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Would the following families please bring refreshments for the next meeting:

Hay  
Irvine  
Johnston  
Jones  
Bev & Paul Kelley  
Peter Kelley  
Koulibaly

If you cannot make the meeting, please call Linda Bouchard at 401-624-7886 or Cheryl LeBlanc at 508-699-4940

**Nafca's 7 C's**

Care  
Courtesy  
Cooperation  
Common Sense  
Caution  
Cleanliness  
Conservation

# WOODCHIPS

## President's Message

Hello Campers!

We had two new families join our chapter in April - WELCOM ABOARD! Special thanks to Larry Gould for spreading the word.

On another note: We need one campout wagonmastered, September. This weekend is the easiest of all weekends, usually they have a dinner already, and everyone is busy during the day. Nothing much to do! The Fischer's and the Kelley's stepped up to take July (Chamberline Lake). Thanks guys, and thanks to all wagonmasters this year.

Camp-O-Rama! Chris and Kathy have this event well under way with invites going out this week.

April's meeting went smooth, with board of directors coming to my house Saturday. I bought plenty of mudslide mix - don't worry. Should be a good one.

That's it for now. Get those campers ready! It was 76 here! Oh yeah! CONGRATS LEONA—On R.I. State Director!

Your Prez  
Lou

*Meetings are always the  
First Sunday of each month  
Common Fence  
Point Community Ctr  
Anthony Rd, Portsmouth RI  
Next meeting is Sunday  
May 7, 2006*

## Quahaug Club Tee-Shirts

Wear Your Red Tee-Shirt  
to show your Club Colors!

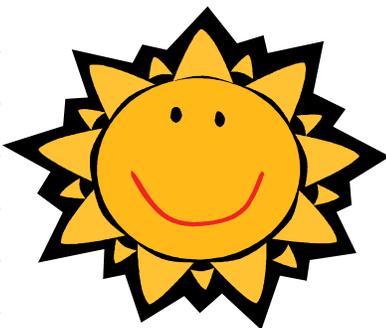
Saturday is Club Colors Day!

Wear your RED tee-shirt Especially the kids  
(This identifies our club children  
in case of Emergency)

Quahaug Club Tee-Shirts are available along  
with sweatshirts, patches and decals for your  
camper!

Shirts \$7.00 (2X & 3X \$1.00 more)

See Linda Bouchard at any campout or  
just give her a call.



## Sunshine Report

Helen Peckham is ill

Ted Fischer step mom passed away

If anyone has news that someone in the Chapter is ill,

**Please Contact Ann Calcutt at 401-846-5645 so she can send some sunshine!**



## Campouts for 2006

### April 2006

Canoe River Campground  
April 28 - 30  
Mansfield, MA  
Norma & Mary Jean

### Spring Safari

Tunbridge, Vermont  
May 19 - 21  
The Delegate's Dale & Roger

### June Campout

Oak Ember's Campground  
219 Escoheag Hill Road  
W. Greenwich, RI 02817  
June 16 - 18  
The Fencer's & The Bouchard's

### July Campout

Chamberlin Lake Campground  
1397 Route 197  
Woodstock, CT 06281  
July 14 - 16  
Fischer's & Kelley's

### August Campout

Bowdish Lake CampGround  
Rte 44, Putnam Pike  
W. Glocester, RI  
August 18 - 20  
LeBlanc & Waterman

### September

Mass Fall Frolic  
Spencer Mass

### October Campout

Hickory Ridge Campground  
584 Victory Highway  
Greene, RI 02827  
October 13 - 15  
The Corti's & Villiard's

### November

Canoe River Campground  
Mansfield, MA  
November 17 - 19  
Dale Irvine

## Neptune's Nosing

Well—it is almost camping time—and I, for one housebound dog—AM VERY HAPPY! It has been a lonnnnnnnng winter, and good riddance to it. There is just so much “laying around” even a dog can do. It’s time to get back out in the fresh air, under the trees, around the campfire (with all those great treats going around)—you know what I mean—back to nature. I can smell the bacon now, not to mention all those other lucky pooches that belong to this bunch of happy campers. We love to get together to see who can out bark, out sniff and out-EAT- one another. You guys drop great stuff around those pot luck dinners, and around the coffee pot!!! Yippee! You know around here, it’s been a pretty lean winter. After the Holidays and all that food, Mom put me on a strict diet (Oh, happy days!). She cut down on the amount of food she gave me, AND she gave Daddy orders to do the same. Very few treats! No fair. He was always there with a handout, even from the table---now a BIG NO NO! She still lets me have some potatoes when Daddy makes them, but she counts them-----3 pieces and no more! Well, even that didn’t last. Now Daddy gets up early and goes to work, so NO MORE 3 POTATOES! My bones are starting to rub together. I ask you-----WHAT’S WRONG WITH BEING A FAT, HAPPY DOG??? (It’s not like Mom and Dad couldn’t afford to lose a couple pounds—how would they like it if someone took half their food away?)

Well, maybe being lean and lanky has its good points. You should see me jump! I can even reach the top of the 8 ft fence in the backyard—with the right incentive. Last week I outsmarted a squirrel! He was running across the top of the fence, bold as you please. I was barking my head off, but do you think he took the hint? NO! So I jumped as high as I could up and against the fence. Guess what happened? HE FELL! Yup, right into MY yard. Well, he led me on a mighty chase, but I caught him. I had fun with him for a while, then he just fell over—dead. No more fun. I really didn’t mean to hurt him. I think I scared him to death. It was funny as all get out when Daddy found him. HE thought I’d brought my toy squirrel outside and went to pick it up. He was grossed out. Mom was “Oh, yukking” all over the place. It’s a wonder she let me in the house. Does she know what a hunting dog does? I guess not!

One last funny story--Mom and Dad were talking about it—not knowing that I understood every word—remember I explained this last month. Anyway, they went over Aunty Mary-Ellen’s house for supper one night, and that “perfect Chihuahua, Candy” had some kind of strange fit!! It seems she has a “thing” about monkeys. Uncle Ted has a collection of them hanging in the kitchen—some that even whoop and holler and jump around. Well, Uncle Ted told Daddy NOT TO TOUCH THE MONKEYS!!! Of course, Daddy did, and Candy started going ballistic!! She was barking, growling and trying to turn her bed over so she could reach those nasty things. She jumped and snarled and went totally NUTS for 5 minutes, till Mom and Dad were rolling on the floor. God! I wish I had been there. It must have been a sight to see! Can you imagine? Gotta love those “perfect Chihuahuas”!!!

Hey—welcome Hannah Leblanc—brand new Golden pup—into the Quahaug family!!!

That’s all for now-----

Love and Treats, Neptune,  
AKA Neppie

# Delegate's Report May 2006

EXTRA EXTRA Winter is over!!! Even though it SNOWED 2 days ago, we are only a few weeks away from camping. Are we all getting ready to hit the road? It may take some doing (speak for yourself, Dale), but it is well worth the effort. We are off to NAFCA's Annual Meeting next weekend. Then it's the April campout at Canoe River—THANK GOODNESS! We are so looking forward to seeing all of you.

I am concerned, though, about NAFCA's Spring Safari. As of the April meeting, there were only 10 Quahaugers signed up for Spring Safari—a far cry from the 20 to 30 who have gone in other years. There is still time to sign up. All you have to do is call me at: 401-683-2890 to have your name added to the list. I will be sending the list in to the committee before the next meeting, so that's why you need to call me. The chapter pays in advance and you can pay at the weekend. I realize that this year's trip to Vermont is quite long, but it isn't any longer than some NAFCA members travel to our Camp-O-Rama. It is only fair that we return the favor by supporting their big event and showing up in large numbers (as we have in the past) for the Spring Safari!!! There is always a great schedule of events and lots of fun to be had. Our chapter will be supplying a meal Saturday afternoon for members. Please think it over, and decide to join us. It will be much appreciated by those in NAFCA who work so hard to put on this weekend.

Another item of importance we discussed at the April meeting was the NAFCA Education Conference. It is scheduled for June this year, as mentioned—a better time to enjoy good weather. We are urging all members who would like to go to apply for the scholarships offered in Campfire Chatter. This, too, is a fun weekend, full of camping fellowship AND LEARNING. You would be amazed at the amount of camping knowledge you get at this conference. This one is shaping up to be a real WINNER.

About the NAFCAree in July---it is all full, but if you care to, you can send in a deposit and be put on the waiting list. You may get lucky and get in.

That's all for now. Get those campers ready and loaded-----

See you around the campfire, Dale

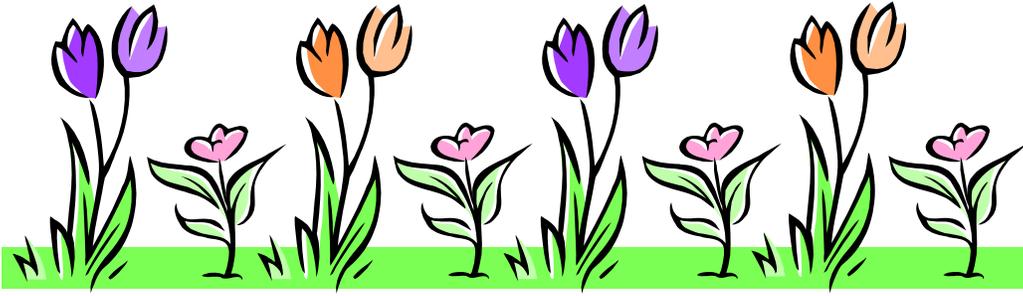
## Events for 2006

NAFCA Conference  
(formerly The Educations Conference)  
Spencer Fairgrounds  
Spencer, MA  
June 2, 3, 4 2006

2006 NAFCAree  
Deer Run Camping Resort  
Schaghticoke, NY  
July 22 - 29, 2006

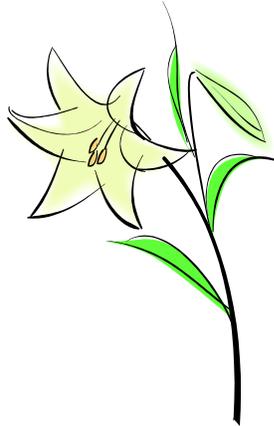
Fall Frolic, Conn/RI  
August 25, 26, 27 2006  
170 Ross Hill Road  
Lisbon, CT 06351  
Host's Will Be Conn

Camp-O-Rama  
Middletown, RI  
Sept. 8, 9, 10 2006  
WaongMaster's Chris Taylor & Kathy Lena



## May Birthdays

- 3 Rudy Parayno
- 5 Nicholas Waterman
- 13 Josh Taylor
- 14 Jon Jones
- 14 Bev Clement
- 15 Paul Audette
- 15 Anthony Soares
- 16 Ron Walker
- 17 Christopher Parayno
- 20 Sandra Caldwell
- 21 Gary Villiard
- 21 Noel Wyatt
- 21 Nicholas LeBlanc
- 22 Andrew Kelley



## Welcome New Members!

*Gary & Karen Leonard*

*Stanley Gould & Gail Rockwood*

*Patti & Mike Newton*

## May Anniversaries

- 4 Colin & Kris Wyatt
- 23 Rudy & Sharon Para
- 25 Grant & Shari Waterman
- 26 Tracy & Debbie Carver
- 30 Larry & Bevy Clement



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# Secretary's Report

April 2006

The meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence.

**New Members:** Larry Gould introduced his cousin Stanley Gould and friends Gary and Karen Leonard.

**Secretary's Report:** Secretary's report as written in the newsletter was accepted and placed on file.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer was not present. No treasurer's report.

**Sunshine Report:** Ann reported that there was no news.

**Newsletter Editor:** Deadline is April 10<sup>th</sup> this month.

**NAFCA Delegate's Report:** Dale reported that April 21<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for signing up for Spring Safari. The NAFCA Annual Meeting is the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in April. April 12<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for signing up. See Chatter for details. The NAFCA REE is sold out. However, names are being taken for a waiting list.

**Rhode Island State Director's Report:** This position is now open with the elevation of Ron to the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President of NAFCA.

**President's Report:** Lou and Linda discussed this season's campouts. See details in the newsletter. The Waterman's and Bouchards are joining Norma and Mary Jean as wagonmasters for the April Canoe River campout. The Fisher's and Kelly's have volunteered as wagonmasters for the July Chamberline Lake campout. August's Bowdish Lake campout will have the Waterman's, Wyatts and LeBlanc's for wagonmasters. Ross Hill Campground has been reserved for Aug. 25-27. Dale Irvine has volunteered as wagonmaster for the Nov. Canoe River campout.

Lou reminded the members that if a campout goes without a wagonmaster, a board member will collect the fees but there will be no meals offered that weekend.

**CAMPORAMA:** Norma reported for Chris who was unable to attend the meeting. The letters are ready and going out the next day. Guest fees include \$22/night. Quahaug members pay \$22 only for the weekend. Saturday Dinner will be a choice of ½ barbeque chicken or a pound of barbeque pork ribs. Price is \$10.00 per meal. Bus trips will ask for \$1.00 per rider, including the trip to the Pancake House. A dumpster has been arranged and the costs will be well below the original estimates: \$130 for the dumpster and \$75 per ton to dump.

**Old Business:** Lou presented 2005 Wagon Master Bars to the Kelly's, Bouchard's, Shimkus's, Bradley's, Corti's, Kathy Lena, Chris Taylor, Fisher's, Sky Villiard, Dick/Jean Villiard, Dale Irvine, Gould's and the Taylor's.

Lou reported that a Board of Directors Meeting will be at his house April 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM. (Pizza's will be ordered.) The purpose of this meeting is to consider Joanna's Treasurer's reports and Historian. Copies of Joanna's detailed treasurer's reports are available at Quahaug meetings.

The Educational Conference is the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend in June at the Spencer Fairgrounds. NAFCA Scholarships are available and the deadline for applying is April 15<sup>th</sup>. The deadline for reserving for the Ed. Conference is May 1<sup>st</sup>.

**New Business:** To fill the vacant RI State Director position, Ron asked for nominations from the floor. Leona Barratt, alone, was nominated and subsequently elected to the office for the next two years. Linda Bouchard will be Deputy Director and Norma will be secretary to the Director.

The Watermans talked about some of the NAFCA REE trips this year.

Ron Barrett thanked the members for their support in his successful bid for First Vice President of NAFCA. Further, he thanked the members for their great support of the RI Winter Social. There were 50 people and they were served an excellent meal. There were no complaints, he added. Next year they hope to do it again at the same place and hopefully the pool will be open.

# Secretary's Report

March 2006

Mary Ellen announced that the winner of the Silver Shell Award presented at the Anniversary Dinner was Marilyn Taylor, who recently, sadly passed away, and her husband Bill.

Ron Barrett reported that a proposal to have the 2007 NAFCAREE in Niagra Falls/Canada will be presented at the Annual Meeting. Other proposals are also being prepared.

Russ reported that Kurt Littlefield (former Treasurer) passed away a few weeks ago. Kurt and Jean were very active for many years in Quahaug's. Russ requested a moment of silent prayer.

Paula reported that Joan Behnke, wife of Fred Behnke, former NAFCA treasurer, passed away suddenly.

Meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting: MAY 7, 2006 at 6 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Fencer, Secretary