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Quahaug Chapter #48  
2005 Officers

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

Diane Smith  
Ron & Kathy Snow  
Tony & Pat Soares  
Norman & Flora Soares  
George & Helen Terra  
Dawnelle Villiard & Rui  
Dick & Joann Villiard  
Ski & Gary Villiard  
Grant & Shari Waterman

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!

What great weather huh? Sunshine today, snow tonight.

Nothing much to report, hope the weather breaks so we can all clean our campers soon.

Hope to see you all at the next meeting.

Your president,  
Lou

*Meetings are always the  
First Sunday of each month  
Common Fence  
Point Community Ctr  
Anthony Rd, Portsmouth RI  
Next meeting is Sunday  
April 1, 2007*

## 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)

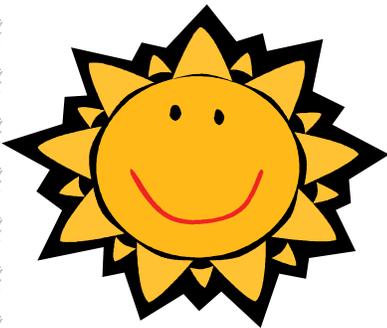
Quahaug Club Tee-Shirts are available along  
with sweatshirts, patches and decals for your  
camper!

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

See Chris Taylor at any campout or  
just give him a call.

## Sunshine Report

None



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 2007

April 13, 14, 15

Peter's Pond

Mary Jean & The Waterman's

April 20, 21, 22

NAFCA Conservation Weekend

Otter River State Park

Baldwinville, MA

May 18, 19, 20

Spring Safari & Council Of Chapters

Franklin County Fair Grounds

Greenfield, MA

Dale & Roger

June 15, 16, 17

Oak Ember's Campground

The Fencer's

July 13, 14, 15

NAFCA 50th Anniversary

Celebration & July Full Board

Meeting

Mineral Springs Campground

Wagonmaster's Needed

July 21 - 28

NAFCaree

Timothy Lake Outdoor Resort

E. Stroudsburg, PA

August 17, 18, 19

Hide-A-Way Cove Campground

Wagonmaster's Needed

September

Fall Frolic

Spencer Fairgrounds

Wagonmaster's Needed

September 28, 29, 30

Fall Council of Chapter's & Full Board

Meeting

Hide-A-Way Cove

State of R.I. Host

October 12, 13, 14

Hickory Ridge Campground

Wagonmaster's Needed

November 16, 17, 18

Canoe River Campground

Wagonmaster's Needed

## Neptune's Nosings

Did I say I was BORED last month? Was I wishing for a little excitement? Be careful what you wish for!! SOME of the excitement was made by me---don't forget---I was bored. I decided to see if I could get out of my fenced in yard for the 100<sup>th</sup> time. When I put my mind to it, I can usually figure this out. Yes, Daddy has blockaded the big fence underneath with a whole string of cement blocks. (Is that REALLY necessary???) There is NO digging under them. But, I did spot a weak place under the deck where only a shaky piece of wooden stuff was between me and freedom! I went to work, and VOILA—I was out!! Headed up the street I was, ready for adventure. I get about 3 houses away when OhOh, those dastardly KIDS on my street ran to my house and ratted me out. Daddy came out yelling, and I had no choice but to go home and TAKE MY MEDICINE! I thought the hollering and finger-pointing would never stop. I had to look sad for half the day—and even at that, SUPPER WAS LATE. They have their own brand of torture, making me wait for my food!!

Then there was the day of the (only) snowfall. Nothing would do but Mom had to put that God-awful sweater on me. I did my best, but I could NOT get away from her and that sweater. She backed me into a corner of the kitchen, and I got slammed into it! I was NOT happy. She even took my picture. I guess she had a pretty boring winter, too.. Next came the day when I heard them saying WE were all going down to Petco. Now, that is a special treat for me. They let me roam around, sniff out all the funny creatures, and I even get to pick out my own treats! MMMM! I should have been a little suspicious when I saw them fish out that God-awful RAINCOAT they bought me—a yellow slicker. Well, they didn't put it on me, so I was all set. Into the truck we go, Me and Daddy, Mom and Veronica. I was on my best behavior—knowing how few times I get to do this. Everything was fine until we got to the parking lot. I noticed other dogs gathering, too. Hmm? All of a sudden out comes that raincoat, and into it I go—NOT willingly, I can tell you. Daddy hooks up my leash-----and before I know it-----I am headed for a “doggie” fashion Show! Can you imagine, Me—in a Fashion Show. What a skit it was---especially while I was waiting my turn. These 2 enormous, huge big dogs, (I think they were Great Danes I heard Daddy say), gave me the once over and SNARLED!! Yikes! Even though they had on muzzles, I'll tell you that sent a chill right down to the end of my tail. I figured I'd better do what they told me to do, so we could get away from there! I got up on the “runway”, walked around and posed so they could take pictures. Of course everyone thought I was adorable—even the owner of the itty bitty dogs who had on dresses –and SHOES! That will be where I draw the line on all this nonsense of dressing up!! Hear that, Mom and Dad??? I guess it was okay. I sure got more than my share of treats, and it didn't last all that long.

No more complaining about being bored-----I'm just going to lay low and play with all my cool toys. I especially like the new “little” duck, that Daddy shoots through the air like the real thing. It's got a rubber tube tied to its nose, so he can send it flying high and far. Like I've said before, around here (mostly) life is good. That's all for now----

Love and treats,

Neptune

AKA Neppie

# Delegate's Report April 2007

Just think, at this time next month (even as I look out my window and see SNOW falling like crazy), we WILL be ready for the new camping season. We made it through another winter. A look back-----for those who missed the Rhode Island Social/Quahaug Anniversary party, It was a great time. The hotel was very good to us, and the meal was absolutely out of this world, one of the best ever. Many of our NAFCA friends joined us AND, came to my "surprise" birthday party on Friday night. THANK YOU to all who shared it with my family and friends. This is what NAFCA is all about, making friends that turn into extended family and sharing in these kinds of good times.

Excitement is building as we get ready for the great campouts planned to celebrate NAFCA's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday. Along with our own April campout at Peter's Pond, we have the NAFCA Conservation Weekend, April 20 to 22<sup>nd</sup> at Otter River State Park. This is a FREE of dry camping, but as I have said before, this one is not to be missed. There is water available and a good paved parking lot to park on. AND, there will be a full weekend of activities. Some will involve cleaning up the park where NAFCA was formed in 1957—as we have been doing for many years now. But, you don't have to participate in this if you don't want to or can't. You can just come for the fun, the celebrations and dedications and for the love of the beautiful park at our disposal.

The following weekend we will be at Village Green CG in Brimfield, MA for the Annual Meeting. Again, there will be celebrating going on, along with the only meeting NAFCA has during the year when all NAFCA members have the right to vote. I have also said this before, but it needs repeating. If you are at all interested in finding out how NAFCA works, this is the weekend to attend. If you believe in this association we have held on to for 50 years, this is a great way to show it--to your officers, who are all volunteers and give so much of themselves, and, also to fellow chapter members, many of whom work tirelessly to make it fun for you. Of course if you have been around us for a while, you know, nothing compares to Spring Safari!! It is truly a FULL weekend of fun. This year in Greenfield, MA once again, will be no exception. Mark your calendar for that--May 18<sup>th</sup> to the 20<sup>th</sup>. Quahaugers have been the highest in attendance at Spring Safaris the last few years. Let's not disappoint this year, especially when so much celebrating is going on. Get out there and enjoy it. It's what we do!!! Sign ups are all in Chatter, except for Spring Safari, which goes through the chapters. Just sign up and pay me or Roger later.

Had a great time at the PV8 camping show. What a turnout! There was so much to see and do: the newest innovations in luxury camping, down to the small "teardrop" campers that your pet could hardly fit into?? I know they were all beautiful and exciting, but I think I'll keep what we have. That's all for now----

HAPPY CAMPING,  
Dale



## April Campout 13-14-15

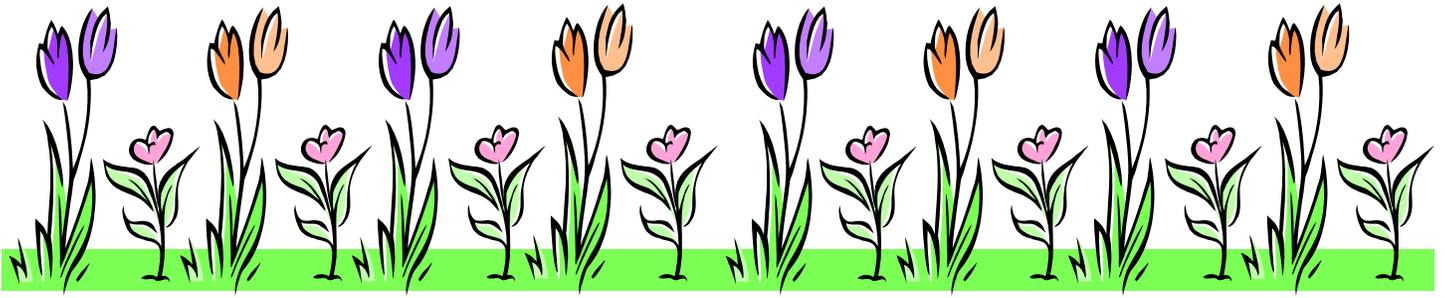
Peter's Pond Park  
185 Cotuit Rd. Sandwich, MA 877-477-1775

Wagonmeters - Mary Jean MacGibbon 401-683-0008  
Grant & Shari Waterman 508-824-6888

Deadline to sign up is the April meeting - April 1, 2007  
Price for weekend \$29.00 per night / 2 People  
\$3.00/child/night

We are planning a Saturday morning pancake breakfast with Canadian bacon and apple or orange juice. Coffee an' Friday & Sat. night

Start the 2007 Camping season with your friends at this campout.



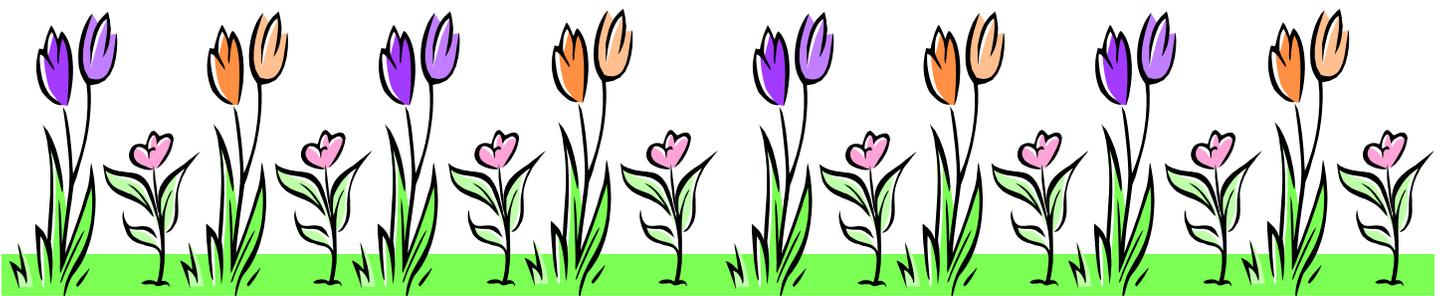
## April Birthdays

- 2 Nancy Tanner
- 8 Cathy Snow
- 9 Christopher MacGibbon
- 15 Katelyn Taylor
- 16 Russ Peckham
- 23 Lisa Koulibaly
- 24 Veronica Kelly
- 25 Barry Meehan
- 27 Norman Soares
- 27 Kelly Lena
- 27 David Patten
- 28 Melissa Chermely

Congratulations!

## April Anniversaries

- 11 George & Helen Terra
- 19 Gary & Amerine Villiard
- 23 Paul & Bev Kelly
- 30 Paul & Mary Barratt



## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Quahaug membership dues are now **PAST DUE!**

They were due by February 15<sup>th</sup>.

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

*Norma Derby, Bart Griffiths, Bob + Dale Irvine, Lisa Koulibaly, Pauline Lawrence, Rudy + Sharon Parayno, Dennis + Linda Rogers, John Sherman, Ron + Cathy Snow, Ed + Nancy Tanner, Kevin + Kathleen Taylor, Chris Taylor, Gary + Amerine Villiard, Ron + Maureen Walker, and Nancy Watters*

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:

*Paul Audette, Ernie + Joanne Babin, Norm Brodeur, Larry + Bev Clement, Ken + Betty Corti, Larry + Michelle Gould, Stanley + Gail Gould, Bob Hall, Bill + Chris Hay, Peter Kelly, Mary Jean MacGibbon, Barry + Shirley Meehan, Bill Taylor, George + Helen Terra, Dawnelle Villiard + Rui Pacheco, and George + Mary Withers*

## March 4, 2007 Secretary's Report

The meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

**New Members:** Jack and Donna Adams have joined the chapter. Welcome!

**Secretary's Report:** A motion was passed to accept the secretary's report as printed in the newsletter.

**Treasurer's Report:** A motion was passed to accept the treasurer's report as read, and place it on file subject to audit.

**Correspondence:** A letter from the Best Western Mainstay was recieved. It was thanking us for chosing them for the weekend.

**Sunshine Report:** No news. If you hear anything, Please call Ann Calcutt at 401-846-5646.

**Delegate's Report:** Booths are available at the Spring Safari, which is May 18-20, at Franklin Fairgrounds in Greenfield Mass. The weekend costs \$40.

**RI Winter Social/ Quahaug Anniversary Party:** Thank you to Norma and Linda! It was a great time!

**Campground Committee:** It was reported that the upcoming campouts are listed in the Woodchips newsletter and many of them still need wagon masters.

**Camp-o-rama:** The dates are September 14-16, 2007. The theme for the weekend will be "Thanks for the Memories" as Paula Bradley reported that the beach commission was not willing to commit to a weekend in 2008. There will also be lots of restrictions this year. Ken and Betti Corti have volunteered to be on the committee as have Norma Silvia and Linda Bouchard. We are only able to accept 175 reservations. A motion was passed to let Brad Moore show two campers at the beach. He can not make any sales in R.I. but would like to show them. He will be providing a breakfast on Saturday morning.

**Old Business:** The Silver Shell award is still waiting to be presented.

**New Business:** As per the by laws, if the vice president does not show up at three consecutive meetings the board of directors will appoint someone to take this position.

**Good of the Order:** There is a website Poconos.com and a phone number 1-800-762-6667 to obtain Poconos brochures.

Motion to adjourn, seconded, passed.

Respectfully Submitted, Beverly Kelly

### **Teen Club News**

**The teens voted to have Evelyn Falkof as President, Brad Kelly as Vice President, and Andrew Kelly as Secretary/Treasurer.**