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CAMP-O-RAMA

It's time to get things rolling for Camp-O-Rama 2006. There are a lot of jobs that need to be done. If there's something that interests you and you want to give it a try, give us a call. Remember this is a chapter money maker that we all benefit from. When everyone works together, it makes for a better event. We'll have the sign up board at the February meeting, but you don't have to wait until then.

Chris Taylor 781-789-3498
Kathy Lena 508-993-4358

WOODCHIPS

President's Message

Hello everyone and welcome back for another fun-filled year of family camping.

First and foremost I would like to say thank you to all members of the Quahaug chapter for electing me to office. I have big shoes to fill (literally) and will do my best for the club.

The January meeting was well attended and club business is well on its way for the upcoming year.

To Deb, Joanna and Linda, congratulations on your new positions. I look forward to working with you girls this year. Just a couple of reminders for next month's meeting: write your silver shell letters!!! Many people deserve this award!

DUES !! Dues are due by Feb. 15th or a \$5.00 late fee will be charged! The February meeting date has been changed to Feb. 12th!! Three more months till we clean and prep our rigs! I know our family can't wait, especially for Nafcaree.

Hope you all had wonderful holidays and see you in February-your new prez

Lou

*Meetings are always the
First Sunday of each month
Common Fence
Point Community Ctr
Anthony Rd, Portsmouth RI
Next meeting is Sunday
February 12, 2006*

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

Lawrence
Sheppard
Shimkus
D. Silvia
N. Silvia
Smith
Soares
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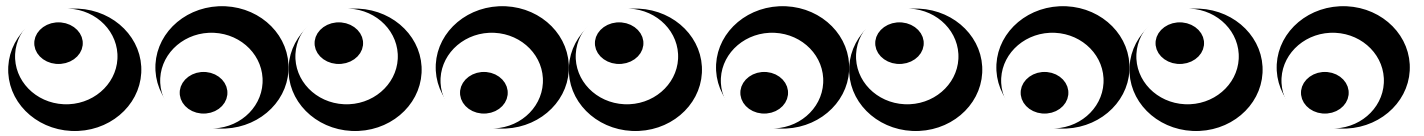
Thank you!



Sunshine Report

Helen Peckham has Pneumonia

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
June 16 - 18
No WagonMaster's Yet

July Campout

Chamberlin Lake Campground
July 14 - 16
No WagonMaster's Yet

August

Open

September

Open

October Campout

Hickory Ridge Campground
October 13 - 15
The Corti's & Villiard's

November

Canoe River Campground
Mansfield, MA
November 17 - 19
The Fencer's & The Bouchard's

Neptune's Nosing

Well, I don't know about you folks, but to me (a lowly dog), life has really shown me—you can be up on top of the world one minute, and in the pits the next! Take this past month, for instance. It was Christmas, and my house was FULL!! It was food, people, some (like my cousin Stephanie) I had never met before, food, parties, food—on and on and on. I didn't think it would ever end. Mom kept bringing home bag after bag after bag—food, presents, and I don't know what else. There was so much stuff in the cellar, you couldn't move down there. Someone was always cooking, wrapping, sticking stuff up on the walls. It was mighty confusing, but exciting. Good smells were coming from the kitchen, and supper for me was always on time. Do you know how important that is to a growing dog who's always hungry???

Then there was the parade of people in and out—eating, opening presents, playing games—a house full!!! It was better than Thanksgiving. Everyone got distracted and “I” got lucky. Mom put the rest of the apple pie out in the sunroom because there was no room in the refrigerator. THANKS, Helen—it sure was good! I caught Holy—you know what, but it was worth it. How often does a dog get apple pie? At least I know now what it tastes like.

As great as it was, it didn't last long. The next week or so, I did nothing but lay around. I mean, NOTHING was happening. What was that all about? I played with my new toys and laid around on my new mat---really exciting. There was a night when a lot of people came and went—along with lots more food, and our Christmas tree. It went up in a burst of fire on the front lawn. THAT was fun. I got to see it through the window. I guess I'm still not trusted too much to be out without a leash, and Daddy was pretty busy keeping an eye on that fire.

Things looked up a few days after that. One morning the Bouchards came over with a bag that smelled interesting. They let me peek inside---and I fell in love!!! They brought me a new “toy”, only this one is real! Her name is Raven, and she is as cute as they come. She sort of looks like my cousins—the “perfect Chihuahuas”, only prettier—and friendlier. She couldn't get down and play because she had a bad experience in the woods—something like that, but she is on the mend. Now I can't wait for camping season to romp around with her. WELCOME TO THE PACK, RAVEN! I guess winter is hard on everybody, especially us campers—right? Well, at least I have something to look forward to. I can dream about my cute “Raven”, and just vegge till April. So long for now---Love and Treats,

Neptune AKA Neppie

Delegate's Report February 2006

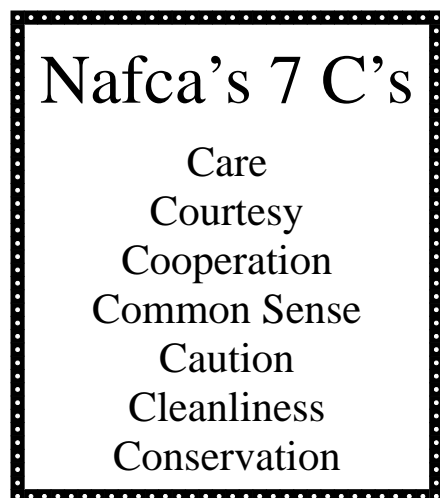
It's January and the only thing that can get us through these dismal days is planning for our CAMPING SEASON! First things first—we found out at the Full Board meeting last weekend that the 2006 NAFCAree committee already has 80 reservations. If you want to go and get a good spot—send your reservation in NOW!!! All it takes is a \$50. deposit to hold your site. They only have 150 sites. Don't be left out. There is no doubt—it is going to be a great time. Get your Western garb out of the closet and put it in the camper. You won't be disappointed. This committee is working very hard to make this a memorable NAFCAree. Some of us are planning an extended vacation, traveling through northern New England and then on to Canada for NAFCA's International Weekend in Quebec with the Hands Across the Border chapter. Check out Campfire Chatter for details. Anyone can go.

Next on the list of "attention, please" items is the MASS Dinner Dance—Feb 3, 4, 5. It may be too late to register with the hotel, but you can still attend the dinner dance. Winter Wonderland sounds like fun! This committee never disappoints.

How about the Pioneer Valley Camp Show? How great is it to get away to see 3 huge buildings chock full of camping trailers, equipment, clothing and every kind of gear you can imagine? If you really want to participate, call Ted Brouillard and offer to volunteer at the NAFCA booth for 2 hours. You get your admission free for the whole day to help sign new people up for NAFCA and then enjoy the show. The traffic past our booth is always so enthusiastic. How better to give back to this association that has given so much to us? And, by the way, NAFCA, and the RI State organization is also sponsoring a booth at the RI Camping Show at the RI Convention Center in downtown Providence, March 3 to 5th. We are looking for MANY volunteers to help us promote NAFCA there, too. Just let your State Director Ron Barrett or your delegates know if you are interested. It will be 2-hour shifts, and the same rules apply. You get a badge and get to see the whole show free.

Just a reminder about Spring Safari 2006. It is going to be at Tunbridge Fairgrounds in Tunbridge, VT again. Those who went last year will tell you what a fantastic area this is—really, God's country. I'm starting early to urge MORE participation. Another reason to attend: we get to vote on where the upcoming Spring Safaris will be. There are a lot of proposals this year. Roger and I will need your input to decide where to vote on. Please—mark your calendar and make plans to ---BE THERE OR BE SQUARE!!!!

Happy Camping! Dale



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 Lou LeBlanc at any campout or
just give him a call.

NOTICE

NAFCA and the RI State organization is sponsoring a booth
at the RI Camping Show,
March 3, 4, 5, 2006 at the RI Convention Center, Providence, RI.

Volunteers are needed!!!

Please Call Ron Barrett at: 781-7981
Dale Bradley at: 683-2890
Roger Bouchard at: 624-7886

You will be given a badge and be admitted free for the whole day!

THANKS IN ADVANCE!

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Quahaug membership dues of \$15.00 are due by February 15th.

If you are unable to attend the meeting on February 12th,
you can mail it to me:

Joanna Falkof
26 Heelan Avenue
Stoughton, MA 02072

Please remember to bring your NAFCA cards so I can update my records.
You must have a current membership in NAFCA to belong to the Quahaug Chapter.

GOLD members, I also need to see a copy of your current NAFCA card.
To be a *Gold* member you must be at least 62 years old, and a member
of the Quahaug chapter for at least 5 years. *Gold* membership status applies
to the Quahaug chapter only.

LATE FEES for Past Due Membership Dues

As voted by the membership at the
January 8, 2006 meeting,
There will now be a **Late Fee of \$5.00** if
dues are paid after February 15th.



February Birthdays

- 1 Linda Bouchard
- 1 Brianna Bouchard
- 3 Joanna Falkof
- 7 Bill Hay
- 7 Maureen Walker
- 7 Christopher Irvine
- 10 Evan Falkof
- 11 Ann Calcutt
- 21 Kathy Lena
- 22 Michelle Gould
- 25 Mary Jean MacGibbon
- 26 Dale Bradley
- 26 Rachel Villiard

February Anniversaries

- 21 Russ & Helen Peckham
- 16 Anthony & Pat Soares
- 27 Richard & Sandra Caldwell



Winter Social

Come join us at the Winter Social

Place: Best Western Main Stay Hotel

Date: March 24 - 25, 2006

Cost: \$50.00, plus tax

Dinner: Buffet \$30.00

*Steam Ship Roast Beef,
Stuffed Scrod, Stuffed Chicken Breast,
Potatoes, Vegetables, Dessert
Coffee & Tea*

*Please call the hotel and make
your own reservations*

*Contact Norma Silvia at 401-683-2993
47 McCorrie Lane, Portsmouth RI 02871*

Silver Shell Award

*Silver Shell Nominations are due
by the March 5th meeting.*

*Nominate somebody who has done
above and beyond the normal expected
in either the Chapter or the Community.*

*Send your nominations in to either
Norma Silvia or Mary Ellen Fischer.*

*If you have any questions, please call
Norma or Mary Ellen.*

Secretary's Report

December 2005

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

Welcome New Member's: There were none.

Secretary's Report: Accepted and placed on file. NAFCA Leadership Conference Scholarship Fund acknowledged a donation of \$25.00 in remembrance of Charlie Techiera.

Treasurer's Report: Current checkbook balance is \$4,797.03. Report was accepted as read and placed on file, subject to audit.

Sunshine Report: Ann reported that there were no new concerns.

Delegate's Report: Dale reports that the NAFCA Leadership Conference will be at the Spencer Fairgrounds the first weekend in June. It will be "new and improved." Weekend camping cost is \$30.00 per rig and seminar events / meals are \$25.00 per person. Children's prices are less. Dale reported that there is \$400.00 in the Scholarship Fund for the Leadership Conference. NAFCA Spring Safari is in Tunbridge VT, May 19 - 21. NAFCAREE 2006 reservations are filling up and Dale advised getting reservations in as soon as possible. See your Campfire Chatter for details. The Conservation Weekend is April 7 - 9. The RI Camping Show is the week of Feb 20th. and NAFCA is looking for volunteers to man the booth a couple of hours each. Volunteers will get free admission. Proposals for next year's NAFCAREE have begun to come in. Additional suggestions are welcome. The NAFCA election ballot mistakenly omitted the name of Ted Broulliard for 2nd Vice President. Since he was unopposed, the Secretary was instructed to cast one vote to officially elect him to the office.

Rhode Island State Director's Report: Ron reported the RI Fall Frolic will be August 25 - 27. He urged members to complete their NAFCA ballots and return them promptly.

President's Report: Ted reported that most campouts have been scheduled and wagon master's set up. See the newsletter for details. August and September campouts are still open. The season will start with the April campout on April 28 - 30 at Canoe River, Mansfield. Norma and Mary Jean are wagonmasters. We need wagonmasters for the June campout (Oak Embers) and the July campout at Chamberlin Lake, CT. Ted thanked Mary Jean, Bev, Shari, Linda and all who helped for the successful Children's Christmas Party and Adult party at Venus de Milo. The Anniversary Party will be combined with the RI Winter Social and held at the Best Western Hotel in Newport, on March 24 & 25. Hotel rates are \$50.00 / night and make reservations directly with the hotel. Meal price is \$30.00 / person. See newsletter for details.

Secretary's Report

December 2005

Old Business: Ron installed the new officers and directors for 2006:

Lou LeBlanc - President
Linda Bouchard - Vice President
Deb Fencer - Secretary
Joanna Falkof - Treasurer
Roger Bouchard - Delegate and Director
Dale Bradley - Delegate and Director
Ted Fischer - Past President and Director
Ken Corti - Director
Norma Silvia - Director
Dick Villard - Director
Paul Kelly - Director

New Business: Motion was made and seconded to contribute \$200.00 to Common Fence Point Community Center. Passed. Lou announced it was time to take nominations for the Silver Shell Award to be given at the March Anniversary Dinner. Ted and MaryEllen volunteered to take letters of recommendation. Recognition for Wagonmasters will be discussed at the February meeting. Paula noted that it is customary to make charitable contributions every year. Motions were made and seconded to contribute \$100.00 each to Middletown, RI Rescue and to Lucy's Hearth (a shelter for homeless women and children in Middletown). Passed. Norma reported that the coffee maker needs a new cord. Motion was made and seconded to replace the cord. Passed. Dale volunteered to do the job. Re: 2006 Camp-O-Rama: Chris and Kathy will again organize this annual fund-raiser event. Paula reported that the Middletown Beach Committee Meeting was to be held on the coming Tuesday at 4 pm and Quahaug's needed to send a representative to request our dates for the 2006 Camp-O-Rama. Our preferred date is the weekend after Labor Day. Ted volunteered to attend the meeting. Chapter dues are payable now. Deadline is February 15th. Due are \$15.00 per family. Motion was made and seconded to add a \$5.00 late fee for due paid after the deadline.

After considerable discussion, the motion passed. Due should be sent to Joanna and proof of current membership in NAFCA is required. Members who are 62, and have been Quahaug Members for over 5 years qualify as a Gold Member and are exempt from chapter dues. However, they must continue to pay NAFCA due and show proof of NAFCA membership. Motion was made and seconded for the club to pay 1/2 the meal price for members in good standing at the March Anniversary Party. Ensuing discussion raised serious concerns about the decline of Chapter treasury funds and fewer members, as well as declining revenue from Camp-O-Rama. On a close vote, the motion did not pass. Reminder to wagonmasters to complete the expense sheets, record names of participants accurately and submit this to the Treasurer promptly after each campout. Concerns were raised that the sign-in book beside the coffee maker at the campout is not an accurate indicator of participation and that wagonmasters should keep a separate list. Norma noted that next month's meeting coincides with both the Super Bowl and the NAFCA dinner-dance weekend. Motion was made and seconded to move the February meeting to the 12th. Passed. The teen club will also meet on February 12th.

A Motion was made to Adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,
Deborah Fencer, Secretary