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## President's Message

Last weekend was a wonderful example of camping the "NAFCA way"! We were so blessed to be able to hold our meeting and gathering outside in SUN (not rain with umbrellas). We were able to hold the full board on Sat. morning at Circle CG in Bellingham, MA, one of our sustaining members. The host was Rhode Island and what great hosts they were!

It was great to listen to ideas, suggestions and hopefully find some workable solutions. I feel we all worked together for a common cause....a better NAFCA! We will find a way in which it will be a one membership vote for NAFCAree and NAFCA Spring Safari (now it is an officers and delegate vote) which will better represent a larger member count. We will raise the dues slightly with less of a gap between the 2 and 3 year amount, thus not requiring an extra fee for a printed copy of Chatter but still encourage e-mail copy. The NAFCA books have been audited with a compliment of efficiency to our treasurer Bill Neeb.

After a trip by some committee members, chair-Irene Phelps talked about "Beat the Drum in 2021" NAFCAree in Gettysburg. Lots of new things to do even if you have gone before. The NAFCA Spring Safari is still on tap for May 14-16, 2021 at the Spencer Fairgrounds under the leadership of Tony & Ellen Migneault. I read correspondence received from the Daniel family.

We have not filled the Campfire Chatter editor position. Proposals for 2022 NAFCAree and NAFCA Spring Safari are due by Feb. 28, 2021 to President Linda Ostiguy ([linandjimo@Verizon.net](mailto:linandjimo@Verizon.net)) so they can go into Campfire Chatter. The MA Co-ord committee is seeking a meeting place for their Nov. meeting (currently only 30 with social distance) so they will let all know what can be obtained. Right now the MA Dinner Dance in Sturbridge is still a go BUT please remember that things are constantly CHANGING! We have a plan to obtain Auxiliary items, catalog them and have a "sale", will keep you up to date. There is a possibility of two new chapters in NAFCA! At this time NO Annual meeting for 2020 is planned. MA will host the Council for 2021.

Let's be POSITIVE and WORK TOGETHER, President, Linda

### 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.

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**State Director's Report**

10/1/20

We are trying to make plans for the Mass Coordinating Committee Meeting in November. We cannot have it on the 1<sup>st</sup> and I am not available on the 8<sup>th</sup>. The 15th is booked by another group, so we are hoping for the 22<sup>nd</sup>. We are limited to the # of people in the meeting room, right now it is 30 and is subject to change in either direction. We don't normally have that many anyway, so we should be good.

So we will keep everyone posted as we learn new things.

I finally heard from the hotel for the Mass Dinner & Dance and that is not looking good at this time-the hotel is not a problem, but the dinner & dance may be. Our contact from the hotel is optimistic that things will get better in time for our event. So let's wait a little and see what changes come around.

I hope everyone is staying safe and healthy.

Hope to see people out soon – SAFELY  
Kathy Lena

Mass State Director

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**2021 NAFCAre**

SAVE THE DATES!

July 17 – 24, 2021

Drummer Boy Camping Resort

1300 Hanover Street

Gettysburg, PA 17325

Web Site:

<https://drummerboycampresort>



NAFCA Members, please plan on joining us for the 2021 NAFCAre at Drummer Boy Camping Resort in Gettysburg PA.

This month, the NAFCAre Committee would like to highlight some of the trips we are planning. **These are all preliminary and subject to change, but we hope to have a lot more details and a reservation form in next month's Chatter.**

**Gettysburg Battlefield Guided Tour:** Travel the historic fields of Gettysburg in the comfort of an air-conditioned guided tour bus and watch history come alive through the eyes of a licensed guide. Enjoy a truly unique perspective into the three-day Battle of Gettysburg.



**Train Trip - North Central Railway of York:** 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 can meet presidents and generals and perhaps a famous author, experience the Wild West, enjoy the spirit of the season any time of year 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. [www.northerncentralrailway.com/](http://www.northerncentralrailway.com/)

**Registration Form  
NAFCAre 2021**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Emerg. Contact Phone \_\_\_\_\_

# Adults \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter to camp with: # \_\_\_\_\_

Children/Teen Names \_\_\_\_\_ Age(s) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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 later departure @ \$90 per night \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(please list night(s)) \_\_\_\_\_

Extra Adult @ \$ 50.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(18 and over)

2nd Family @ \$100.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name of 2nd Family \_\_\_\_\_

2nd Family Children/Teens Names Age \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Cabin Rental Administration fee @ \$50.00

Make your own reservation-several types of cabins available.)

Admin Fee @\$50.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Non NAFCA member add 1 Yr Membership @\$25.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Initial Deposit \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**Day Trip to Washington DC:** Join us for a guided tour of our nation's capital in an air-conditioned bus to view many of the most popular buildings and monuments. We hope to have a full list of the sites we will see and the stops we will make in the next Chatter.

**Day Trip to Lancaster:** Join us for an air-conditioned bus tour of the backroads of Lancaster to get a glimpse into Lancaster County life with the Amish Farm and House Countryside Bus Tours. This 90-minute bus tour weaves through the farmland, takes riders to a tucked-away covered bridge, and passes Amish schoolhouses, buggies, barns, homes, and farmland vistas, all while sharing stories and facts about the Amish way of life. We will also stop at one of the popular Amish all-you-can-eat restaurants for lunch or dinner.

**Pour Tour:** Join us for a Pour Tour and let us do the driving! The Tour may include selected locations in Adams County that highlights a combination of Wineries, Breweries, Cideries and Distilleries to give you a true taste of Adams County. We will pick one of several available routes to try to accommodate the beer drinkers, wine drinkers and the "whatever you give me" drinkers! We will take you out to sample the best beverages Adams County has to offer. Your ticket will include a free gift, complimentary waters, a guide to the locations you are visiting and most importantly, a safe and reliable mode of transportation so you can enjoy the bounty of beverages available to you! Beverages and food (where available) will be purchased separately at each location.

**Ghosts of Gettysburg Tours:** Hear stories about the **Ghosts of Gettysburg Tour** 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>



**The Pride of the Susquehanna Riverboat (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 in 1988, the Pride has carried over a million passengers. She's 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/>

**Totem Pole Playhouse (Fayetteville):** 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/>

SIGN UP TODAY  
FOR THE 2021  
NAFCAREE!

**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. Please mention that you are with NAFCAs 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 NAFCAs 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_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 NAFCAs Committee

### NAFCAs UNDER COVID

Jim and I wrapped up our camping season on the first weekend in October at Circle CG during the Full Board weekend. This year we planned so much and missed so much as Covid-19 forced us to cancel several events. I will continue with “something is better than nothing”. Remember the fun you had camping and seeing friends at the camping events we have had.

Covid continues to disrupt our plans. With the camping season over for many, and events usually held indoors not safe/allowed for large groups we’ve decided to cancel the Annual Meeting.

Being hopeful that the pandemic will slow down sometime soon, we joined three couples to Pennsylvania to plan NAFCAs 2021 – Gettysburg “Beat the Drum in 2021”.

The Massachusetts Committee is holding on to its plans for the January Dinner Dance, although another event that is dependent on restrictions under this relentless virus. With the holidays coming we all wonder if this will ever end. During these times we need to remember kindness, friendship, and all that we have to be thankful for.

The country is dealing with Covid, wildfires, political rivalry, racism, and more bringing us all down. You can use nature, peace, prayer, but most of all friendships and family to help you through this.

Let us look for the light at the end of the tunnel and do what we can to make this a better world.

Linda Ostiguy, NAFCAs President

### CAMPGROUND AMENITIES

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Impeccably Clean, Modern Restrooms

Game Room & Recreation Hall

Playgrounds

Mini Golf

Store & Gift Shop

Spa & Swimming Pool

250’ Waterslide With Activity Pool

Fishing Pond (no license required!)

Volleyball & Basketball Court

Outdoor Movie Theater



# SMOKE SIGNALS



## #33 Pine Tree

Fall has arrived in Maine with the leaves decorated in their beautiful splendor! Pine Tree Chapter #33 has been busy with fun events and fall raking. The recent Chicken BBQ was a huge success, the chicken was delicious! The meal was followed by an evening of music and dance by the band Country Ridge Riders. So much fun. Thank you to Frank Stone, Jim and Jackie Russell and others for the great food and entertainment.

Pat Fitzsimmons, Nancy MacMillan, Jim Frazier can be seen doing raking, mowing or other duties preparing for winter.

Ann Berry's Harvest Supper will be on Oct.3rd, a wonderful meal with plenty of laughs and fellowship. If the weather holds Columbus Weekend AKA Indigenous Peoples Day, will be game day on Saturday with baseball at 9 AM..

Then shutdown begins with water scheduled for turn off on Oct.12th. Well, I guess that's all for now. Enjoy your fall, the fluffy white stuff is soon to follow.

Submitted by Roberta White



## #37 Penobscot Valley Acres

Well here we are again preparing to close up our little campground. It is always bittersweet for me as I love the Fall, but I hate saying good-bye to our friends. Many of us gathered at the campsite of Debbie and Randy Ramp for an Aloha potluck to say our goodbyes to some of our friends that were leaving for warmer climates. Pictured is "Frenchie" giving them a hula dance send off. We have many members heading to Florida among other warmer states. The Allens made it to Arizona after a blow out on the "5er"... that must have been a scary event. We are all thankful they were okay. The Maccombers and the Willeys started their retirements. We wish them all well! Lucky them!

My hubby and I are still enjoying the camping as we have not pulled our rig out. I have seen some of the most spectacular sunrises as I made my way from the campground to my work. It is awe inspiring, though some mornings have been very cold & crispy.

Once again, we are very thankful to Joe Foss for stepping up and getting the new cultivate project done. He and his crew put in a new cultivate to replace the old crumbling one and widening the driveway to make the egress easier for folks after they finish dumping. They also cleaned up some overgrowth that was impinging on some of the lots. A great job well done.

Well, again I wish you all safe travels where-ever you are wintering and I hope to see you next season and I pray we have an easier time with travel next camping season. Please keep yourself and families safe during this pandemic. As a frontline worker, I am here to tell you the danger is real.

Sincerely  
Janet Bagley



**North American Family Campers Association, Inc.  
Full Board Meeting Minutes  
October 3, 2020  
Circle CG Farm Campground, Bellingham MA**

**Call to Order** – President Linda Ostiguy – Meeting called to order at 10:01 a.m. The members recited the Pledge of Allegiance and held a moment of silence for the sick and departed.

Past NAFCA National Officers were recognized. In attendance were Dianne Crook, Marty Moore, Joe Santos, and Paula Bradley.

Roll Call of National Officers:  
Present: President Linda Ostiguy, Treasurer Bill Neeb.  
Excused: 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Karen Donnelly, Secretary Jim Hurley, Past President Dennis Richardson.

Roll Call of State Directors:  
Present: Massachusetts – Kathy Lena,  
Rhode Island – Dale Bradley  
Excused: New Hampshire – Marilyn Hurley,  
Vermont – Michelle Perry

**Secretary's Report** - The minutes of the August 8, 2020 Full Board meeting were accepted as published in the October Edition of the Campfire Chatter. M/Bill Neeb, S/Dale Bradley; passed.

**Treasurer's Report** – Bill Neeb. Copies of the Treasurer's report for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Ended Sept. 30, 2020 and the Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 2020 were available at the meeting. The Treasurers report was accepted as presented by Bill Neeb, subject to audit. M/Dale Bradley, S/Kathy Lena

Since there has not been an Annual Meeting, copies of the Treasurer's report for the Fiscal Year ended March 31, 2020 were available at the meeting. The Treasurers report was accepted as presented by Bill Neeb, subject to audit. M/Dale Bradley, S/Kathy Lena

**Committee Reports**

NAFCAre 2021–Committee Chair Irene Phelps made a presentation of the event to be held at Drummer Boy Camping Resort, Gettysburg PA, July 17-24, 2021. Theme: Beat the Drum in 2021. 8 people at campsite. Dog policy. Book cottage through NAFCAre contact. Tents are allowed on sites. Literature is available. Train ride, paddleboat, Gettysburg memorial, Washington DC., Winery/Brewery tour. Ghost walk, Playhouse, July 2021 performing Beehive. Reservation forms in the October Chatter. Majority of campsites are in one area at the end of the campground. Introduction of Committee.

**Spring Safari 2021**- Chair Tony & Ellen Migneault, May 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Spencer County Fairgrounds. Possible theme: Let's Have Fun in 2021. Looking to have same committee as 2020.

**Web Site** – Bill Neeb reported that Ben French moved the email address for the Campfire Chatter to CampfireChatter@NAFCA.org.

**Sustaining Members** - The sustaining members haven't changed since the last report. We are still at 27. All current members are up to date with dues.

The Quahaug Chapter was recently camping at Sandy Pond Campground in Plymouth. Keith LeBlanc spoke with the manager about becoming a sustaining member, so I sent them a letter and application. Over the winter months, look over the list and try to schedule a campout somewhere you haven't been and let's hope the virus won't have the same impact on our camping plans as it did this year.

**Membership** – Our current membership is at 576. Since January we have 52 new memberships and 92 not renewing. From that, 27 had been one-time members. In 2019, 60 new members but lost 100 and 46 had been new. Going back to 2018, 80 new members and lost 67, 21 were one-time members. So, we are getting new members, problem is not retaining them. Over the last 3 years, we are losing about a third of members that had one-time memberships. A suggestion was made to send emails to members not renewing asking why they dropped membership.

Discussion ensued about NAFCA's insurance coverage as related to the Maine Chapters, and the risks therein. Additional discussion also ensued as to NAFCA's insurance coverage and costs. By changing insurance carriers earlier this year, NAFCA's premium was reduced by over \$800.

President Linda Ostiguy led a discussion of creating a new Chapter in Maine and in Maryland.

**Sports Rules** – No changes

**Auxiliary** – Linda Ostiguy and Karen Donnelly have committed to taking possession of the NAFCA Auxiliary items from Dale Bradley. They plan to inventory the items and sell off what they can.

**Conservation** - October weekend at Otter River State Park cancelled. Plans are being made to hold the weekend in April 2021.

**Scholarship Committee** – President Linda Ostiguy read the Scholarship Report for the three months ended September 30, 2020.

**NAFCA Cares** - Doris Lewis had a new great grandson.

**Correspondence** - President Ostiguy read two letters received from Don and Virginia Daniel. One refers to improving NAFCA's financial position. The second letter promotes a user fee for events covered by NAFCA's general liability insurance policy to be used to offset the cost of the insurance.

A discussion ensued as to how this recommendation may or may not work at different NAFCA events. Some events, such as the NAFCA booth at the Springfield Camping and RV show, provides insurance for any damages caused by negligence at NAFCA's booth. PV8, who runs the event, is not covered by the NAFCA policy, and therefore has no basis to provide NAFCA with funding for the policy. Also asking Spring Safari to pay NAFCA a portion of its profits, is asking NAFCA to pay NAFCA. The recommendation may hold merit when a Chapter such as the Quahaugs run a public event as Camp-O-Rama or the state Fall Frolic.

**The NAFCAree 2020 Committee** was discharged by President Linda Ostiguy.

**New Business** - President Linda Ostiguy raised the topic of potentially changing the voting procedures for NAFCArees and Spring Safari's from a Chapter delegate vote to a format of membership voting. Discussion ensued as to whether members would need to be present at the Council of Chapters meeting to vote, or if it should be a general membership voting procedure.

**NAFCA Treasury Audit** - An audit of the NAFCA Fiscal Year End financial records was performed by Michael DiMauro Sr. Mike found the treasury records to be in good order.

**Cancellation of Annual Meeting** - Due to Covid restrictions it is difficult if not impossible to hold, at this time of year, an indoor meeting. Therefore, the decision has been made to cancel this meeting.

**Campfire Chatter Editor Position** - Dick Basha, has presented his last edition. No successor has been named. The officers request that members poll their chapters for a candidate for the position.

**NAFCA Membership Dues Increase** - The Board has decided on a dues increase which will go into effect as of January 1, 2021. The dues structure will be 1 yr./\$30, 2 yr./\$55, 3 yr./\$75.

A question about converting all members to a January renewal date was raised and discussion ensued as to its feasibility. There is also concern about chapters collecting dues on behalf of NAFCA, as this practice has led to lost membership funds and records.

**Proposals Request** for Spring Safari 2022 and NAFCAree 2022 - Deadline for proposals for these events will be February 28, 2021.

**Campfire Chatter Subscription Cost** - President Linda Ostiguy reported on a member's suggestion to charge a fee for the printed Chatter. A discussion ensued as to the pros and cons of doing so. However, it is stated that in the Campfire Chatter and on membership cards that the Chatter is included in the dues. It was decided that this recommendation required further study.

### State Directors Reports

#### Massachusetts / Kathy Lena

Good Morning. Not much going on in the state of Mass. since the last meeting, everything has been canceled. Hope everyone is staying safe & healthy. As of now we, are shooting for November 15 for the MA Coordinating Meeting. Conflicts on dates—we will keep you posted. Still waiting to hear about the MA Dinner Dance. Happy Camping, Kathy Lena, MA State Director

#### Rhode Island / Dale Bradley

In Rhode Island, we did manage to camp a few times. Best was the week some of us spent in Vermont. Thanks to Bill Neeb and his group that made reservations. No indoor meetings of the chapter have been held since February. Regretfully, we had to cancel Camp-O-Rama.

We waited until the last minute when it was necessary to do so when travel restrictions went up. I am gratified for NAFCA's sake for the good turnout this weekend. Enjoy the homemade goodies provided by Shari Waterman. Thanks Shari. Everyone is invited to an American Chop Suey supper. Thanks to the Falkofs and helpers. Hopefully, we will see all again next year.

**For the Good of NAFCA** - Kathy Lena brought up the subject about the NAFCA Facebook page. Kathy would like the Board to post more information. If the Board provides more information and the members feel included, it may eliminate some of the negative chatter on Facebook. Kathy mentioned that it is perceived that the Board is keeping secrets. A discussion ensued as to the proper use of Facebook and how we can use it to promote NAFCA. Private Group versus public pages was discussed.

Following the discussion, a member asked if permission was granted to the Facebook administrators to use the NAFCA logo.

Paula Bradley suggested more information be provided by the Board in the Campfire Chatter, perhaps in the Presidents message and in State Director reports.

Meeting adjourned at 12:07 pm. M/Bill Neeb S/Dale Bradley; Passed

Respectfully Submitted by Bill Neeb, NAFCA Treasurer

### MEMBERSHIP DUES INCREASE

In light of the financial hardship NAFCA has been facing over the past few years, the Board has decided that a dues increase is necessary.

As of January 1st, 2021, the NAFCA membership dues will be \$30 for one year, \$55 for two years, and \$75 for three years.

While the increase in the 2nd and 3rd year membership dues have gone up significantly, you can still take advantage of a multiple year discount.

We appreciate your support in strengthening NAFCA's overall financial health.

### MEMBERSHIP

Current Membership 576

For the month of September, there were six new members. Three joined Maine chapters and two joined to attend the NAFCAree.



Please Support Our **NAFCA SUSTAINING MEMBERS**

\$\$ Indicates campgrounds offering a 10% discount off regular daily rate

(GR) Indicates Group Rates are available

## Connecticut

### \$\$Hide-A-Way Cove

1060 North Road  
East Killingly, CT 06243  
860-774-1128

### \$(GR)Mineral Springs Family CG

135 Leonard Road  
Stafford Springs, CT 06076  
860-684-2993  
mineralspringscampground.com

### \$\$Nature's Campsites LLC

96 Ekonk Hill Road  
Voluntown, CT 06384  
860-376-4203  
naturescampsites.com

### \$\$Nelson's Family Campground

71 Mott Hill Road  
East Hampton, CT 06424  
860-267-5300  
nelsonscampground.com  
Discount not holiday or discount days

### Ross Hill Campground

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

### \$\$RV Parts & Electric

2385 So. Leonard St.  
Waterbury, CT 06706  
203-754-5962  
A1Awning@snet.com

### \$\$Wolfs Den Family Campground

256 Town St.  
East Haddam, CT 06434  
860-873-9681  
wolfsdencampground.com  
Discount not holiday or discount days

## Massachusetts

### Bonny Rigg Camping Club, Inc

59 Main St  
Becket, MA 01223  
413-623-5366  
bonnyriggcampground.com

### \$\$Circle CG Farm, Inc

131 North Main St.  
Bellingham, MA 02019  
508-966-1136  
circlegfarm.com

### \$\$Country Aire Campground

1735 Route 2  
Shelburne Falls, MA 01370  
413-625-2996  
countryairecampground.com

### Flagg RV Center

66 W. Boylston St.  
W. Boylston, MA 01583  
800-678-9278  
flaggrv.com

### Lamb City Campground

85 Royalston Road  
Phillipston, MA 01331  
800-292-5262  
lambcity.com

### \$\$Mann's RV

52 Barre Paxton Road  
Rutland, MA 01543  
800-677-4476  
mannsrv.com

### \$\$Oak Haven Family Campground

22 Main St.  
Wales, MA 01081  
413-245-7148  
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  
prospectlakepark.com

### Prospect Mountain Campground

1349 Main Road Rt. 57  
Granville, MA 01034  
413-357-6494  
prospectmountaincampground.com

### Spencer Agricultural Association

48 Smithville Road P.O. Box 46  
Spencer, MA 01562  
508-885-5814  
spencerfair.org

### Village Green Family Campground

228 Sturbridge Road Route 20  
Brimfield, MA 01010  
413-245-3504  
villagegreencampground.com

### Walker Island Campground

27 Route 20  
Chester, MA 01011  
413-354-2295  
walkerislandcamping.com

## Maine

### \$\$Old Orchard Beach Campground

27 Ocean Park Road  
Old Orchard Beach, ME 04064  
207-934-4477  
gocamping.com  
Discount Spring & Fall only  
Not valid on weekly rates

## New Hampshire

### \$\$Chocorua Camping Village KOA

893 White Mountain Highway  
Chocorua, NH 03817  
603-323-8536  
chocoruacamping.com

### \$(GR)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 Route 2  
South Hero, VT 05486  
802-372-3800  
appleislandresort.com

### \$\$Abel Mountain Campground

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

### Pete's RV Center

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



## STUFFED CABBAGE SOUP

4 tbsp extra virgin olive oil  
 1 cup raw white rice  
 1 quart + 2 cups chicken stock, divided  
 1 ½ lbs ground meatloaf mix (pork, veal and beef)  
 ½ tsp allspice  
 1 ½ tsp coriander  
 2 tsp smoked paprika  
 Salt  
 Pepper  
 1 bay leaf  
 1 onion, chopped  
 2 cloves garlic, minced  
 1 carrot thinly sliced with a vegetable peeler into strips then finely chopped.  
 ½ to ¾ head savoy cabbage, slice thin  
 1 (28 oz) can diced tomatoes  
 1 cup tomato sauce  
 Handful of flat leaf parsley, chopped  
 3 tbsp dill, finely chopped

Heat a sauce pot over medium high heat with 2 turns of the pan of extra virgin olive oil, about 2 tbsps. Add the rice and toss to coat in oil. Add 2 cups of chicken stock, bring to a simmer, cover and cook for 16-18 minutes or until the rice is tender.

Heat a deep pot over medium high heat. Add the remaining olive oil, once hot add meat and begin to brown, 2 – 3 minutes. Season the meat with allspice, coriander, smoked paprika, salt and pepper. Add bay leaf, onions, garlic and carrots. Cook veggies 2-3 minutes to begin to soften them, then add cabbage and wilt it down a bit. Add tomatoes, tomato sauce, and remaining stock and cover the pot. Raise heat to high and bring to a simmer. Simmer for about 10 minutes. Once the rice is cooked, add to the soup and continue to simmer for 2-3 minutes. Stir in parsley and dill, adjust the salt and pepper to your taste and serve.

## SPICED PUMPKIN CHEESECAKE

38 ginger snaps, finely crushed  
 ¼ cup finely chopped pecans  
 ¼ cup butter melted  
 4 pkg (8 Oz each) cream cheese, softened  
 1 cup sugar  
 1 (15 oz) can pumpkin  
 1 tbsp pumpkin pie spice  
 1 tsp vanilla  
 4 eggs  
 1 cup thawed cool whip topping  
 ½ tsp ground nutmeg

Heat oven to 325°. Mix crumbs, nuts and butter; press onto bottom and 1 inch up side of 9 inch springform pan. Beat cream cheese and sugar with mixer until blended. Add pumpkin, spice and vanilla; mix well. Add eggs, 1 at a time, mixing after each, just until blended. Pour into crust. Bake 1 hour 20 minutes to 1 hour 30 minutes or until center is almost set. Loosen cake from rim of pan; cool before removing rim. Refrigerate 4 hours. Serve with a dollop of Cool Whip and a dusting of nutmeg.

## NAFCA CARES

### SICK LIST

Bud Leaman, Ch. 49 recently spent his birthday in the ICU at the hospital but glad to hear he is home now. The address is 67 Crestview Rd., Waltham, MA 02154 if you'd like to send him a birthday and get well card!

### DEATHS

Doris Sheltra, 96, mother of Mike Sheltra, Ch.8 passed away recently. The address for Mike and Joyce is 159 Stebbins St., Chicopee, MA 01020.

### HAPPY NEWS

Doris Lewis, Ch. 30 and 49, is the proud Great Grammie of a second boy, Charles, or Charlie DiTullio. He joins his big brother, Henry, who is already an experienced tenter!

### IN THE SERVICE

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

Doris Lewis, NAFCA Cares Sunshine Lady

NAFCA Cares

bobndoris04@gmail.com

It's time to get NAFCaree proposals for the 2022 NAFCaree!

Invite a friend to camp with NAFCA

### HOW TO GET A NAFCaree PROPOSAL

#### NAFCaree Proposal Guidelines:

Proposals for NAFCaree go to The NAFCA Board no later than February 28 of the year prior to the rally.

Send to: [linandjimo@verizon.net](mailto:linandjimo@verizon.net)

One should choose a location that has a good number of area attractions for trips.

Once you know where to go, look for a campground nearby that can accommodate at least 50 rigs for the week, traditionally the 3<sup>rd</sup> week in July.

#### **What questions do I ask the campground? Here are a few to get you going:**

Please provide a weekly group rate for W/E/S/C campsites including taxes and fees.

Please provide campsite electrical amperage

What do you have for Campground amenities? – pool/game room/dog park ...

Is there access to a hall or pavilion?

Cost to guests for an extra nights' stay

Cost for extra adults/children per rig

Cost for tent sites

Availability and cost of rental units and/or cabins

Hall and Bathroom handicap accessibility

We will take all reservations and will provide a single contact to campground, please assign us your contact person.

Will a golf cart be available to rally committee?

Please provide suggestions for local attractions and group discounts.

#### **CHANGE OF ADDRESS**

The Campfire Chatter is NOT forwarded by the Post Office. Please inform us of any changes in address when you move or have a winter/summer address.

Send to:

NAFCA

P.O. Box 345

Billerica, MA 01821

Or email information to: [membership@nafca.org](mailto:membership@nafca.org)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

#### **NEW OR RENEWALS**

#### **FAMILY MEMBERSHIP RATES**

**Couples, Individuals, One or Two Adults and dependents**

**\$25.00 one year \$40.00 two years**

**\$50.00 three years**

**(Includes monthly issue of Chatter)**

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**Billerica, MA 01821**

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**PO Box 345**  
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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

### **HELP WANTED—CAMPFIRE CHATTER EDITOR**

We are in need for someone to become editor of the Campfire Chatter. Requests to members has been made but as of now, there is not anyone to fill this position. If you have experience creating a newsletter, please consider this task to keep the Chatter published and the membership informed.

You will need to retrieve messages from an email address that will be provided for this purpose where the members submit their articles to you, arrange the articles into pages for the newsletter and email it to the printer by the 15th of the month. The Chatter consists of 8 to 12 pages, some are lists that do not change frequently such as the Chapter Presidents and Sustaining Members page. InDesign or Microsoft Publisher are programs that can easily be used to create the newsletter. Microsoft Publisher is typically included in the subscription to Microsoft Office 365.

Please pass the word among your chapter for someone to volunteer for this position.

Contact Bill at 978-667-3565 or Linda at 508-867-3294.

## **2021 CALENDARS**

### **NATIONAL EVENTS**

Apr 16-18 Otter River Conservation  
Weekend  
Otter River State Forest  
86 Winchendon Rd  
Baldwinville, MA

May 14-16 NAFCA Spring Safari  
Spencer Fairgrounds  
Spencer, MA

July 17-24 NAFCAree  
Drummer Boy Resort  
Gettysburg, PA

### **STATE EVENTS**

Jan 29-31 Mass. Dinner Dance  
Holiday Inn Express  
Sturbridge, MA

### **CHAPTER EVENTS**

Feb 12-15 PV 8 Springfield  
RV Camping Show  
Eastern States  
Exhibition Grounds  
Springfield, MA

### **NAFCA BROCHURES**

The new brochures will be  
available in December.

### **Where to send your news**

The deadline for submitting information for Campfire Chatter is the first day of the month preceding the month it is to be published. Example, the deadline for the January issue is December 1. Email articles and pictures to:

**[campfirechatter@nafca.org](mailto:campfirechatter@nafca.org)**