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Quahaug Chapter Camp-O-Rama

Camp-O-Rama

Hello all, Camp-o-rama is coming up fast. At the time of this writing there are approximately 6 weeks left to Camp-O-Rama. Presently we only have 45 registrations in. This is no less than half of what we expect. We are very much aware that a lot of people like to register last minute, and that is fine. We get it. In fact many of the last minutes are our own club members. However, this makes things much more difficult for us. We want you to be able to get everything we offer, if you so desire, but the truth is, if you register too late you may not be able to get what you want off Mikes Clam Jam, if anything, and we are not sure well be able to offer the t-shirts after we have placed the order. Also, if you have any special needs, the sooner we know, the better the odds well be able to help. In other words we are asking that any families planning on attending this year, please, please, please get your registration forms in so Donna can process them. Donna has asked me to specifically reach out to our club members and ask you to get your forms in.

We are able to get the t-shirts in sizes all the way up to 5x, however there will be charge of \$2.00 extra for 3X to 5X over the price of XXI to 2X.

We are working very hard to make sure everyone has the good time they are used and hopefully even better. There will be some live entertainment as well as a DJ for our nightly festivities. The women are working very hard creating wonderful baskets for our Chinese Auction and raffle gifts are amazing. The trollies are booked to take you to downtown Newport and I Hop if you desire. We will offer the same great meals we always do and Mikes Clam Jam is excited to serve us all. We will have things to do during the day. We just want everyone to enjoy themselves and we are doing all we can to make that happen.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call Donna French (508-644-2763) or Phil Stevens (508-496-5690) and well be happy to help.

Until next month, be well and God Bless!

Phil Stevens (wagon master)

Fall Council of Chapters

Fall Council of Chapters Weekend

Country Aire, Charlemont MA
October 4-5

I know that nobody wants to go to meetings all weekend...so call Lisa at Country Aire 413-625-2996 and reserve. Our rates are W/E-\$32, Sewer-\$37. The state of Massachusetts is your host. We want to make it FUN.

The 10:00 Council Meeting is for all-delegates and officers. Full Board Meeting all are welcome but only officers have a vote. The meetings will be short.

Country Aire is pretty centrally located and there is much to do (Bridge of Flowers in Shelburne Falls is fun, river rafting, etc.). We want to have a covered dish supper (or bring your own "special" meal) on Sat. night. I know that we need to take care of business, but after that come and enjoy the company of FRIENDS. We'll have coffee-ans (please brings a goodie to share), hopefully campfires and use of a great meeting hall. Enjoy Fall camping with US!

After you book your reservation with Country Aire, please email or call me to let me know you are coming.

Linda Ostiguy at 508-867-3294 or Bill Neeb at "membership@NAFCA.org".



President's Message September

Hello to all my fellow campers in NAFCA.

We hope you are all enjoying your warm summer. August is here and there is still a lot of camping weekends left in this year.

The NAFCAree is now a memory. I heard good things about it. Hope everyone had a good time. Thank you to Bill & Rose and their committee for putting this event on.

I would like to express my heart felt thank yous to those of you that sent us cards after my mom passed away. It really meant a lot to us.

As a reminder I am still looking for someone or some group to for a committee for the 2020 NAFCAree at Rideau Acres Campground in Kingston, Ontario Canada.

Also I need a committee to handle the 2020 NAFCA Spring Safari, May 14 - 17, 2020.

Remember to travel safe to all of your outings the end of summer and the fall.

Yours in camping,

Dennis & Pam Richardson



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you'll be glad you did.



**Mass Fall Frolic
NON Chapter
Reservation Form**

Name _____
 Address _____
 City, State, Zip _____
 Phone _____
 E-mail _____
 Rig Type _____ Rig size _____
 # Adults ____ Teens ____ Children ____
 ChildrensAges _____
 Friday & Saturday \$70.00 \$ _____
 Thursday \$35.00 \$ _____
 2nd Family in rig \$20.00 \$ _____
 Name _____
 # Adults ____ Teens ____ Children ____
 Extra Adult \$15.00 \$ _____
 TOTAL Enclosed \$ _____
 DEADLINE: September 14, 2019
 Mail to: Irene Phelps, 519 Wheel Wright
 Rd., Barre MA 01005
 Make checks payable to: Mass Coordinating Committee

Booth Reservation Form

Deadline: September 14, 2019
 Name _____
 Chapter _____ Chapter # ____
 Specific Description of item to be sold:

 Electricity needed? Yes ____ No ____
 Any special needs? _____
 Chapter Raffle __ What? _____
 Booth fee is \$20.00 members \$40 non-members. Chapter Raffle Fee is \$10.00.
 Mail to: Ellen Migneault, P.O. Box 514,
 Monson MA 01057
 Any questions call Ellen @ 413 267
 9507; email eagle111074@aol.com, Or
 ask any member of the Mass Coordinating Committee

**Massachusetts
Fall Frolic**



**Massachusetts Fall Frolic
September 26-29, 2019
Spencer Fairgrounds
Spencer MA**

Welcome to Fall!!

With Fall comes The Fall Frolic. There is still time to register!! Massachusetts Coordinating Committee, Deputies, and NAFCA campers have worked hard to plan a great Fall Campout at the Fall Frolic. This is always a great event to play games with old & new friends, take your chances on raffles, and sometimes the last chance to catch up with your camping buddies before the autumn chill. There is still time to register; look for the registration forms for the camp-out and booth rentals in your Chatter. We hope to see you there!!

Karen Donnelly
Massachusetts State Secretary

**Otter River
Conservation**

**Otter River
Conservation Weekend
October 18-20, 2019**

It's that time of the year again when your Otter River Conservation Weekend will take place and you and your chapter are invited to come camp for the weekend and help out with the Saturday tasks.

The tasks may include raking around the fire pits; raking / sweeping inside and around the pavilion; seal coating the restroom building outside; raking around the memorial grove and cleaning off the brick patio. All are easy tasks but are needed to be done to help put this area to bed for the winter.

There will be coffee Friday evening after we return from King Phillip

Restaurant where you may dine Dutch Treat, we'll car pool to the restaurant for those who may wish to join the group.

Saturday evening meal will be pot luck. All are invited to bring your meal item to share and we'll eat together in the pavilion.

Otter River State Forest is located on U.S. 202 in Balwinville, MA about three quarters of a mile from the town center. There are no water or electric hookups. We will have a handicap accessible porta jon for the groups use. The gate will open at 10am and are welcome to camp as long as you help with the Saturday tasks, day visitors will also be welcome.

Please direct any questions to Don Daniel at (978) 664-4294

Hope to see you there,
Don Daniel
Chairman



NAFCaree 2019 Wrap Up

NAFCaree 2019, our Old Orchard Beach "Beach Party" is now history. We wish to thank the 72 families that helped to make this year's NAFCaree really special.

We've been telling you for close to a year that Old Orchard Beach had numerous tourist attractions, restaurants, and sites to behold. Many really close by so you wouldn't have to travel far to find something to help you enjoy your stay. Those who attended this year's NAFCaree can attest to the fact that there was plenty to do. If this year's attendees were not on our trips, they were out and about enjoying OOB on their own.

Our committee had visited or researched various spots for you to see. Beyond that, our guests were coming back with stories about their own discoveries.

Who knew the Campground had



2019 NAFCAree Committee

(l-r) Dianne Crook, Jon Sullivan, Marty Moore, Brenda Sullivan, Dick Basha, Rosemarie Neeb, Sue Libby, Bill Neeb, Brian LaValley, Michelle LaValley, Not available for photo Reggie Libby.

its own special wooded walking trails with several special points of interest? No one ever told us about Cascade Falls, a serene waterfall in the woods just a few miles up the road. Biker Bars, Maple sugar shacks, Apple/Peach Orchards, Maine Blueberry Ice cream parlors, and on and on and on.

The weather was nothing unexpected for July. The committee arrived on Wednesday to pleasant sunny conditions. As campers started to arrive on Friday and Saturday, the heat wave was on. Yours truly was drowning himself in water as I hailed down NAFCA rigs to guide them into the campground. I may have done too good a job as my arm waving and dance moves almost pulled in rigs that happened to be driving by. I eventually learned to take a less aggressive approach. Our bright green NAFCAree attire did a good job all on its own to capture the attention of our NAFCA members. It all worked out okay as no one I know of missed the entrance, and we didn't take in any strangers.

Then came the rain. It was expected to hit right in time for our boat tour of Casco Bay on Monday, and the Songo River Queen on Long Lake on Tuesday. A couple of tweaks by the tour director on Monday, and a little help from our inland direction on Tuesday, the rain started to fall after the boat docked in Portland and ended just before we boarded the Queen in Naples. After that 24 hours stretch of wet weather the rest of the week was sunny and dry.

Of all the trips during the week, the most popular was Dianne Crook's private tour of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. Usually only offered to military families, we had two trips on con-

secutive days of the active Navy base dedicated to the building and repair of the Navy's fleet of submarines. While we could not board a vessel, we could see one at the docks from the parking lot of Warrens Lobster House where we went to dine each day following the tour.

Over 100 guests came to dinner on Saturday, and 110 to our BBQ on Wednesday.

Our head chef, Brian LaValley, and the whole committee did an awesome job making sure everyone was well fed. We didn't have much leftover and no one walked away hungry, so he planned to perfection.

The Beach Party started after the BBQ with summertime tunes played by DJ Roger Grenier. Roger monitored the group keeping the volume down while we socialized with friends. Then he cranked it up a bit to please the members that came to dance. And dance they did. If you have access to NAFCA's Facebook page you'll have to check out some of their dance moves to the beat of the song Shout.

Friday night came upon us all too soon. After a week of door prizes for everybody and a couple of 50/50 raffles it was time to choose the winners of the Big Prizes, including a 27-gallon waste tote, Beach Buggy filled with goodies, a portable fire pit, an oversized camping chair, and more. A heartfelt thank you goes out to all who donated gifts. Several RV Dealers and Campgrounds made their contributions, including Apple Island Campground, Bayley's CG, Nelson's Family CG, Mineral Springs CG, Old Orchard Beach CG, Diamond RV, Mann's RV, Timbaktu RV, and Shade Pro Inc., a seller of RV awnings. The Closing Ceremony was followed by our traditional Wine and Cheese party courtesy of Flag RV.

One of my main concerns since we started planning our week was how to get 70 rigs to safely take a left onto a busy roadway as they left the campground. Campground management found a solution. They cleared a road through the trees at the back of the campground leading out to Ocean Avenue. As if this wasn't enough to allow us to turn safely, they posted traffic control. This 1st class treatment shouldn't have surprised me as the Campground staff provided us with this superior level of service all week.

A special thanks goes out to Old Orchard Beach Campground owner John Daigle, General Manager Mandi

Cote, our chief maintenance supervisor and cable technician Jim, and the rest of the campground staff. They were attentive and responsive, making the committee's job to keep you content an easier task.

Thanks to one and all who came. And a grateful thanks to the Committee whose hard work paid off in giving you a NAFCAree to remember for years to come.

Bill Neeb

**NAFCAree 2019
Old Orchard Beach, Maine**

NAFCAree 2019 is now in the record books and what a wonderful week it was. So many places to visit and good friends to spend time with.

Maureen and I arrived on Friday and we rented for the week one of the larger cabins. The Cabin sure was a step up from our usual abode, our tent! As such, we took Maureen's car which was stuffed to its ceiling with all our needed items.

The campground is large and the campsites are average size with w/e/s and cable hookups. There were some problems with the cable boxes at first but most of that was worked out with a day or two. The cable was a learning experience for me.

For our week there were trips planned for many days of the week. Portland; River Cruise; baseball game; Portsmouth Navy Yard tour. There was also a Saturday evening meal, Wednesday BBQ meal and root beer floats one evening. One night there was a DJ for our listening pleasure and of course there were several group campfires to enjoy with friends, plus some games.

This NAFCAree week was very well organized at each trip and evening program with many donated door prizes give away.

The committee, under the very capable leadership of Dick Basha & Rose and Bill Neeb and their very hard working committee we extend a big THANK YOU!! All of you put together such a fine week in the true spirit of NAFCA. One can not express in words alone how much the hard work of the committee and helpers is appreciated by our NAFCAree families, a heartfelt thank you to one and all.

Don Daniel
Canvasback 157

North American Family Campers Association Council of Chapters Meeting Minutes

Sunday - May 5 - 2019
Spencer Fairgrounds in Spencer, MA

Call to Order

President Dennis Richardson called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.

The members said the Pledge of Allegiance and held a moment of silence for the sick and departed.

Delegate Count – President Dennis Richardson called a brief recess for the delegate count. Secretary Jim Hurley reported that there were 30 delegated signed in and 3 officers present for a total count of 33 delegate votes.

Roll Call of National Officers

Present – President Dennis Richardson, 1st Vice President Paula Bradley, Secretary Jim Hurley, and Treasurer Bill Neeb

Secretary's Report – Jim Hurley

The Secretary's Report for the Council of Chapters meeting on September 29, 2019 was accepted as printed. Copies of the minutes were available at the meeting. M/LConverse, S/BNeeb - Passed

Treasurer's Report – Bill Neeb

The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented. Bill Neeb read the report and the Income & Expense report. Copies of the Treasurer's Report were available at the meeting. Copies of the Income & Expense report are available to members. M/LConverse, S/LOstiguy – Passed

Committee Reports

Spring Safari 2019 – Linda Ostiguy

Linda Ostiguy thanked all of her committee members for their help at this event. The Chili Cook-off event went over great and the money collected was divided between the three contestants. Information about contestant winners will be posted in the Campfire Chatter.

NAFCAre 2019 – Bill Neeb

Bill Neeb thanked his committee for the work they were doing to ensure a great and successful 2019 NAFCAre at the Old Orchard Beach Campground. Bill went over all of the trips offered. The Freeport trip was cancelled as well as the Casino trip as there were not enough people signed up for these two trips. Bill listed other events in the area that members might want

to visit while at the NAFCAre. All information regarding this NAFCAre can be found in the Campfire Chatter. If anyone has any questions regarding this event they can contact Bill for answers.

NAFCA Website – Bill Neeb

Bill Neeb has been in contact with the Web Master Ben French. We are now using the GoDaddy Company for our site. It is cheaper than the previous costs. Ben is working very hard to make the site easy to use. Dennis Richardson reminded members that they will need to do a new web site search for the new NAFCA.org site and then they can Book Mark the new web site.

Sustaining Members – Bill Neeb

Bill Neeb gave the Sustaining Members report. Please let campgrounds who are sustaining members know that you are a NAFCA member when camping there. If you know of a campground that might be interested in becoming a Sustaining Member of NAFCA please contact Rose Neeb.

Auxiliary – Dale Bradley

Dale Bradley let the members know how much the Auxiliary made this weekend selling NAFCA items. Dale thanked everyone who purchased an item. Dale reminded members that he now has larger sizes of items available for purchase.

NAFCA Cares – Doris Lewis

Doris Lewis reminded members to contact her regarding members who are ill, having birthdays & anniversaries are in the military or need recognition. NAFCA Cares appears in the Campfire Chatter monthly.

Unfinished Business

Auxiliary - Dennis Richardson reminded members that NAFCA needs a person or group of members to run the Auxiliary. Please consider volunteering for this position. You can contact Dennis if you are interested and you can contact Dale Bradley if you would like further information about the Auxiliary.

New Business

NAFCAre 2020 – Dennis Richardson announced that there was only one proposal for NAFCAre 2020. The proposal was for Rideau Acres Campground in Kingston, Ontario. Dennis read the information he received about the campground and prices. Dennis declared that since this was the only proposal for the NAFCAre that this is where it would be. Presently there is no one to chair this event. If a member

is interested in chairing or working on the committee please contact Dennis.

Spring Safari 2020 – Linda Ostiguy proposed that the Spring Safari 2020 be held at the Spencer Fairgrounds in Spencer, Massachusetts. The proposal is for the 3rd weekend in May of 2020 which is Thursday, May 14 through Sunday, May 17th in 2020. Linda read the prices for the weekend. Dennis Richardson declared that since this was the only proposal for the Spring Safari in 2020 that it will be held May 14th through the 17th at the Spencer Fairgrounds in Spencer, Massachusetts. Presently there is no one to chair this event. If a member is interested in chairing or working on the committee please contact Dennis.

Fall Council of Chapters 2019 – Linda Ostiguy told members that Massachusetts in charge of the Fall Council of Chapters and Full Board camping weekend this year. The event will be held at the Country Aire Campground in Charlemont, Massachusetts. The event will be held from October 4th through the 7th. Linda told members that the cost will be \$32 for 2-way hookups and \$37 for 3-way (sewer) hookups. The campground has a pavilion and a heated room for our use. The deadline for registration is August 19th. The Council meeting will begin at 9:30 am.

campfire Chatter New Format – Bill Neeb spoke to the membership regarding the new format for the Campfire Chatter. Bill explained the "journey" that has taken him and Dick Basha from the old format to the new format. Members spoke up regarding the format change and everyone really likes the new format for its size, readability and pictures. President Dennis Richardson thanked both Bill and Dick for their efforts with the Campfire Chatter.

For the Good of NAFCA

Larry Converse told the membership that NAFCA Chapter #1 – Springfield Chapter – is celebrating its 60 anniversary this year.

The following State Directors are charged with the 2020 NAFCA slate of officers. Dale Bradley, Marilyn Hurley & Linda Ostiguy. Please contact them if you are interested in running for a NAFCA national office.

The gate by the dump station is open so you can drive directly out of the fairgrounds after using the dump station.

Paula Bradley and Dennis Richardson are not running for a national of-

vice in 2020. Paula would like to have someone run for the 2nd vice president position.

Jon Fischer proposed having magnets for NAFCA produced as a promotional item. The Auxiliary will take on this project. Membership thought that this was a great idea.

David Colvin thanked members for all of the can tabs that have been collected and donated this year.

Diane Gauthier told members that there would be no charge for day visitors at the next Full Board Meeting held at the Multi-Chapter Campout at Travelers Woods. You need to leave after the meetings. Diane also let campers at this event know that there would be a reusable bag auction Saturday evening. Information regarding this event will appear in the Campfire Chatter.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 am. M/DBradley, S/PBradley – Passed

Respectfully submitted by Jim Hurley, NAFCA Secretary

International Weekend August 1-4, 2019

What a fun time we had in Quebec, Canada with a wonderful group of friends from chapters 1, 49, 156 & 157 and we even had the Vermont State Director; Michelle and Ted Perry you don't see too much of the Vermont Director in the southern climbs of NAFCA but she is very much real and they are fine friends to us all.

Friday evenings meal was pot luck and Anne and Don Nixon joined us for supper. The Nixon's had a wedding to attend on Saturday, so they came for the day but weren't camping. We had another good campfire that evening.

Saturday dawned again with sunshine and blue skies. You could not have asked for better weather. There were Potty games played along with one cribbage game also played and Tammy's homemade doughnuts, yum!

Now you know Saturday's evening repast is the well known and much looked after Steak Dinner with all the fixings. Steak cooked to order over charcoal, really good. Hats off to our cooks, they did a top notch cooking job. This meal was topped off with strawberry rhubarb pie and vanilla ice cream. I was full from the steak meal but as the saying goes...there's always room for pie and ice cream...don't you know.

After some supper clean up was complete, it was time for the bag auc-

tion to commence. Lots and lots of bags to bid on and there were many bags just for the kids to make their own bids on. The young folk had a grand time bidding on and getting their treasures. We all had a good time. We then moved our chairs to the campfire. Some Japanese Lanterns were launched into the air, the first launch got off to a leafy start as it got hung up in an apple tree briefly. The "pilot" got back on course shortly with no more problems. A fun sight to watch and the kids were squealing with delight over the sight of the light-up gas bags in flight. What a nice activity.

Thanks to Tammy and Gordy Bronson and their helpers for giving us all the best weekend of the season. You all truly are the best NAFCA has to offer. Until next year and another fun weekend in Canada, thanks and safe travels!

Don and Maureen Daniel
Canvasback 157



SICK LIST

Harry Schofield, Ch. 30, is home and doing well since his aortic valve heart surgery recently. You can drop him a card at 508 Flat Hill Rd., Lunenburg, MA.

I heard from Clarice and Joe Dunham, they are home and getting around slowly, day by day. They were in Ch.33 in Maine and she served as NAFCA Vice President as well as many offices for the State of Maine Coordinating Committee. Clarice also provided church services for all attending the Maine Spring Safari in Fryeburg for many years. Their home address is PO Box 335, Dixfield, Maine, 04224.

The Trinkle family is on the mend, Lenny is now officially on the list for a kidney transplant list, any NAFCA friends want to donate? :) At least we can sign up for the organ transplant list when you renew your driver's

license, that's a start!

I saw on facebook that Betty Corti fell and broke her right shoulder back in the Spring, it was operated on in May and she is finally getting back into using it again. Send her a message or give her a buzz- 781-724-4534. For you newcomers, Ken and Betty were Mass.

State Director and very involved in NAFCA in years past. Their address is 395 Holmes St., Halifax, MA. 02338.

Bud Leaman, Ch. 49, continues to have struggles with his health and they have decided to sell their motorhome. Sad news :(If you'd like to send a get well card or check out the motor home, their address is 67 Crestview Rd., Waltham, MA. 02154.

Brian and Michelle LaValley had a terrible welcome home after the NAFCAree, a huge tree fell during a severe thunderstorm and damaged their home, camper and truck. They could use some cheering up right now, the

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CAMP WITH NAFCA

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SMOKE SIGNALS



Pine Tree #33

Hello campers. The Season is almost over. It sure does go by fast when having fun.

We just had a weekend of fun as it was Family & Friends weekend. Activities for Saturday August 3rd started off with Bean Bag Baseball hosted by Charlie Berry. We had the Yankees against the Red Sox. Unfortunately the Yankees won, boo hoo. I was on the Red Sox team. At 11:00 AM Tickets went on sale for our Chinese Auction and the drawing was at 1:00PM. We had some nice gifts. We asked for new items, plus had lots of Gift Cards. Ann Berry and her group of girls helped make a beautiful Quilt and auctioned that off and Doris Mitchell won. Thank you Ann & girls. 5:00PM was a Lasagna meal, hosted by Brenda Hodgdon and group. Desserts were homemade pies. 74 attended. 7:00PM had for the first time Card Bingo with 24 members attending hosted by Everett Mitchell. It was something new and everybody loved it and wants to do it again. Thank you everybody for making this a great weekend and working together. The weather was perfect. We needed this. Our thoughts are with Gene Bard. Thinking of you.

On August 10th Ann Berry will do her great Variety Show she puts on every year at 7:00PM. August 17th is a Potluck, Betty Pomerleau will be the host. Cribbage, then at 7:00PM Card Bingo. August 24th, Cribbage, 7:00pm Card Bingo. August 31st. 5:00PM Whoville Christmas Supper, 7:00PM Yankee Swap hosted by Carol Cole, man will bring a man's gift and woman bring a woman's gift.

Sunday, September 1st will be the Board meeting and Chapter meeting. September 7th at 5:00PM, Boiled Dinner supper with Brenda Hodgdon, Pat Witham, Judy Allen hosting. September 21st Potluck at 5:00PM Betty Pomerleau, Lorraine hosting.

October 5th Chowder & Soups at 5:00PM, Lorraine Burnham, Betty Pomerleau hosting. October 6th Chapter meeting.

Sunday November 3rd Chapter meeting, 12 Noon. Bring a Brown Bag lunch.

Guess that's it for now, Happy Camping,

Sincerely Doris Mitchell



Massachusetts

Massachusetts State Director



It's July, over 90 degrees and I hate to think about Sept.....but all good things must come to an end.

The Mass. Fall Frolic, "No Theme in 2019" takes place at the Spencer Fairgrounds in Spencer, MA Sept. 26, (Thurs. early arrival), -29. The packets have gone out to the Chapters or you can fill out a non-chapter reservation form in the Chatter. Please let me know if you or your friends still need help reserving. We'll have breakfast on Sat. morning for sale-no pre-reservation needed, friendly games, booths and raffles. Don't forget to bring a food item for our food baskets (make sure that you check the expiration dates). We'll have all Winter to "buckle down" so come and enjoy "country camping".

You'll have water and electric, dumping available on Sun. morning, and we have a nice large building. to gather in. Campfires are permitted (off ground) weather permitting). There are favorites in the area like Charlies, Black & White, Klems and of course The Christmas Barn!

Please come and enjoy, ALL are welcome!

Linda Ostiguy
Massachusetts State Director

Squaw-No-Cook #30

Hi Everyone,

Well, the NAFCaree has come and gone. Jim and I had a tough start (his truck had transmission issues just days before we were supposed to leave). We got to Old Orchard Beach on Monday, set up just before the rain came, and then it was off to enjoy the week!

Because we didn't arrive on time, we weren't able to join Monday's trip to the Portland area. Some went, had a great time, and were home before the rains came. We had dinner at Mulligan's and then ice cream at Sweetcream Dairy, located in the Pepperell Mills. We wandered the mill museum, learning and reading the picture timeline that followed the history of the mill in order to produce cloth. I think the most interesting part for me was finding out a dam was nearby!! We were able to wander and check it out (not too close!!) but I was amazed. We drove to the other side of the river and walked the riverwalk but the views of the river and dam weren't as good.

It rained a lot Monday night into Tuesday, but we drove up to Freeport anyway, where it turned out to be a beautiful day. Carol, Katie, and Peg were with us, as we wandered LL Bean, and up and down the various streets, wandering into stores, enjoying the day.

Wednesday we were off to the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard for a tour and then lunch at Warren's Lobster House. Our guide at the shipyard was great; he was so knowledgeable and chatted about the various events in history, especially the Treaty of Portsmouth, which was signed on September 5, 1905 in Building 86 at the Shipyard! This was the document which effectively ended the Russo-Japanese War. We stopped at the submarine memorial, took a short tour of the shipyard (passing the train in the street), as well as the Naval prison!! What a building!! You can check out the pho-



tos Marty took, and many thanks to Diane for organizing the trip.

In other news, Harry Schofield's heart valve surgery was successful and after a two-week stay at rehab, he's home now. He's doing so much better! And, he just might be camping for a few days this weekend.

Well, I am limited to how long this smoke signal can be, so more next month!!

All the best,
Barbara Starr

Canvasback #157

Summer time in NAFCA land and we are having a warm and wonderful summer camping. I do trust the rest of you are likewise enjoying your time out camping.

The chapter held its annual July 4th Campout at Wadleigh Falls Campground In Lee, NH. We, as a chapter, have been going to this camp for 20 years or more. The campground pool was well used as the weekend was a hot one. We held two community breakfasts of French toast, sausage, fresh fruit, hard boiled eggs, small pancakes and coffee.

Also, there were several pot luck meals together. On the first, early evening, some went out for our supper. The supper was made even better by the company and a.c. With someone else doing the cooking.

There was a nice campfire each evening and some people cooked s'mores, chicken tenders and red hot dogs. All very tasty.

We played a patriotic bingo game with some very nice prizes awarded to those who won each game. Many thanks to R.J. Burke for putting this to-

gether for us to have so much fun.

I do want to mention, R.J. decorated the Higgins/Burke trailer with all manner of interesting items, good going R.J.!

The campground seasonal put on one rousing fireworks display lasting almost forty minutes. A better light show I don't think you could find anywhere.

Thanks to Marjorie & Bruce Williams of Chapter 8; Frank Higgins and R.J. Burke of Chapter 1; and Maureen and I for camping plus Gaurav Garg and Melinda Daniel for day visiting, both of 157.

On the last morning (Sunday) all of us camping went out for a huge breakfast at Sunny's in Lee, NH. Good food, good conversation and GREAT friends to break bread with.

Next up for Canvasback will be R.I.'s Camp-O-Rama in Middletown, RI, camping next to the beach and having lots of fun together.

See you at the Campfire,
Don Daniel, Correspondent



Connecticut

Mattabessett #86

Whoa!!! Where did that week go? One moment I'm driving to the NAFCAree and then suddenly I'm back home in my living room. No more NAFCArees for me if it accelerates the aging process. Seriously folks, within a short time of arrival at the NAFCAree it was obvious that the committee was bending over backwards to make certain we had a good week. Kudos to their work ethic and organization that enabled the rest of us to walk around slack-jawed without a care in the world. Three families from our chapter, Jan and Ed Lacaillade, Charley Bayha, Lee Hart and the Bells, were there to enjoy a Maine adventure. Wait a second "Lee Hart and the Bells" sounds like it would be a good name for a "50's" singing group.

Well, I digress. Let's go onto the subject of food. The disciple of good eats at a reasonable price came through for us again. You guessed it. Don

Daniel spoke of Mulligans restaurant and yea verily did the people flock to this temple of gustatory delight. I perchance happened upon the owner and he informed me that the previous owner was Irish, but his last name was not Mulligan. The Irishman was a golfer and all golfers know that a Mulligan is a method to improve your golf score somewhat outside the rules of the game. They had a Tuesday special of Prime Rib for \$5.95 that the Lacaillades and my wife enjoyed. Later in the week all 3 Mattabessett families went to Duffy's restaurant where we got a saucy little waitress to exchange banter with while we ordered our food. Ed Lacaillade tried his best to befuddle the poor girl and mess up our orders, but she was immune to his confusing charm and brought us some great food.

The committee kept us busy in the evening with games and more eating. Afterwards our group would remain outside our rigs to gab about the day's events and our favorite medications. Charley Bayha improved the content of our gab fest with his knowledge of history, other countries and current events.

It was a memorable week made possible by an extremely accommodative campground and our fine NAFCAree committee.

Thanks to all
Jeff Bell, Mattabessett Secretary

Wolf Den #103

Happy Labor Day!!

I wrote in my last article to pray for my twin sister Audrey. I am broken hearted to write that my sister passed on July 11, 2019. I am blessed to have been by her side this past year and during her last few months.

Although we had to cancel a few campouts, it was with good reason. I know the other Wolf Den members had a few campouts that were fun and exciting. My first real campout will be at Country Aire in August. We are looking forward to this weekend away for some R&R.

Have a blast each and every day. Life is too short not to do the things you work so hard to achieve.

LIVE IT!!!
Submitted by Arlene Goodwin
Wolf Den 103 Secretary

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Come and Get It!

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These recipes are very special!
 They are submitted by Peg 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 NAFC. Enjoy! What's Cookin?

CORN CHOWDER

1 medium onion, chopped rather fine
 2 or 3 slices of bacon, fried, drained
 ¼ lb salt pork, (butter or margarine can be used in place of)

2 cups diced potatoes

1 medium can cream style corn.

For extra flavor 1 small can minced clam optional

Drain off excess fat from bacon. Add 2 cups water, 2 cups diced potatoes, salt and pepper. Cook until potatoes are soft. Add 1 medium can cream style corn. For extra flavor, a small can of minced clams can be added. Heat thoroughly. Can be eaten as is, but I like to add milk. (fresh or \evaporated) Bring to a boiling point, but do not boil. Serve with crackers.

CHILI CON CARNE

1 ½ lb hamburger

2 tsp chili powder

2 tsp paprika

Add: 1 small can tomato sauce

2 cups water

2 cups shell beans

Cook over low heat stirring occasionally for 30 minutes.

BIG BOY SANDWICH

2 pkgs (2 3/8 oz each) old fashioned beef dry soup mix

3 cups water

2 tsp horseradish

½ cup chili sauce

8 servings thinly sliced cooked beef

8 slices Italian bread

Empty soup mix into saucepan;

gradually blen in water, chili sauce, and horseradish. Mix until smooth. Bring to boil, stirring. Partially cover and simmer 10 minutes, stirring now and then. Add beef and heat. Serve on bread. Makes 8 servings.

CHICKEN NOODLE SPECIAL

6 slices bacon

6 cups water

2 pkgs (1 ¾ oz each chicken noodle dry soup mix)

1 cup cooked whole kernel corn

In saucepan, cook bacon until crisp; remove and crumble. Pour off excess drippings. Add water; bring to boil. Stir in soup mix. Partially cover; simmer 7 minutes; stirring now and then. Add corn and bacon. Heat, stirring. Makes 8 servings.

DYNAMITES

Bunch of celery

1 ½ to 6 onions

6 peppers

2 cans tomato paste

1 can tomatoes

1 ½ Hamburg 2 tsp chopped onion

Salt, pepper, ground red pepper and garlic

Cut celery into 1-inch pieces. Put to cook in water just to cover. Meanwhile, cut onions and peppers in pieces. Add to celery and cook to almost tender. Add salt and pepper. Fry Hamburg. Add tomatoes and tomato paste, garlic, red pepper (to taste). Cook for a while. Add celery mixture and cook a while longer. /this is good served on hot dog rolls and steamed Hamburg rolls.

SOUPERBURGERS

1 lb ground beef

1 tbsp shortening

2 tbsp ketchup

1 tbsp prepared mustard

½ cup chopped onion

1 can (10 ½ oz) condensed chicken

gumbo or vegetable soup

Dash black pepper

6 buns, toasted and buttered

In skillet, brown beef and onion in shortening; stir to separate meat particles. Add soup and seasonings; simmer about 5-10 minutes to blend flavors. Stir now and then. Serve on buns. Makes 6 servings. Note: when using vegetable soup, decrease mustard to 1 tsp.

QUICK BEAN POT

½ cup chopped onion

12 cans (1 lb each) pork and beans with tomato sauce

2 tbsp molasses

Generous dash cloves

2 tbsp butter or margarine

2 tsp prepared mustard

Brown onion slightly in butter. Blend in remaining ingredients; heat. Makes 4 generous servings.

BARBECUED FRANKS

1 lb Frankfurters, slashed crosswise

2 tbsp chopped onion

2 tbsp butter or margarine

1 can (10 ¾ oz) beef gravy

½ cup ketchup

In skillet, brown frankfurter and onion in butter. Add gravy and ketchup; simmer 15 minutes. Makes 4-6 servings.

POTATOES IN FOIL

5-6 medium potatoes

Sliced ¼ in thick, Wash, drain 2 medium onions, sliced ¼ in

Salt and pepper to taste

3 or 4 tbsp butter

ENGLISH MONKEY

1 cup milk

1 cup bread crumbs

1 tbsp butter

¼ tsp salt

Few grains pepper

1 cup cheese, diced

1 egg,

4 slices toast

Scald milk in double boiler, add crumbs, butter, salt & pepper. Add cheese. Stir over hot water until cheese has melted. Stir in the slightly beaten egg and cook 1 minute. Pour over toast and serve. (2 servings)

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HAPPY NEWS

I saw on facebook that Roger and Linda Bouchard, Chs. 45, 48, 84 and 33 celebrated their 46th wedding anniversary recently. Rich and Carol Bishop, Ch. 30 and long time NAFCA

treasurer will be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary August 31st. They are soon to be 89 and 90 years young, camping keeps you young!!

DIED

Linda Floyd's (CH 49) mother, Earline, 90 yrs. old, died recently in Lynn. Cards can be sent to her at 252 Newbury St., Lot 105, Peabody, MA. 01960.

IN THE SERVICE

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

Please keep me updated on news of our NAFCA family, I'm getting more info from face book (for public

use) than members. If you don't send it to me, I can't get it out to our members.

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Camping Hacks
 by Jody Himebaugh

If nothing else, the internet provides extensive information on every imaginable topic. If you haven't already done so, steer your search engine to CAMPING HACKS and you'll be presented with countless tips on how to make your outings more interesting and fun.

Buzzfeed.com, for example, lists some 41 really neat tips on repurposing household items which offer comfort, convenience, and orderliness to camping.

www.buzzfeed.com/.../camping-hacks-that-are-borderline-genius

Also from BuzzFeed:

37 RV hacks that will make you a happy camper;

39 Brilliant Camping Hacks To Try On Your Next Trip.

And BuzzFeed is just one of the countless websites listing these great ideas. Here are two more:

<https://www.onecrazyhouse.com/tent-hacks/>

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Check em out!

2019 Calendars

NATIONAL EVENTS

Oct. 4-6 Council of Chapters Meeting
 Country Aire Campground
 Charlemont, MA

Oct. 18-20 Otter River Conservation Weekend
 Otter River State Forest
 86 Winchendon Rd
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STATE EVENTS

Sept. 6-8 Vermont & New Hampshire
Fall Frolic
 River Meadow
 Campground
 North Haverhill, NH

Sept. 26-29 Massachusetts Fall Frolic
 Spencer Fairgrounds
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Nov. 3 Mass. Coord Meeting
 Rutland Library
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CHAPTER EVENTS

Sept. 12-15 Quahaug #48 - Camp-O-Rama
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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
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