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So please join me in welcoming Lekisha to the NAFCA family.



## Conservation Weekend Otter River State Forest

I want to thank all who came and helped out in April at your NAFCA Conservation Weekend.

There were nine families camping and I'm sure they all had a fine time of it, together. A small crowd although very fun to work with and camp together.

We raked around each campsite fireplaces stacked branches from the sites, cleaned off the brick patio and sprayed an environmentally friendly weed killer in the brick joints; Thanks Virginia Daniel for suppling and spraying the weed killer, raked over some dirt used to help level off select campsites raked around the yurts; raked the pavilion and fireplace and sprayed the restroom building with water proofing. All in all considering the weather we

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## President's Message -- June

Hello to all my fellow campers in NAFCA.

Wow April went by in a hurry. Just a little bit wet though. Now May starts on the wet side of the weather.

The Annual Meeting has passed and also the Spring Safari with the Council of Chapters meeting has passed. At both of these meetings the proposal for the 2020 NAFCAree at Rideau Acres Campground in Kingston, Ontario Canada was discussed. This being the only proposal there was no vote. We now need a committee to get this off the ground for next year.

Also the proposal for the 2020 Spring Safari was discussed, to be held back at Spencer Fairground. This time we are back to the 3rd weekend in May, May 14 - 17, 2020. We also need a committee to handle this big event for NAFCA.

I wish to thank the committee that worked hard to put on the Spring Safari your dedication and hard work is greatly appreciated.

Also a big thankyou to Dick Basha and Bill Neeb and anyone else that lent a hand in handling the Campfire Chatter issue we had. Without this critical newsletter we would not be able to get information out to all of you.

All chapters should have all your ac-

tivities planned for this season; please make sure you add them to the NAFCA calendar in both the Chatter Calendar and the Web site.

Remember to travel safe to all of your outings this summer.

Yours in camping,

Dennis & Pam Richardson

## Sustaining Member Spotlight

### DJ'Z Creative Designs

I want to offer a warm welcome to NAFCA's newest Sustaining member DJ'Z Creative Designs. You may have met the owner, Lekisha Rogers, at the Springfield RV and Camping Show this winter. She was quite busy in her 3rd year at the show. When I ran across her booth she was selling all kinds of camping related clothing and souvenirs. If you did not meet her then we hope you found her at this year's Spring Safari.

I was first introduced to Lekisha through Maureen Pelletier when we worked together on NAFCAree 2017. Lekisha not only came through with generous pricing, she worked with us all the way through the concept of the logo and assistance on color and design. She was so helpful that we leaned on her again for NAFCAree 2018, and now she's with us again for our Beach Party at Old Orchard Beach this summer.

In addition to tee shirts, Lekisha has worked with us designing other products like NAFCAree 2019 coffee mugs that we put on display at the Spring Safari. DJ'Z Designs will take your individual orders if you missed us but want in on these decorative novelties.

DJ'Z Creative Designs has been a joy to work with. I wholeheartedly recommend Lekisha for your sports team, Scout Class B's, and other community tee shirts and specialty items.

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accomplished a lot.

Our Saturday evening meal was the famous "chicken-in-a-can" cooked in the fire pit using charcoal. This is always a good meal and for the most part enjoyed by all.

I hope you'll be at the October 18-20, 2019 fall edition for a wonderful camping and service to the birthplace of NAFCA.

Don Daniel  
NAFCA Conservation Chairman

## SPRING SAFARI

### Cinco de Mayo Spring Safari

Cinco de Mayo was celebrated at the Spencer Fairgrounds last weekend with our NAFCA friends. After we set up camp the booths opened, we played card bingo, and had coffee, tea and cookies.

Saturday morning we didn't have to make breakfast because Worcester Chapter 11 sold breakfast sandwiches along with coffee and OJ. Then the games began (I'll list the winners later) Keeping with the theme the children had a piñata and giant Jenga. You could learn how to make a poncho, hope to win a treasure at the Chinese auction or special raffle. Then we had a chili cook-off. We lined up for the Parade of Flags (many with sombreros and ponchos) caring our chapter flags while we were cheered on. Next was our "Mexican Cake Dance" where we danced to the tone of the Mexican Hat Dance hoping to land on the winning plate to win a yummy dessert.

On Sunday morning we had the NAFCA Council of Chapters meeting where we caught up with plans, dates and ideas for the coming camping season.

Here is a list the winners of the games we were able to play; Men's Grunt-Todd Heim-Chapter #8, Men's Potty-Bob Wright-Chapter #8 & Frank Kuper-#66, Women's Potty-Suzanne Wright #8 & Marty Moore #30, Mixed Potty-Larry & Shelly Gustafson #8, Dominoes-Annette Heim-#8, Cribbage-Dick Basha-#30, Horseshoes-Marty Moore-#30 & Jon Sullivan-#114, & Bocce-Jane & Haven Fagley-#10. Our youngest camper was Jon Thomas Phelps born 8/14/2017. Our oldest camper (only in years) was Dick Irving born 7/10/31.

Again we were spoiled by Jim at the Christmas Barn with a beautiful ornament-the story of the Poinsettia.

Sorry about the rain & mud...hope you had fun and will come next year!

Linda Ostiguy



## MASSACHUSETTS SCUSSET BEACH WEEKEND

### Mass Scusset Beach Campout

June 20th – June 23rd 2019

Are you still undecided about Scusset Beach weekend, well time is running out.

I can always add as long as we are not full.

Reservation Form

### Scusset Beach Reservation Deadline: June 1, 2019

(Please write legible and all areas are required)

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(need both adults first names)

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Please list children – name & age  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Vehicle License Plate #'s (Required)

Motorhome/Trailer/5th Wheel

# \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Truck or car vehicle

# \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

How many pets: dogs \_\_\_ cats \_\_\_ other \_\_\_

Fri. & Sat. @\$50.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Thur. Fri. & Sat. @\$75.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

2nd Family @\$25.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

include all family members names and children's ages  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Xtra adult @\$12.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Total enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: Mass Coord  
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

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; where you can enjoy some or all of the 7 mile canal road, only open to pedestrians, where you can sit, 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. Only one group fire is allowed in the field.

We can only take 75 rigs in the field so please fill out your reservation form completely and send it in. Please 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, they may ask 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 feel free to contact me by phone or email.

**NOTE: CHECK OUT TIME IS NOW 12 NOON (because of the pavilion)**

Scusset address is: 140 Scusset Beach Rd., Sagamore Beach MA 02562

Hope to see you at the "Beach"

Kathy Lena, Chairman

508 993 4358, kmlturbo@aol.com

## Quilting & Camping Weekend

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Whether you are a quilter or not, please join us August 22-25, 2019 for our annual Quilting & Camping Weekend. It takes place at Country Aire Campground in Charlemont, MA. We have a beautiful, well lighted room for our projects, a traveling "Pop-Up Quilt Shop" coming Friday night. We plan a covered dish supper on Sat. in the pavilion, campfires along with goodies and of course lots of FUN. We have a few surprises in store but want you to call Lisa at Country Aire (413-625-2996) to make your reservation. The rate are \$32. per night for W/E and \$37. per night for

W/E/S. Don't miss out. The DEADLINE is 7/23/2019!

Doris (978-302-4003) Linda (508-867-3294)

## Quoahog Chapter Camp-O-Rama

Due to size restrictions with the new Chatter, we are not able to post the registration form in the Chatter. We have sent forms, either via e-mail and snail mail to all campers we have addresses for. Also, all chapter presidents have received a copy. Ben French posted the form on the NAFCA facebook page. If you would like us to send you a form contact Donna French at (508-644-2763) or (blu8dolfin@gmail.com) and she will take care of you.

We are excited about our t-shirts this year. We have a new designer with the newest state of the art equipment. Description is on facebook as well. You wont want to miss out!

Mikes Clam Jam is excited to serve us this year and is going to do his absolute best to make us all very happy. His food is as good as it gets. I have personally eaten off his truck several times and it doesn't get any better. The lobster rolls are chock full of only claw meat. Fried clams are the best I have ever had. Clam cakes are more clams than batter. Chowder and coleslaw is homemade and awesome. Everything is as fresh as it can possibly get. I am very picky, especially when it comes to my seafood and I would recommend Mike to anyone!

You wont want to miss out on this either! We are working on some live entertainment for the Sat. evening. Nothing set in stone yet but we are trying. Well keep you informed.

The gifts for the chinese auction and raffles will be amazing as usual! The ladies are very excited to build the theme baskets for you again this year. There is a lot of love that goes into this project and I am sure they will be great!

This years Camp-O-Rama is going to be all you are used to and hopefully more. Registration forms have begun to come in and we look forward to seeing all the old faces again this year and hopefully some new ones. If you have any questions at all, feel free to use any of your old contacts or call me at(508-496-5690) and we will do our best to help.

Phil Stevens (wagon master)

# MASSACHUSETTS MULTI-CHAPTER CAMPOUT

## Multi Chapter Weekend Aug 9-11 2019

Join us for the 2019 Multi Chapter Weekend, again this year we are at Travelers Wood in Bernardston MA.

The amenities are: Open Grassy Sites, Free Hot Showers, Covered Pavilion, Electricity, Safari Field, Rec Hall, Playground, and River Fishing & Camp Store – visit them at <http://www.travelerswoods.com/>

On Saturday we will have a reusable bag auction – bring any new or gently used items for the auction. We are asking the item be in a reusable bag. It can be a gift bag, shopping bag – you get the idea. Please make sure the items you are donating are something you would want. Think “would I bid on this item”.

We will have a wind down the week on Friday night. Bring a treat to share by the fire. Saturday let's eat together. Bring your favorite casserole or dish to share. Any leftover treats from Friday will be available Saturday by the fire.

NOTE: Full Board Meeting in Pavilion on Saturday at 10 AM

The cost for the weekend is \$55.00.

### Reservation Form

**Multi Chapter Weekend**  
Travelers Woods, Bernardston MA  
DEADLINE: July 27, 2019

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City,State,Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of people \_\_\_\_\_

Rig type & length \_\_\_\_\_

Handicapped Yes\_\_\_

Remember papers for your pets

Cost for the weekend: \$55.00 per rig

Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to:

Mass Coordinating Comm.

MAIL TO: Ed & Diane Gauthier

53 Dewey Ave

Leominster MA 01453

Questions? Call 978-537-9618

dianeg.july@comcast.net

We are in the safari field with use of the pavilion and group fire pit.

Directions:

They are located at 152 River St in Bernardston, Massachusetts, off I-91 Exit 28B northbound, or Exit 28 southbound. Take a right off the Exit onto Route 10. Take your first left onto River Street. The campground is approximately one half mile on the left.

\*\*\*For RV's over 11' in height follow Route 10 to the STOP sign. Take a left on Routes 5 and 10, left on Cross Street, right at fork in road, right on River Street. Campground is on the left.

From Route 2 (Mohawk Trail) westbound, take the second right past the Gill traffic light (Adams Road), follow for approximately 4 miles, campground is on the right.

\*\*CAUTION If using GPS, make sure you enter “River STREET” as there is a River ROAD within the same postal area code. The River Road address will send you to a dirt road in a neighboring town where you will have to turn around in a farmer's field.

### Reservation Form International Weekend 125 Davis Road, Ogden, Quebec. August 2-4, 2019

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City,St,Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

# Adults: \_\_\_\_\_ # Children: \_\_\_\_\_

Age of the Children: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Rig: \_\_\_\_\_

Length: \_\_\_\_\_

CAMPING @ \$45.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

EARLY BIRD @ \$15.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

2nd Family same Rig @ \$20.00

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Adult Steak \_\_\_@\$12.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Child Steak \_\_\_@\$6.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please Make Cheques Payable To

Hands Across the Border, Chapter 156

MAIL TO: Hands Across the Border

c/o Ogden Granite

PO. Box 115

Beebe Plains, VT. 05823

Questions:

Phone: 1-819-876-2424

E-mail donixon@sympatico.ca

DEADLINE: July 15, 2019 Please





**Songo River Queen Cruise**

NAFCaree's Tuesday morning Songo River Queen Cruise is now open to all NAFCa members.

For this year's NAFCaree we chartered the 300 passenger Songo River Queen on Long Lake in Naples, Maine. We have 50 NAFCaree participants signed up to go on the hour and a half cruise. The trouble is, what do we do with the rest of the boat? We sell tickets to our NAFCa friends and family that want to come for the day.

Tickets for those who want to meet us at the docks will be \$15.00 for NAFCa members, and \$20 if you are bringing a non NAFCa friend.

Welcome aboard. More details are in the reservations form and accompanying information.

**NAFCaree 2019 Side Trips**

Looking for a trip of your own during NAFCaree week, here are a few suggestions.

For the Old Orchard Beach / Saco / Biddeford region:

Fishing Charters

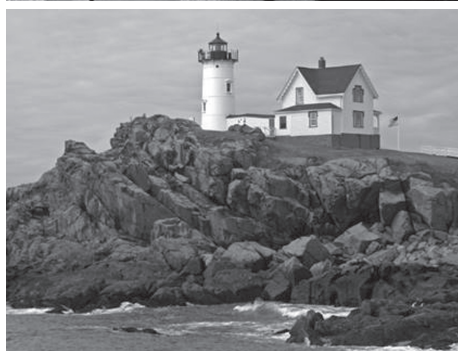
Paddle Board and Jet Ski rentals. - Zip Line and High Rope Adventure Park

Funtown/Splashtown Water and Amusement Park - Off Road Eastern Trail for Walking/Running/Biking - Scarborough Marsh Audubon Center/ Explore the marsh with a Kayak or Canoe from Fun and Sun rentals - Ferry Beach State Park - Tour the Biddeford Historic Mill Buildings- take the Trolley to Thursday Night Fireworks at Old Orchard Beach - Spend an evening at the Saco Drive in Theatre - Saco Farmers Market Wednesday and Saturday mornings.



**Kennebunkport Region**

Seashore Trolley Museum - Foodie Walking Tour - Shopping and Dining at Dock Square - Rugosa Lobster Tour - Trolley tour of Kennebunkport/Walkers Point



**Ogunquit / York**

Walk the one-mile Marginal Way path from Ogunquit beach to Perkins Cove - Fine Dining at Jackie's too, Barnacle Billy's - Pizza/Ice Cream at Ogunquit Beach - Ogunquit playhouse, look for 2019 calendar of events - York Zoo and Amusement Park - Nubble Light House

**Portland**

Among the many sites to see in Portland, don't miss the Maine Brew Bus/Brewery Tour - Train Ride along the waterfront - Lighthouse Tours



**3rd Annual Porsches In The Park - Portland ME**

If you are not going shopping in Freeport on Sunday and you are looking for something to do you may want to consider going to Portland for the 3rd Annual Porsches in the Park Car Show. The fundraiser is scheduled to be held on Bud Light State Park from 11:00 am to 2 pm as Porsches gather along the magnificent rocky coast of Maine in an all Porsche car show to benefit the Dempsey Center. The Dempsey Center provides free support services to anyone impacted by cancer. Last year 214 Porsches participated and this year we are expecting more than 250 cars.

There will be Porsches from all over the northeast with models ranging from the classic 1960's model 356, to the latest Porsche 911's, Panamera's, and SUV's. Air-cooled, water-cooled, rear-engine, front-engine and mid-engine. This will be the largest gathering of Porsches in Maine since 1986.

Money raised will go to the Dempsey Center. Food will be available for purchase from various food trucks and there will be opportunities to buy Porsche memorabilia as well as to talk cars with the people who own them and love them.

This event is open for viewing by the public with a requested donation of \$5 per attendee. Children are welcome and those under 12 are free.



Reservation Form

**2019 NAFCAree**

Old Orchard Beach Campground  
Old Orchard Beach Maine  
JULY 20-27, 2019

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City,State,Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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

Handicap Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, please describe your special needs. Use additional paper if necessary. \_\_\_\_\_

**Songo River Queen Cruise**

Tuesday, July 23rd Departs 10:00 A.M.

Number NAFCA Member tickets  
\_\_\_\_\_ @ \$15.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Num Non-NAFCA Member tickets  
\_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Clothing Order Form**

**Embroidered Logo on a lime green  
50/50 Blend**

**T-SHIRTS**

Quantity	Size	Price	Amount
_____	Small @	\$13.00	\$ _____
_____	Medium @	\$13.00	\$ _____
_____	Large @	\$13.00	\$ _____
_____	X-Large @	\$14.00	\$ _____
_____	2X-Large @	\$15.00	\$ _____
_____	2X-L -Tall @	\$16.00	\$ _____
_____	3X-Large @	\$16.00	\$ _____
_____	3X-L -Tall @	\$17.00	\$ _____
_____	4X-Large @	\$18.00	\$ _____
_____	4X-L -Tall @	\$19.00	\$ _____
_____	5X-Large @	\$19.00	\$ _____

**GOLF SHIRTS**

Quantity	Size	Price	Amount
_____	Small @	\$16.00	\$ _____
_____	Medium @	\$16.00	\$ _____
_____	Large @	\$16.00	\$ _____
_____	X-Large @	\$16.00	\$ _____
_____	2X-Large @	\$18.00	\$ _____
_____	2X-L -Tall @	\$19.00	\$ _____
_____	3X-Large @	\$19.00	\$ _____
_____	3X-L -Tall @	\$20.00	\$ _____
_____	4X-Large @	\$20.00	\$ _____
_____	4X-L -Tall @	\$21.00	\$ _____

**BASEBALL HAT**

\_\_\_\_\_ @ \$15.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Final Payment due by June 1, 2019

For more information please contact  
Bill Neeb at 978-667-3565 or Dick Basha  
at 603-566-8470

Make Checks Payable to: NAFCA

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**Sick List**

Everett Mitchell, Ch. 33, is still struggling with pneumonia and other breathing problems. He has been in and out of the hospital but is home right now. I'm sure he'd appreciate hearing from you, the address is 38 Tainter St., Medford, MA. 02155.

The following PV8 members have been on their sick list; Elsie McClain, Bob Constant and MaryEllen LaValley.

**Died**

Former PV8 member, Sylvia Sefton, passed away recently.

Dotty Warren, former Ch. 11 member, died recently.

**Happy News**

Chris and Trudy Adams recently celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. Congratulations!!

**In The Service**

Bob and Cindy Recoulle's son is currently serving overseas in Kuwait, please keep him in your thoughts and prayers for a safe return as well as all of our service people.

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# SMOKE SIGNALS



Pine Tree #33



### Mattabessett #86

5 families in our chapter signed up for That Sinko de Myo themed Spring Safari, but unfortunately Milt and Annette Baisley had to cancel at the last moment due to an electrical problem. I have noticed at the last chapter meeting that Milt had appeared a little run down and apparently needed to be recharged. The Lacaillades, the Hedmans, the Bells and Charley Bayha and Lee Hart showed up and were ready to resume camping after a long winter.

The Mexican plumbing theme resulted in some interesting contests and activities. Ed Lacaillade won the best Plumber's Crack fashion event. Around the campfire we traded stories about items we had lost down the sink, such as wedding rings, valuable coins and a pet mouse. Those who normally used canes to walk had fashioned some PVC pipe into a cane shape with the words "US pay for wall" written down the length. I brought my guitar and sang such old favorites as "Your Love Runs Hot and Cold" and "My Life's Gone Down the Drain". Diane Crook and Marty Moore, who have had some problems with their joints in the past, seemed to have improved after sharing some libations and cheese and crackers Saturday afternoon. I spotted them later dancing around a sombrero singing El Rancho Grande.

Speaking of libations, my wife Debbie, Jan Lacaillade and Lee Hart were off by themselves getting all cheese and wine up. They had smiles on their faces and a conspirational look in their eyes so I can only assume they were talking about husbands. Imagined dialogue: the men are such helpless dolts; they would not know enough to wipe their

noses and zip their pants before leaving the house without us to look after them.

Charley Bayha and Lee Hart won a free weekend to Nature's Campsites in Voluntown, CT. Ed Lacaillade and I were talking earlier about going there to do some canoeing this spring, so that will probably be the next chapter campout.

With our new shorter column length requirements, I have had minimize the use of my manure shovel to under 400 words. I hope my column followers will be forgiving.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeff Bell, Mattabessett Secretary

### Wolf Den #103

Happy Fathers Day!!

The warmer weather is here and hopefully to stay! It's not unusual for us to get a few snowflakes in April or May. Lets hope not!

Wolf Den started planning their campouts for the summer. It's going to be a challenge to get everyone together but we do the best we can. Our traditional first campout at Ginny B's in Foster, RI may be a bit delayed this year as most members are busy during the month of May and June. And, we all have our own personal family time that interferes as well.

It's for certain that most of us will be at the Scussett campout at the Cape in June. If we can fit in a weekend away before then, just email everyone the details.

See everyone soon by the campfire.  
Submitted by Arlene Goodwin  
Wolf Den 103 Secretary

**This Space  
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Chapters Smoke Signal  
Where Is It?**

Wishing all the fathers out there a Happy Father's Day. As I write this at the end of April the snow finally went away and the roads dried out. The water was able to put on before the May meeting weekend, which was an accomplishment with all the snow on the ground at the beginning of April. As you read this our camping season should be in full swing by now.

We were able to have our first board and chapter meeting of the year on April 7th. I think there were 31 people for the lunch and 50 people for the chapter meeting. A thank you goes to Carol & crew for putting on the meal. These were the only activities for April.

Our July activities are the following- the 4th has Chicken Barbecue at 5:00PM. The 6th has a breakfast put on by the kitchen committee from 8:00AM-9:00AM and the board meeting at 10:30AM. The 7th has our chapter meeting at 1:00PM. The 13th has cribbage at 2:00PM and bingo at 7:00PM. The 20th is a game day, a hot dogs & fries supper at 5:00PM and the sock hop at 7:00PM. The 27th has cribbage at 2:00PM and bingo at 7:00PM. These are the July activities as they now stand as always keep an eye out for any changes in the newsletter, on the website and the Facebook page.

I guess that is it for now until next month.

Jim, Newsletter Editor/Webmaster.

### Penobscot Valley Acres #37

Our first meeting of the season is May 11 it's our lot swap meeting. This is my personal favorite meeting. Everyone is eager to get going on their lots and the folks who swap are like busy bees putting everything just so to enjoy their new site for the season. Every year at the beginning of the season, once the opening is announced, it's great to see everyone get together to open the campground for the season putting everything ship shape. I love watching as everyone starts pulling in their rigs and setting up their sites and seeing who's traded up this year.

I have mentioned before that our



little campground really brings home the message of "life as it should be". Once our daughter jokingly told her friends that her parents live in a commune in the summer. This got me to thinking we sort of do. We have a wonderful "commun-ity" of friendly fun folks who enjoy our picturesque campground. Being as our children are all grown now and our 2 grandsons are in their early teens we enjoy watching the many young children of P.V.A. playing outside and having fun like we used to. They run, bike, swim, shoot hoops etc. no video games and computers. Years ago we camped about every weekend with our children in an old pop-up & we made many wonderful memories. Speaking of the children another old saying springs to mind... "children grow up in the blink of an eye" this year it seems so true how fast the children are growing up. It seems like just yesterday Jasmine and Ryan were racing their bikes around the campground while little J.J. was trying to keep up on her little trike. Now Jasmine and Ryan are driving cars and J.J. is sporting the golf cart. to name only a few of the many children we now have at P.V.A. Where did the time go! I digress... my point is as fast as the time has flown by how wonderful that they have made so many memories through these fleeting years with their families. So I encourage you all to get out and enjoy some outdoor fun and create some memories. I believe we still have a few lots open this year and again I invite to to come for a visit.

So again I wish you safe travels!  
Janet Bagley



**Massachusetts State Director**



Even though it is cold and rainy it is still Spring. Time to get out and enjoy your NAFCA friends. Here are some things that is begging you to consider attending:

Camp at Scusset Beach right on the Cape Cod Canal June 20-23.

Join our Multi-Chapter on August 9-11 at Traveler's Woods in Bernardston, MA for a bag auction, covered dish supper. Also at the same campground the NAFCA summer full board will take place at 10:00 AM on Sat.

The Mass. Fall Frolic-"No Theme in 2019" will take place at the Spencer Fairgrounds in Spencer, MA Sept. 26-29, 2019. Sign up with Karen Donnelly for Gate Duty, games with Stephen Migneault, or have a booth or chapter raffle (sign up with Ellen Migneault).

Massachusetts will host council of Chapters this year at Country Aire Campground in Charlemont, MA Oct. 4-6. Besides the meeting, we will have campfires and a covered dish supper.

The Mass. Co-ord (first inside) meeting takes place at the Rutland Public Library in Rutland, MA on Nov. 3 at 10AM.

An don't forget our Winter- get-away Jan. 24-26, 2020 at the Holiday Inn in Sturbridge, MA.

I know lots going on!  
Linda Ostiguy

**Pioneer Valley #8**

For many of us camping season started months ago, for the rest Welcome to a busy season full of camping and fun and games around the campfire...

PV8's Conservation Committee has plans for a campout on June 21-23 at Country Aire Campground in Charlemont, MA. A naturalist with animals, a scavenger hunt, stargazing and Birdhouse assembly are just some of the activities planned.

June 28-30 at Mineral Springs Campground in Stafford Springs, Ct. promises us to get down at a Hoedown Weekend. Breakfast then games. After a chicken barbecue dinner there will be a Hoedown Dance! Get your boots ready...or maybe your flip flops. See ya'll at the campground.

Nancy Cosby

**Squaw-No-Cook #30**

Hello Everyone,

And happy camping - especially to those hardy souls at Pearl Hill.

And yes, it rained. Again.

There was quite a bit of rain Friday night and while the sun did peak out a little bit on Saturday, it sure was very windy and cold. I think it rained again on Sunday, but to be honest, I don't re-

member. (I had to work both days and wasn't able to attend.)

Janis sent a couple photos of the campfires they had, and Brad posted photos on Facebook of the campers that were there. One even got stuck in the mud! I believe the boy scouts helped get it out. Whew!!

I am not sure how much work got done, due to the rain, wind, and cold temperatures though. They did have a meeting Saturday afternoon, and they had extra visitors.

Saturday's campfire didn't last long due to the weather. I heard they went inside early to warm up and listen to the Bruins, watch a movie, play Scrabble, or just relax (and enjoy a Wachusetts beer!).

Thanks - as always - to Harry and Elise; Brad; Janis, Charlie, and Eric; Dan and Melissa; and Carol and Phil.

Let's hope the upcoming weather is more appropriate for camping!!

Oh! I heard Marty and Dianne have returned to their northern homes recently. Welcome back!!

Barbara Starr

**Canvasback #157**

Our chapter is looking forward to NAFCAree at Old Orchard Beach Campground in Maine in July. This week long outing is for NAFCA members only and promises to be a great time of day trips, evening campfires and get together and camping friends.

Canvasback chapter offers a fun weekend at Wadleighfalls Campground, 16 Campground Road, Lee, NH 03861. This will be the long July 4th weekend, July 3 (Wednesday) to July 7 (Sunday)and is open to all NAFCA. You'll need to call the campground at (603) 659-1751 to make your reservation in the Safari field. There will be a community campfire each evening along with the activities the campground will be offering. This campground is located from NH Route #125 North to Route #152 to Campground Road. If you call the office, please tell them you are with Canvasback Chapter of NAFCA. If you have any questions please call Don Daniel at (978) 664-4294

Don Daniel, Correspondent



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# Come and Get It!

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These recipes are very special! They are submitted by Pat Hatch from No. Weymouth. A cover letter states that she suspects they came from the Connecticut State Group. And that these recipes date from the early days of NAFA. Enjoy! What's Cookin?

## Hamburg Stew In Casserole

2 lb potatoes pared and quartered (canned)  
 1 ½ lb small white onions (canned)  
 1 bunch small carrots-frozen or canned  
 1 package thawed frozen or canned peas  
 2 lb ground chuck  
 1 egg  
 1 cup day-old bread crumbs  
 2 ½ tsp salt  
 ¾ tsp Worcestershire sauce  
 2/3 cup milk  
 1/3 cup salad oil  
 1 ½ lb small fresh mushrooms (canned)  
 1 can mushroom gravy  
 ¾ tsp onion salt (or MSG)

Mix meat, egg, crumbs, salt, Worcestershire and milk. Drop by teaspoonful or make into small balls and brown on all sides in hot oil in skillet. Remove, in same skillet sauté mushrooms until tender; remove, then in skillet, heat soup with nutmeg, gravy and onion salt. Arrange vegetables and meat in Dutch oven or rather deep kettle. Pour in sauce. Mash and season potatoes; arrange in mounds around edge. (at camp use instant potatoes) Cook for about ½ hour, slowly.

## Southern Spread

2 lb ground beef  
 1 cup chopped onion  
 2 cans chicken gumbo soup  
 4 Tbsp catsup  
 2 Tbsp prepared mustard  
 1 tsp salt  
 1 cup Green pepper, chopped  
 1/2 cup celery, chopped

Brown meat in fat. Add onion and cook until golden. Add remaining in-

gredients. Simmer over low heat for 30 minutes. Serve on Hamburg buns, plain or toasted!

## Soupy Chops

Brown chops in heavy skillet. Pour one can of concentrated soup and ½ cup water over chops. Cover and cook slowly for about 1 hour. Use cream of celery, mushroom, cream of vegetable or tomato soup. Serve with rice. Chicken can be cooked the same way.

## Escalloped Pork Chops & Potato

Brown chops in heavy skillet. Add sliced potatoes and onions according to amount needed. Season with salt and pepper. Add water enough to keep chops from sticking. Add small carrots (whole or sliced) if desired. Cover and cook over low heat for 1 hour. Add more water if necessary, during cooking

## Spanish Pork Chops

Brown pork chops in heavy skillet. Slice onions over top of chops. Add 4 or 5 good shakes of ketchup and enough water to keep chops from sticking. Cover and cook over low heat until tender (about 1 hour). Remove chops and add a little more water for gravy if necessary. A few slices of green pepper made be added if desired when onions are added. Same recipe can be made using tomato sauce or stewed tomatoes instead of ketchup

## Sloppy Joes

To each pound of Hamburg add:  
 2 Tbsp prepared mustard  
 4 tbsp ketchup  
 1 cup condensed chicken gumbo soup  
 Fry Hamburg loose (sliced onions may be fried with it). When done, add other ingredients and serve on hot buttered Hamburg rolls.

## Stove Top Beans & Meatballs

Mix well 1 lb ground lean beef, ½ cup evaporated milk, 2/3 cup soft bread

crumbs, 1 tsp salt, ¼ tsp pepper. With wet hands, shape into 16 balls. Brown in skillet in 1 Tbsp hot shortening with 1 cup sliced onions. Cover and cook over low heat 10 minutes.

Add mixture of 1 (1lb) can (2 cups) canned baked beans, 1/8 tsp salt, 2 tbsp ketchup, and ¼ tsp dry mustard. Cover and heat. Makes 4 servings.

## Spanish Macaroni

1 cup chopped onion  
 2 tbsp chili sauce  
 2 tbsp catsup  
 Salt and pepper to taste  
 1 cup stock or broth (canned or dry)  
 ¼ tsp paprika  
 ½ lb macaroni, spaghetti or noodles (cooked)

Fry onion in a little butter until golden brown. Put all ingredients except macaroni into sauce pan. Add onion and allow mixture to boil gently for 10 minutes. Add macaroni and serve hot.

## Unbaked Cookies

2 2/3 cups sugar  
 ¼ tsp oleo  
 Pinch of salt  
 ½ cup milk  
 5 tbsp cocoa

Boil for 1 minute then add q tsp, vanilla, ½ cup peanut butter. Pour over 2 cups of oatmeal in a bowl, don't beat, barely mix. Drop by tsps. On wax paper. Work fast. (it hardens quickly)

## Meatball Chowder

½ lb ground beef  
 1 can condensed vegetable or minestrone soup  
 1 soup can water

Season beef with salt and pepper, shape into 12 small meatballs. Brown meatball (use shortening if necessary) and cook for 5 minutes. Pour off excess drippings. Push meatballs to one side; stir in soup and water. Heat; stir now and then. Makes 2-3 servings.

## Mock Swiss Steak

¼ cup flour  
 Dash black pepper  
 2 tbsp shortening  
 1 cup water  
 ¼ tsp salt  
 1 1/4 lbs round steak (about 3/4' thick)  
 1 can condensed vegetable soup

Combine flour, salt, and pepper, Pound into steak with a meat mallet. In large skillet, brown steak on both sides in shortening. Add water, cover and cook over low heat until meat is tender. (about 45 minutes). Remove cover, cook down excess liquid. Pour in vegetable soup. Heat.

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### NATIONAL EVENTS

- July 20-27** **NAFCArea**  
Old Orchard Beach Campground  
Old Orchard Beach, Maine
- August 10** **NAFCA Summer Full Board Meeting - 10 AM**  
Travelers Woods Campground  
Bernardston MA
- Oct. 4-6** **Council of Chapters Meeting**  
Country Aire Campground  
Charlemont, MA
- Oct. 18-20** **Otter River Conservation Weekend**  
Otter River State Forest  
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### STATE EVENTS

- June 20-23** **Scusset Beach Campout**  
Scusset Beach State Reservation  
Sandwich MA

- Aug. 9-11** **Mass. Multi Chapter Weekend**  
Travelers Woods Campground  
Bernardston MA
- Aug. 23-25** **Rhode Island Fall Frolic**  
Hickery Ridge Campground  
Coventry RI
- Aug. 22-25** **Quilting & Camping Weekend**  
Country Aire Campground  
Charlemont MA
- Sept. 6-8** **Vermont & New Hampshire Fall Frolic**  
River Meadow Campground  
North Haverhill, NH
- Sept. 26-29** **Massachusetts Fall Frolic**  
Spencer Fairgrounds  
Spencer MA
- Nov. 3** **Mass. Coord Meeting**  
Rutland Library  
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### CHAPTER EVENTS

- Aug. 2-4** **International Weekend**  
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- Sept. 12-15** **Quahaug #48 - Camp-O-Rama**  
Sachuest Beach  
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- Oct. 11-14** **Worcester #11**  
Country RV Park  
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## 2020 Calendars

### NATIONAL EVENTS

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

### STATE EVENTS

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