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

Bradley
Calcutt
Bev Clement
Corti
Fencer
Fischer
Gammon
Gould

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

Hi Gang!

Boy, is it me or are these meetings getting easier? Maybe it's because by the time we arrived, you guys were already EATING! How come Linda gets all the easy ones? Oh well, thank Linda for bailing me out, we enjoyed Nicholas's first cub scout blue & gold banquet, and showed up in time to eat again with you guys.

A motion was made to hold a board of directors meeting to discuss ways to cut club costs. Also, it was suggested that anyone wanting to go to the education conference submit forms to use the Nafca scholarships. GREAT IDEA. I've been told Nafca has an account just for this. I don't think anyone has taken advantage of that in a couple of years. I think we're running the club pretty lean right now, I really can't find much to cut in the club budget itself. Thanks to Diane, we all ought to be thankful, she does a GREAT job, and at no cost. However, that's why we have a board, maybe someone has ideas? I really don't want to cut family or camping activities, or wagonmaster weekends. It's hard enough to manage with our wagonmaster budget of \$150.00. Which also is to include a free weekend for the wagonmaster. A lot of people don't take it. BUT YOU DESERVE IT. Enuff said, we'll discuss it later.

HAPPY TRAILS, 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
April 2, 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)

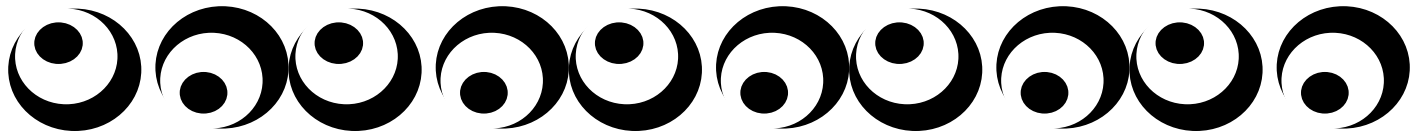
See Linda Bouchard at any campout or
just give her a call.



Sunshine Report

Marilyn Taylor has passed away
Helen Terra and Norma Silvia are recovering

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
No WagonMaster's Yet

August Campout

Bowdish Lake Campground
Rte 44, Putnam Pike
W. Glocester, RI
August 18 - 20

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
No WagonMaster's Yet

Neptune's Nosings

You know, I have a lot to say about how dogs understand English, but try not to let their owners know how much, so, I'm going to let you all in on this info--sort of like ENGLISH 101, with me as the teacher, and all you dog owners as the school kids.

Now, the experts say dogs only understand the "tone" of your voice, like they know when you are mad and when you are pleased with your dog. That--I can tell you--is a lot of bunk. Speaking for myself, there are lots of words I understand, like "treat", "out", "that's enough" (big in my house), as just a few examples. I also know what my toys are ---"duck" (my favorite), "squirrel", and my new favorite---"mouse". When Daddy says, "Go get the mouse", I know exactly which toy to get. I bring it to him, we tug back and forth on it for a while, then I let it go and he throws it for me. I don't get to play if I bring the wrong toy! See what I mean? We learn fast. "Eat" that's a no-brainer. Doesn't every dog respond to that word? Of course, so why do you think they give you that blank look when you say "Come", or "Stop"? They don't understand? Give me a break---it's called "playing dumb". Anyone that believes dogs are dumb animals are (how does Mom say it?) delusional. I even know what that word means. We may take a little longer to respond, but from what I hear, kids sometimes don't respond at all. I think it's called, "Turning a deaf ear!". I've learned a lot since I came to live here. Both Mom and Dad talk at me ALL THE TIME---like I was a person, not a dog. I think they really believe I am---just a kid in a furry suit. And, you know, the more they talk---and explain with sign language, the more I understand. When Mom sits down on the couch with a snack at night, I put my nose on her lap for a handout. She says, "No, you're not getting any!" I turn my eyes away for a second, then come right back and stare at the food. It means---"I know what you're saying, but I'm pleading with you (Oh, please, please give me some)". Just like a kid! We don't like taking "no" for an answer either!!! Sometimes I win, sometimes I don't, but it's worth trying. See what I mean?

So, I hope that clears things up a little for you dog lovers. Take time to look at your dog and try to figure out what he/she understands. Say interesting things, like "I'm thinking of going for a walk and taking you with me." in sort of a monotone. Avoid the key words like "out". Every pooch understands that one. See what happens. It takes a while to get the hang of it, like it takes us a while to get it. People tend to talk to their pets differently than they talk to other people. After hearing the same tones in your voice, we figure out what you're saying by how you're saying it. Change that around, and I am sure you will discover how really smart your little doggie is---in the ways of the human world. After all, we have been your faithful companions since the caveman days!!!!

That's all for now-----love and Treats,
Neptune

Delegate's Report March 2006

Spring is on the move----maybe one GREAT Saturday doesn't make it here yet, but it is beginning to feel like CAMPING SEASON! I must say having a November campout makes the indoor season a lot shorter. In just 5 weeks, my camper will be on the road—to NAFCA's Annual Meeting in Charlemont, MA, and we are so looking forward to that. Not only does it mean getting together with NAFCA friends, but this year it means the swearing in of the new slate of NAFCA officers, including our own Ron Barratt as the new NAFCA 1st Vice President!! Then it's on to the April campout AND the Spring Safari. Roger and I as your delegates are counting on as good turnout from our chapter as we usually get. It's our way of thanking NAFCA members for their participation in our Camp-O-Rama. Please remember to bring a gift for the Chinese Auction, like so many of them do for ours. I know the committee is working hard to ensure a great schedule of events for the weekend. Check Chatter for all the details, but remember--your reservation goes through our chapter. The treasurer gives me a check to take care of your reservations and you pay the treasurer. Checks can be refundable, but only for a medical or other emergency.

The beginning of June will see this year's Education Conference. It will be at Spencer Fairgrounds, as usual, but it will be quite different. First of all—the weather will be more enjoyable in June. If a couple wants to go and only one wants to be involved in the seminars, that's okay—no pressure. Cost is the same, but one can go just to relax. Seminars will not last all day AND there will be some very entertaining and enlightening activities on Saturday. Scholarships are available. Don't be shy. Go ahead and apply. Check Chatter for the application and the deadline.

If you are planning to go to NAFCAree—I hope you have made your reservations by now! I understand the activities at the campground are good enough to spend you whole week there if you choose. The committee has some dynamite trips planned and also some great evening fun for all. This one is not to be missed!

That's all for now-----there is no competing with Neppie. That is one long-winded dog.
See you in April----

HAPPY CAMPING, 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



April Campout
Canoe River

Crafts for the kids

Saturday Night
Make your own sub
With French Fries

Saturday Night at the Movies
\$30.00 per night camping



April Birthdays

- 2 Nancy Tanner
- 3 Sue Roppe
- 8 Cathy Snow
- 9 Christopher MacGibbon
- 14 Bill Cotta
- 16 Russ Peckham
- 23 Lisa Koulibaly
- 24 Veronica Kelley
- 27 Norman Soares
- 27 Kelly Lena

April Anniversaries

- 5 Bill & Marilyn Taylor
- 11 George & Helen Terra
- 19 Gary & Amerine Villiard
- 23 Paul & Bev Kelley



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Quahaug membership dues are now **PAST DUE!**
They were due by February 15th.

The following members will be dropped from membership if
Quahaug dues are not paid ASAP:

**Ron + Judy Alvares, Tracy + Debbie Carver,
Brian + Regina Dublin, Peter Kelley,
Margaret Noreen, Peter + Barbara Norkus,
Harry Sherman, Jim + Doris Silvia,
Susan Techiera, Ron + Maureen Walker**

Please send a check for **\$20.00** (\$15 dues and \$5 late Fee) to me at:
Joanna Falkof
26 Heelan Avenue
Stoughton, MA 02072

Also include a copy of your current NAFCA membership card.
You must have a current NAFCA membership to belong to the
Quahaug Chapter, this applies to Quahaug Gold members as well.

The following members need to show me or send me a copy of
their current NAFCA card:

**Amy Anderson, Norm Brodeur, Bill + Louise Cotta,
Phyllis Marshall, Rudy + Sharon Parayno,
Dennis + Linda Rogers, Ray + Sue Roppe,
Anthony + Pat Soares, Dick + Joanne Villiard,
Gary + Amerine Villiard, Colin + Kris Wyatt**

Please contact me if you feel the above information is incorrect.
It is possible while transferring over treasurer's information some
items got mislabeled or misplaced.

You can reach me at the above address or by email:

jfalkof@comcast.net

To Bill, Chris & Josh,

We all deeply morn the passing of Marilyn. We all miss her. She was a great wife, Mom and Grammy. I think I speak for everyone in the club when I say, if you need support, your camping family is, and always will be here to help.

Lou LeBlanc

She was a great friend to all.



Secretary's Report

March 2006

The meeting was called to order by Linda Bouchard, Vice President, with the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence in remembrance of Marilyn Taylor.

New Members: Joanne Villiard introduced her daughter Dawnelle Villiard and Dawnelle's boyfriend Rui Pacheco, new members.

Secretary's Report: Secretary's Report was accepted and placed on file.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's Report was accepted and placed on file.

Sunshine Report: Ann was absent and Paul gave the report. Sadly, Marilyn Taylor passed away and a spiritual bouquet was sent to her family. Helen Terra and Norma Silvia are recovering.

Newsletter Editor: Diane was not present. Linda reminded everyone that the newsletter deadline is the 15th of the month.

NAFCA Delegate's Report: Dale encouraged members to sign up for Spring Safari in Tunbridge, VT. Quahaug chapter will have parking duty Friday night, 8 – 10 P.M. The NAFCAREE is almost sold out.

Rhode Island State Director's Report: Ron was not present for the RI State Director's report.

President's Report: Lou was not present due to a previous commitment. Linda gave updates on the season's camping schedule. (See Newsletter for camping dates and locations.) The Fencers and Bouchard's will be wagon masters for the June campout at Oak Embers. The July campout at Chamberlin Lake needs wagon masters. The September campout (Mass Fall Frolic in Spencer) needs wagon masters. The November campout at Canoe River needs wagon masters. Kathy gave an update for the Camp-O-Rama. The Beach Committee has not yet had another meeting where we plan to raise some specific issues, such as coming in on Wednesday. Due to some increased costs, camping fees will be increased slightly. Kathy reminded everyone to sign up for duties.

Old Business: Joanne Falkof prepared an Income/Expense report for the last fiscal year ending Oct. 31, 2005, and a projected budget for this fiscal year. COPIES WILL BE AVAILABLE AT MEETINGS. OR, CALL JOANNE FOR A COPY. Discussion on these reports included remarks about costs/fees for Camp-O-Rama. Dues primarily cover newsletter expenses and coffee expenses. Joanne has recently switched banks to Citizen's Bank to avoid bank fees. We are a non-profit and are eligible for a no-fee bank account at Citizen's Bank. Paul recommended that the Board of Directors meet to discuss the Treasurer's reports and make recommendations to the membership. Linda will let Lou know and he'll arrange the meeting.

The club needs a new Historian. Linda Bouchard was the previous Historian. Primarily, the Historian takes pictures for an album to document club activities.

The NAFCA Educational Conference is the first weekend in June. (See the CHATTER for full details.) At the next Quahaug meeting we will consider any recommendations for a scholarship to attend the conference. Also, NAFCA offers scholarships for both couples and teens. Often these scholarships go unused so it would be worthwhile to apply if you're planning to attend the conference.

Secretary's Report

March 2006

New Business: MaryEllen and Norma announced that they have received four letters of recommendation for the SILVER SHELL award. The letters were read and the nominees are Ron/Leona Barrett (currently, RI State Director), Diane Smith (currently, newsletter editor), Roger/Linda Bouchard (currently, Vice President and Delegate) and Bill/Marilyn Taylor (MASS state Director). Ballots were distributed for a vote. Results will be announced at the Anniversary Dinner.

Shari Waterman moved and was seconded to donate \$25.00 to the NAFCA Scholarship Fund in memory of Marilyn Taylor. Motion was carried.

Paula happily reported that Ron Barrett was elected a NAFCA Vice President. Leona Barrett will take over the duties of the RI State Director.

Norma reminded members to sign up for the Anniversary Dinner. Deposits need to be sent to Norma by Mar. 11th.

Meeting was adjourned. Motion to adjourn was carried.

Next Meeting: April 2, 2006, at 6 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Fencer, Secretary