcadian Salad and Chefs Dessert. Coffee and Tea also

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Reservation Form		Wednesday -- NAFCaree Day Pig Roast	
2020 NAFCaree		___ Tickets @\$20.00 \$ _____	
On the Go in Ontario		Thursday -- Gananaque / Music Man	
Rideau Acres Campground		___ Tickets @\$55.00 \$ _____	
Kingston, Canada		Thursday -- Gananaque Bus only	
July 18-25, 2020		___ Tickets @\$30.00 \$ _____	
Deposit Deadline, April 15, 2020		Friday -- Upper Canada Village	
Names of all individuals in your rig. All must be members of NAFCa.		___ Tickets @\$58.00 \$ _____	
_____		TRIPS TOTAL \$ _____	
_____		Clothing Order Form	
Address _____		Tee Shirts	
City, State, Zip _____		___ Small @12.00 \$ _____	
Cell # _____		___ Medium @12.00 \$ _____	
E-mail _____		___ Large @12.00 \$ _____	
# Adults ___ # Children ___ Chapter # ___		___ X-Large @12.00 \$ _____	
# of Pets ___		___ 2X @14.00 \$ _____	
Rig Type _____ Length _____		___ 3X @14.00 \$ _____	
Registration for Camper: _____		___ 4X @14.00 \$ _____	
Registration for Towed or Tow Vehicle _____		___ 5X @14.00 \$ _____	
_____		___ 6X @14.00 \$ _____	
Camping W/E/S @\$395.00 \$ _____		Polo Shirts	
Friday Arrival @ \$56.00 \$ _____		___ Small @18.00 \$ _____	
Sunday departure @ \$56.00 \$ _____		___ Medium @18.00 \$ _____	
Camping W/E @\$365.00 \$ _____		___ Large @18.00 \$ _____	
Friday Arrival @ \$51.00 \$ _____		___ X-Large @18.00 \$ _____	
Sunday departure @ \$51.00 \$ _____		___ 2X @22.00 \$ _____	
Extra Adult over 18 @ \$120.00 \$ _____		___ 3X @22.00 \$ _____	
2nd Family in rig @ \$190.00 \$ _____		___ 4X @22.00 \$ _____	
TOTAL FOR CAMPING \$ _____		___ 5X @22.00 \$ _____	
Deposit \$100.00 \$ _____		___ 6X @22.00 \$ _____	
TRIPS RESERVATION FORM			
Sunday -- Trolley Tour of Kingston			
___ Tickets @\$70.00 \$ _____			
Monday -- Ottawa & Canal			
___ Tickets @\$85.00 \$ _____			
Ottawa bus only			
___ Tickets @\$55.00 \$ _____			
Tuesday -- Luncheon Cruise			
___ Tickets @\$85.00 \$ _____			
Tuesday PM -- Ghost Tour			
___ Adults @\$24.00 \$ _____			
___ Children @\$20.00 \$ _____			
17 and under			

come with each meal. There is a full service cash bar from which you may purchase mixed drinks, beer, wine and soft drinks. Meals will be served while the boat will be cruising and we will be seated along the outer glass enclosed walls of the dining area. You will be free to roam around the boat, inside or on deck after we have had our meal.

At the conclusion of our cruise our Trolley transportation will be waiting for us at the dock to bring us back to the campground.

The price of this once in a life time Luncheon Cruise is only \$85 per person. You are getting a lot for your money with this not to be missed trip! I know all who partake of this cruise will have a great tasting meal and boat ride. Also remember there are only 32 total place settings for the cruise and we already have two meals taken! Please don't wait to make your reservation as this trip will undoubtedly sell out very fast. Come on board and have a glorious afternoon with your NAFCA friends.

Maureen & Don Daniel – Cruise Directors



NAFCaree 2020 Clothing

The body of water that surrounds Rideau Acres Campground is the same water that feeds into Lake Ontario, one of the 5 Great Lakes. This water runs over the river rocks smoothing their surface. For many years these rocks have served as markers for direction when stacked.

You can find our group easily when you are seen wearing this historical image commemorated on the logo of the event.

The sun setting or rising at the back of a stack of rounded river rocks. A simple design that looks so impressive complete with our event details.

Whether you are able to attend for the week or you just like the look, we offer you three clothing options – crew neck T-shirt, polo shirt and crew neck sweat shirt!

See the order form in Campfire Chatter to place your order today!



Nafcaree Raffle - Beautiful Hand Knit Nafca Sweaters

The NAFCAREE committee has been given a set of beautiful hand knit sweaters with the NAFCA logo hand stitched on the back. These were donated by Everett Mitchell knit by the Pine Tree Chapter.

RAFFLE Tickets will be sold at all NAFCA events and are available to anyone:

Price: 3 tickets for \$ 5.00
10 tickets for \$10.00

Drawing to be held at the NAFCAREE. You do not need to be at the NAFCAree to win.

Sizes: There are 2 size sweaters – 1 is a M/L and XL/XXL. You may choose the size sweater you would like to buy a raffle ticket for. They will be raffled individually.



Mass. State Annual Scusset Beach Campout June 25-28 2020

It's that time of year again and we are making plans for the Annual Mass State Scusset Weekend. According to my records, this will be our 25th year. Come see why this has been a favorite all these years. Everyone is welcome to attend this relaxing weekend.

If you like the "Beach" you will enjoy this campout and we would love to have you join us. We camp in the Safari field at Scusset Beach; where it is only a 5 minute walk across the parking lot and then down the boardwalk to the beach. You can walk 5 minutes in another direction and be at the end

of the Cape Cod Canal; some bring a chair and just sit and watch while others enjoy some or all of the 7 mile canal road, only open to pedestrians, where you can walk, run, bike, skate or fish (with a permit). There are also plenty of other things to do in the area or just enjoy the friendship and fun of the group. We are also allowed to have 1

**Registration Form
Scusset Beach Campout
June 25th thru June 28th , 2020
Deadline: June 7, 2020
(Please write legible and all areas are required)**

Name: _____
(need adults first names)

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Please list children – name & age

Phone _____

Chapter # _____

E-Mail _____

Vehicle License Plate #'s (Required)

Motorhome/Trailer
_____ State _____

Truck or Car vehicle
_____ State _____

Number pets: dogs ___ cats ___ other ___

Fri. & Sat. @\$50 \$ _____

Thur. Fri. & Sat. @\$75 \$ _____

2nd Family @\$25 \$ _____

Name _____
Include all family members and children's ages

Extra Adult @\$12 \$ _____

Name _____

Total enclosed \$ _____

Make checks payable to: Mass Co-ord Committee
Mail to: Kathy Lena
289 Summer St.
New Bedford MA 02740
Questions Call Kathy 508 993 4358
Email kmlturbo@aol.com
or Linda @ 508-867-3294

fire for the group in the Safari Field

We can only take 75 rigs in the field so please fill out your reservation form completely and send it in. You will still have to stop at the campground office on your way in to check in and get your car tags; don't forget your rabies paperwork for your pet, as they will need to see it.

We will be providing a French toast & sausage breakfast on Saturday morning and an ice cream social on Saturday night at coffee an, which is included in your camping fee. We ask that you bring something for coffee an for 1 night and we will let you know upon arrival which night to bring it. We have the use of the beautiful pavilion for the weekend.

Any one with questions please free to contact me by phone or email.

As of now the weekend is still on, when I hear different, I will pass it along.

Kathy Lena
Chairman
508 993 4358
kmlturbo@aol.com

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Current membership is 611

At the PV8 Open House held in March, 8 new members joined NAFCA. We also had a new member join in Maine.

As we mentioned last month, we need a Membership Recruiter. This position could be one person or a few that could form a committee. The re-

quirements would be to come up with recruiting ideas and to also work on the recruitment to get new members. If you are interested, please send an email to membership@nafca.org or call Rose at 978-667-3565 or Linda at 508-867-3294

NAFCA CARES

On PV8's sicklist are the following:

- Art Carone, in the hospital
 - Richard and Mary Ellen LaValley
 - Gary Pelletier, hospital
 - Henry Dryden
 - Dan and Maureen Pelletier
- HAPPY NEWS

Bob and Rae Bishop, Ch. 114 just celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on April 23. WOW!!

DIED

Joe Keeler, longtime PV8 and NAFCA member, died on March 20. He was a retired veteran of the US Army and had retired from 30 years of driving truck for Friendly's Ice Cream. He leaves his wife, "Lou", a son in Colorado, a daughter in Illinois, 3 grand daughters and a very special grandson-Little Joey. Both Joe and Lou loved camping and attended many Chapter, State and NAFCA events. It was always a pleasure to park next to them and "shoot the breeze" with some one

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CAMP WITH NAFCA

Yes, we'd like to join NAFCA and enclosed you'll find our dues for the membership we've selected below, 1, 2, or 3 years. We understand that our membership covers all the benefits listed, which includes a subscription to Campfire Chatter. We will receive our membership card and privilege to NAFCA activities and benefits by mail.

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SMOKE SIGNALS



Mattabessett #86

Well it is April 7th as I jot down some thoughts. A few very bad weeks are ahead of us. I'm hoping all my irreplaceable camping friends make it through the virus obstacle course unscathed. Out of caution, our chapter cancelled its mid-April meeting and also decided not to attend the NAFCA Spring Safari. Computers have allowed us to remain in regular contact. Sue Libby also pops up on our screens and keeps up our morale with healthy doses of humor. Our chapter has signed up for group campout in mid-July and has high hopes that the virus won't derail a fun time.

Without camping as an excuse to ignore the maintenance of your yard, now is a perfect time to make it as attractive as your neighbors' and stop their complaints. It's funny how the government considers Agway as an indispensable business and allows it to remain open to sell you "lifesaving" fertilizer and lime. Speaking of that, how is it that liquor stores are allowed to remain open? From reading my AARP magazine, alcoholic beverages lower your resistance to infection and worsen joint inflammation. If you then say, "Well, I can cut back on the alcohol and instead enjoy some rich desserts as comfort food in these trying times." Be advised that loading up on sugar has the same negatives as alcohol. One final thought. My wife Deb came up with the silver lining. A lot of us are elderly and are vulnerable to being robbed. If some young punk approaches you in a suspicious manner, start coughing vigorously and offer to make their day.

See you on the other side,

Jeff Bell, Mattabessett Secretary

Wolf Den #103

Happy Memorial Day!!

It's March 23, 2020 and as I sit here, complying to Governor Lamont's request, by working from home on my computer, I watch the cardinals fluttering between the fluffy snowflakes. We're supposed to get 1-4 inches of snow throughout the night into the morning. My daffodils have blossomed, and the robins are saying spring has sprung. We've had a few warm days, then it got cold once again. I really didn't believe winter was over just yet.

As of today, the State of CT is under shelter-in-place, pretty much Lockdown. This means only essential employees are to report to work. Most businesses already implemented their employees to work from home. I'm fortunate I do get to work from home! Universities and schools have either closed until further notice, and most are doing on-line courses for the remainder of the semester. Sadly, graduations have already been cancelled. We all need to Unite together to help and support one another getting through these troubled times.

Our world is in a state of challenging times, due to the World Wide COVID-19 (Corona Virus) Pandemic - AKA Chinese virus, as this is where the pandemic started from, Wuhan, China.

President Trump has issued a Nationwide warning to ask the public to stay home, and only go out if deemed necessary for groceries, and to adhere to the social distancing (6 ft apart). NO HUGGING!!! Even family, which is difficult to do for us huggers, especially during the time we are able to get together with family.

I, as the Secretary of Wolf Den #103, have not been able to schedule our first club meeting to discuss this summer's campouts. As campers, we are all in a state of wonder... wondering if we'll even be able to camp this summer. For now, it's a wait and see.

God bless each and every one of you for health and safety. If you need anything, reach out to your family or neighbor. We are all in this together! We will persevere and come back stronger than ever! I pray by the time this article is published in the Chatter, that all the nationwide restrictions has lifted and we can move on to normal lives once again!

Submitted by Arlene Goodwin
Wolf Den 103 Secretary



Pine Tree #33

Hello everybody, well we are almost into camping Season but have come into some snags. With what is going on in this world its unsafe to keep scheduled things we planned. Our first April meeting was cancelled, also some NAFCA events, it is very unsafe and keep everybody safe.

Pine Tree did have a table they reserved for the Augusta RV show and went well, thanks to some Pine Tree members that volunteered their time. Also we are hoping for the NAFCA Spring Safari in Spencer, Massachusetts which Everett wants to set up a table for Pine Tree so they know what we are all about. (Ed. Note, The Spring Safari has been canceled).

We are not open yet, snow is still on the ground and is still too cold, so the gate will be locked until Brian Hodgdon decides it is safe to do so. The ground is very muddy and ruts. We will all have to be patient and be safe.

It has been very stressful for all of us. We are all Americans and strong, as we say in Boston, Boston Strong. Keep positive thoughts that our camping season is a good one. Keep in touch with your friends and check on them, like I do.

Take care of yourself, see you soon.
Sincerely,
Doris Mitchell

Penobscot Valley Acres #37

It's odd sometimes how things work out. I was feeling a bit down because many of our family and friend were planning big early spring vacations and traveling to wonderful places and we were not. Once again a big trip was not in our budget for this year, of course I feel fortunate to have our little camping spot on Hudson Stream and was looking forward to our stay-cation but...! Then comes the Corona virus and people are canceling trips left and right. Our stay-cation is looking pretty sweet and as I had mentioned before my vacation time is all approved. This may change if staffing become a problem due to illness but as it stands now I'm good. Our nursing facility is on a "lock down" so to speak, no visitors allowed except in hard ship cases and staff have to pass a health screen every day to go in to work. I am looking forward to going to our little campground and continuing social distancing from there. I send out prayers to all effected by this horrible virus either physically or emotionally, may it flat line and end soon.

Please use precautions as outlined by the CDC to prevent the spread of this virus and...

Safe Travels!

Janet Bagley



Massachusetts State Director

As I sit to write this it is April 1st, but not fooling. I am the newly elected Mass State Director. Some say "it's about time" and others "what were you thinking" either way I'm in and need some help. So if you've been thinking about it, come talk to me and I'll give you the details.

In June we have the Mass State Scusset Weekend, write up and reservation form is in this issue of Chatter and August we have the Mass Multi Chapter @ Travelers Woods check back to see the details on that outing. The Team has also started working on the Mass Fall Frolic at Spencer Fairgrounds. If you have a proposal for the

2021 Fall Frolic let me know so we can get them into the August Chatter for a vote in September.

At our meeting in March we voted on the 2021 location of the Mass Dinner Dance, which will once again be at the Holiday Inn Express in Sturbridge on January 30, 2021.

At these uncertain times we don't know what's going on with our upcoming camping season, or anything else for that matter, but we will continue to make plans and keep our fingers crossed that we don't have to cancel.

Be smart and stay safe.

Kathy Lena

Massachusetts State Director

Pioneer Valley #8

As of now everything is in lock down. The hall is closed for now but I hope it will be ok by the time this issue comes out. We are planning on having a meeting via computer. Our first scheduled campout is June 12th - 14th PV8 Spring Safari

Tony & Ellen Migneault

Squaw-No-Cook #30

Hello,

Well, the world has certainly changed in such a short time, hasn't it? I hope everyone one of you is safe and well.

Spring - the calendar says it's spring. Honest. It does!!! However, today - the 23rd of March - it's snowing. I think there are currently 3 inches out there with the possibility of a few more. Maybe...

It was so nice the other day that Jim checked out the camper and yes, did find a mouse in the "usual" spot. In his case, the usual spot is, for some unknown reason, where the water heater is. He doesn't know why.

We had an indoor meeting for March - in the afternoon and boy, did we have a crowd!! It was so nice to see everyone! The meeting was short and I think we spent more time chatting and visiting, which was totally fine with me. There were plenty of treats - like frosted pretzels, chips and dip, cheese and crackers, trifle, and more - the snack table was full!!

A run down of the upcoming campouts are May - Pearl Hill (CANCELED), June (unsure where though), and the Schofield / Hayes campouts are currently scheduled for May - Bear Creek; July - Old Holbrook and Bear

Creek; August - Old Holbrook and Old Orchard Beach; September - Newport; and October - Horseshoe Acres. As always, all are invited. Of course - I suspect these campouts are subject to change, based on how things are going in the world.

Also, a small group of us went to see the show *The Drowsy Chaperone* at the Theater at the Mount. It was quite funny and not what I was expecting. Well, to be honest, I had read a little bit about the show and I still didn't know about it. But the characters, how they acted and sounded and interacted with each other - laugh we all did!!! It was very good. Jim was pleasantly surprised as well.

We were thinking of having the next meeting in the afternoon as well, but I suspect we won't be seeing anyone until almost May.

Again, I hope everyone stays safe and well.

All the best,

Barbara Starr

Canvasback #157

Hi to all in NAFCA Land. This camping season sure has gone off to a rather rough start. First, I canceled the April edition of your NAFCA Conservation Weekend all due to this Corvid19 Pandemic. As I write this for smoke signals we still do not know if NAFCA's Annual Meeting weekend at Country Aire Campground (April 24-26) will take place.

We in NAFCA are at a pivotal time for our association. We now have a new president and first vice president, lots of things should be changing within NAFCA which may also be put on hold. Fear not we will come through this stronger and better then we went into this national problem. In NAFCA this gives us all a chance to reshape our future. Our new leader ship has the potential to bring us, as a camping club, back from the brink with everyone helping. We all need each other to step up and do your part for the good of NAFCA. What do you say? Will you join with me and help in making a better and stronger NAFCA? We can and will do it together.

Canvasback is still planning on holding it's July 1-5 camp out at Wadleigh Falls Campground in Lee, NH. All are most welcome to enjoy the weekend with us. Planned so far is a breakfast, a potluck supper and one

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evening meal out to a local restaurant. The campground has a nice swimming pool, basketball court and horseshoes, a laundromat, enclosed hall, the lam-prey river flows past the lower portion of the campground. There are events planned by the campground for Saturday the fourth. You'll need to call the campground to make your own reservation in the safari field. All sites are on a first come basis. The office telephone number is (603) 361-7871.

Next up, July 18 thru 25 for NAFCAree 2020 "On The Go In Ontario". As you know this is a must week of fun in Kingston, Ontario, Canada. The committee has worked very diligently on your behalf to give you, our NAFCA friends a wonderful week with our northern neighbors. This week will be so much fun for the whole family. We have trips planned as well as Rideau Acres Campground activities. The general Kingston area offers many enjoyable family friendly things to see and do.

Much more info on NAFCAree is in Campfire Chatter as well as a reservation form. All you'll need to do is fill out the reservation form and include a \$100 deposit (checks payable to NAFCA) and you'll be on your way to one of the very best NAFCAree weeks ever!

Until next we need to keep the campfire burning.

Don Daniel - Correspondent





Come and Get It!

Email your recipes to
russrider@aol.com



Thank you to David and Paula Colvin for submitting these recipes.

Four Ingredient Macaroons

- 1 (14 oz) bag shredded sweetened Coconut
- 1 (14 oz) can sweetened condensed milk
- 2 cups chocolate chips
- 2/3 cup almonds, chopped

Preheat oven to 325°. Line a large baking sheet/cookie sheet with parchment. Mix all ingredients together well in a large bowl. Drop by Tablespoons on a prepared sheet-about the size of large marbles. Wet your hands and press down on each "ball" to form a small disk. Bake 14 to 17 minutes or until coconut is brown at the edges and starts to get golden on the top. Cool for 1 minute on the sheets, then remove to a rack to cool completely.

Creamy Ham & Potato Soup

- 4 tbsp butter
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 1 cup celery, diced
- 1/2 tsp dried basil
- 3 cups water
- 2 medium potatoes with skin on, scrubbed well and cut in chunks
- 1 cup thickly diced ham 1/4 tsp black pepper
- 1/2 cup cornstarch
- 3/4 cup water
- 1 cup heavy cream, light cream or half and half
- Salt, to taste.

In a deep, heavy saucepan, melt butter over medium heat; add the onions, celery and basil.

Saute until the celery and onions are just beginning to get tender.. Add the water, potatoes, ham and pepper. Cook until potatoes are tender.

Mix the cornstarch with the water. Slowly add the cornstarch/water mixture to the soup. You may not have to add it all; do it in small steps. The final

consistency should be that of a very thick pudding-a spoon should almost stand straight up in it. Stir constantly until the mixture bubbles. Gradually add cream, stirring constantly, to thin the soup out to the desired consistency. You may have to use more cream, depending on the desired thickness. Add salt, if desired to taste. Heat through (do not boil) and serve with a salad or crusty roll. 4 servings

Banana Butter Nut Pancakes

- 1 Tbsp unsalted butter
- 1/4 cup pecans, chopped
- 2 medium bananas, mashed
- 1 1/2 cup baking mix
- 2 tbsp sugar
- 3/4 cup milk

Melt the butter over medium-high heat in a heavy skillet. When butter starts to sizzle, add the pecans. Stir constantly until nicely toasted and you get that "buttered pecan" aroma. The butter will brown-just don't let it burn. Remove from heat and let the pecans cool to room temperatures.

In a large bowl, mix remaining ingredients and add the cooled pecans (and whatever butter remains in the skillet). Stir until combined. Grease your griddle by rubbing about 1/4 tsp butter around on it with a paper towel. Pour batter on griddle using a scant 1/4 cup of batter. When bubbles appear on top of the pancake, flip it and cook for another 3-5 minutes or until the underneath is golden brown. Keep warm in a 200° oven while you make the entire batch.

You may need to add less or more milk depending on how much liquid is in the bananas. Start with a little less than 3/4 cup and add enough to get a good thick pancake batter. Serve 4

Sausage & Rice Skillet

- 1 Tbsp butter
- 1 Tbsp olive oil
- 1 lb cooked bratwurst, sliced
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 1 small red bell pepper, seeded and chopped
- 2 cups broccoli florets
- 1 1/2 cups cooked rice
- 1 tsp garlic powder
- 1 tsp onion salt
- 1/4 tsp pepper
- 1 cup extra-sharp cheddar cheese, shredded

Heat a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add butter and olive oil till butter sizzles. Add the sliced bratwurst and onions. Cook for about 5 minutes until onion is tender and sausage begins to brown.

Add the red bell pepper and broccoli. Cover, reduce heat, and cook about 5 minutes. Add the cooked rice, garlic powder, onion salt, and pepper. Combine well, cover, and heat until rice is hot. Add the shredded cheese and remove from heat. Stir until cheese is melted.

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.

It's Up To You!

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2020 Calendars

NATIONAL EVENTS

- May 14-17** **NAFCA Spring Safari**
CANCELED
- July 18-25** **2020 NAFCAree**
Rideau Acres Campground
1014 Cunningham Road
Kingston, Ontario, Canada
- August 8** **NAFCA Summer Full Board Meeting**
Travelers Woods
Campground
152 River Road
Bernardsten, MA.
- Oct 16-18** **NAFCA Conservation Weekend**
Otter River State Forest
86 Winchendon Road
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STATE EVENTS

- June 25-28** **Scusset Beach Campout**
Scusset Beach State Res.
Sandwich MA
- Aug. 7-9** **Mass. Multi-chapter**
Travelers Woods
Campground
152 River Road
Bernardsten, MA.
- Aug 20-23** **Annual Quilting Weekend**
Country Aire Campground
Charlemont, MA.
- Sept 10-13** **VT/NH Fall Frolic**
River Meadow Campground
3125 Dartmouth College
HWY
N. Haverhill, NH 03774

Sept. 24-27 **Massachusetts Fall Frolic**
Spencer Fairgrounds
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CHAPTER EVENTS

- July 30-Aug 2** **International Weekend**
CANCELED
- Sept 17-20** **Camp-O-Rama**
Second Beach
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who was always in a good mood. The address for cards for the family is 109 Balboa Dr., Springfield, MA. 01119-2903.

IN THE SERVICE

Please keep all our members in the US Armed Forces in your prayers for safe and speedy return home. Prayers also for all our medical folks, first responders, medical staff and all the other people who are helping to keep our people safe, fed and healthy!

Keep hose supporting our citizens at this terrible time of Covid 19 pandemic. May we all stay safe at home and be healthy for this year's camping season!

BE SAFE AND COVER YOUR FACE!!

NAFCA Cares
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Seasonal Camping opening for the 2020 Camping season this year. Things to do around the Campground area Auburn Lake for Fishing and Boating, Great Falls Balloon Festival in Lewiston Auburn area August 14-16. Moxie Festival July 10-12 in Lisbon Maine, Yarmouth Clam Festival July 17-19 over 6,000 Lbs. of Clams were served 6,000 Lbs. of Lobster Rolls. ice cold 13,500 Lime Rickies. Maine Lobster Festival July 29-August 2, Rockland Harbor Park 19,000 Lbs. Lobsters serviced last year. Ricker Apple Orchards and Distillery next door in Turner, Maine. All our sites have 50 Amp Electric and Water along with sites with 30 Amp. Electric for visitors. Good size Clubhouse for our dinners and activities which include Ice Cream Socials every Friday night at 7:00pm for \$1.00. Chinese Auction, Bingo, Cribbage nearby areas for Golfing. Cost for 2020 Camping Season is \$360.00 for the Season. You do not have to remove your Camper at the end of the Season you can leave it till the beginning of the next Season for no extra cost. The 30 Amp sites for visitors is \$15.00 per day.. Stay safe & Healthy hope to see you at Spencer, Mass. at the NAFCA Spring Safari.

Vice-President Everett Mitchell