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

Chris Hay
Dale Irvine
Jon Jones
Paul & Bev Kelly
Pete Kelly
Lisa Koulibaly
Pauline Lawrence
Lou & Cheryl LeBlanc

If you cannot make the meeting, please call Norma Silva at 401-683-2993 or Linda Bouchard at 401-624-7886

Nafca's 7 C's

Care
Courtesy
Cooperation
Common Sense
Caution
Cleanliness
Conservation

WOODCHIPS

President's Message

Hello Everyone!

First off, let me remind all members that our next meeting Superbowl Sunday will start at 2:00. So we will all be home in time to watch the game. Sounds good to me!

The Silver Shell Award was voted on, and will be awarded at the R.I. Social / Anniversary Party. Just for a recap, that will be Feb. 23, 24 & 25 at the Best Western in Newport. For more information, please contact Norma.

The 2007 camping season is all set, we need a few good boys and girls for wagonmasters. This can be as easy or involved as YOU like. Remember, volunteers can't be fired!!! (I tried!!).

See you all Superbowl Sunday,

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
February 4, 2007 (2 PM)*

Quahaug Club Tee-Shirts

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

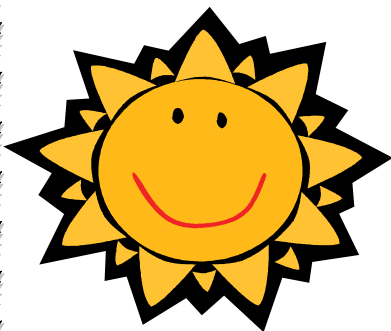
Saturday is Club Colors Day!

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

Russ Peckham had Pneumonia

Mary Ellen Fischer had her wisdom teeth removed
Bob Hall is still at the Grand Islander Nursing Home

Bev Clement has been ill

Both Helen & George Terra seem to be feeling a little better

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
Wagonmaster's Needed

April 20, 21, 22
NAFCA Conservation Weekend
Otteer 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

Well, I have to say, as I approach my 3rd year of life-----I "may" still have a lot to learn! We had a really wonderful Christmas Holiday at my house, even though those pesky (if somewhat perfect) Chihuahuas were in the mix of people. It's incredible how many people come in and out of this house at times---and Christmas is one of those times!! Everyone (with few exceptions) thinks I am "wonderful". They feed me little treats and even let me sit up on the couch with them (all 40 Lbs of me). I was truly on my best behavior. How do I know this??? Well, I measure this by how many times I am yelled at, and they were few and far between. So there! I got presents!! Lots of them, my favorite being a Canadian goose! I loved it so much, I wouldn't put it down, as I tried to "taste" the other stuffed things. Try doing that with a mouthful of Canadian goose. It wasn't easy. I was in a Christmas fantasy---WOW! Mom had to get me a bigger toy box---life is good!

Then after Christmas went by, I got another unusual treat. Mom and Dad let me come with them when they went to "Petco", some kind of pet "heaven", that smelled just INCREDIBLE! They let me roam around---down the food aisle, down the treat aisle, and even to the counter where all my tasty, familiar doggie biscuits come from. It was great---until they took me to those packages that had some nasty-smelling things, like that God-awful sweater I have at home. I prayed right there and then they wouldn't take home another one. They didn't. They just wanted to torture me a little. All in all, it was fun, though, especially when the lady said I could have free treats as we were leaving. I was thinking how "far" I had come in just a short time from being unruly to being a real companion for my Mom and Dad.

Hold that thought, and remember that sometimes us dogs are ALWAYS a "work in progress"!! See, we had another party at my house right after my outing to the pet store. This one had something to do with burning the Christmas tree, and inviting mostly family and extended family over to watch. ???? Yea, that's what I was thinking. Anyway, this time the table was pushed to the wall and set up with more food than I could imagine. When everyone came in from watching the tree burn, they filled up their plates and then sat around---everywhere---eating! I don't know what came over me, but I completely lost my manners. I was in everyone's face, trying to get their food! If you think Mom and Dad were mad, you would be so right. They even put me outside for a while, but I guess they thought better of that when they realized I was trying to come through the kitchen wall. It was like a "free for all"; people trying to protect their dishes, some laughing, some upset, me jumping all over the place and Mom and Dad yelling, as politely as they could. Yea-----it was ugly. So much for putting my unruly days behind me. ANIMAL INSTINCT---and my love of food and people took over. My New Year's resolution---I will try to do better. Hope you are having as much luck with yours. That's all for now--

Love and Treats, Neptune,
AKA Neppie

Delegate's Report February 2007

Fresh from the January Full Board meeting: Linda and Roger went there to attend a committee meeting and brought back this report. There are still sites for NAFCAree 2007 available, but time is running short for reservations for at least one trip—to the Buffet Dinner and Show on Wednesday evening. We are mailing our trip reservation in this week, with another payment. Full payment is not due until the 1st of June. It's better to be safe than sorry.

Much of the report is on the 2 BIG events planned to celebrate NAFCA's 50th Birthday. (AMAZING!!). The weekend at Otter River is April 20, 21, 22nd. This is usually a work weekend, but the committee wanted all to know—just come, ENJOY, work or not—just be there to launch NAFCA'S 50th year with the spirit of fun and fellowship that started with a hardy band of campers there July of 1957!!! All the details will be in Chatter. We, your delegates, want to urge you to attend to show the support the Quahaug Chapter has always had for NAFCA. This is important, folks! It's 50 years!!! The other important weekend will be the July Birthday Bash at Mineral Springs CG in Connecticut --July 13, 14, 15, 2007. Again---MARK YOUR CALENDAS! This will be a great time!!

Hope everyone that was planning to go to the RI Dinner Dance and Quahaug Anniversary Party knows that the place is changed---from Newport Inn to Best Western (the same place we had it last year). This time we will be having the ballroom for our Saturday night festivities.

Just an observation, but it seems a lot of the older members of the chapter (I mean long in the chapter, not "old" in age) are not attending many meetings or even campouts. While we welcome with open arms the new members, recognizing that they are vital to our growth—we "miss" the regulars, who have been with us for ages. As I think back on NAFCA's long history, I see that many of the new members have no idea how long and hard "we" have struggled just to keep NAFCA afloat. That is the reason we care so much about this association, and maybe, that is part of what gets lost when older members drop out. Just to let you know, we sure would like to see more participation in ALL we do. There are MANY of us who try really hard to make this camping club work. It's nice to know our efforts are worthwhile.

That's about all for now-----

HAPPY CAMPING,

Dale

Congratulations!

February Anniversaries

- 12 Russ & Hellen Peckham
16 Anthony & Pat Soares
27 Richard & Sandra Caldwell



February Birthdays

- 1 Linda Bouchard
1 Brianna Bouchard
3 Joanna Falkof
5 Tessa Babin
7 Bill Hay
7 Maureen Walker
7 Christopher Irvine
8 Stanley Gould
8 Molly Aukstikalnis
8 Jacob Lovell
10 Evan Falkof
11 Ann Calcutt
13 Gail Rockwood
14 Arielle Bernier
21 Kathy Lena
22 Michelle Gould
24 Kathleen Taylor
25 Mary Jean MacGibbon
26 Dale Bradley
26 Rachel Villiard
26 Joanne Babin

Rhode Island Winter Social

IMPORTANT HOTEL CHANGE:

**The location has changed from the Newport Inn & Spa to the Best Western Mainstay Hotel
(The same place as last year)**

Once again we will be holding a winter social, so we can get together with our camping friends during the winter months. The location has changed from last year, it will be held at The Best Western Mainstay Hotel, where we had it last year, across from the Newport Jai Lai Casino, at the base of the Newport Bridge.

There will be a dinner and dance. The dinner consists of Steamship round of beef, Baked stuffed scrod, Baked stuffed breast of Chicken, roasted red bliss potatoes, fresh vegetable of the day, Caesar salad, tossed green salad, choice of dressings, assorted desserts, coffee & tea.

*The dates are February 23, 24 & 25. Handicap Accessible (Sorry No Pool).
Large Dining Room on Main Floor*

The price for the dinner is \$32.00 per person. Send your reservations to Norma Silvia, 47 McCorrie Lane, Portsmouth RI 02871. To make reservations for your hotel room, please call The Best Western at 401-849-9880.

The cost for the rooms are \$62.15 per night.

We hope you will come and join us for a night of dancing and winter friendship gathering.

Norma Silvia and the Rhode Island State Committee

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

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

If you are unable to attend the meeting on February 4th, 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.

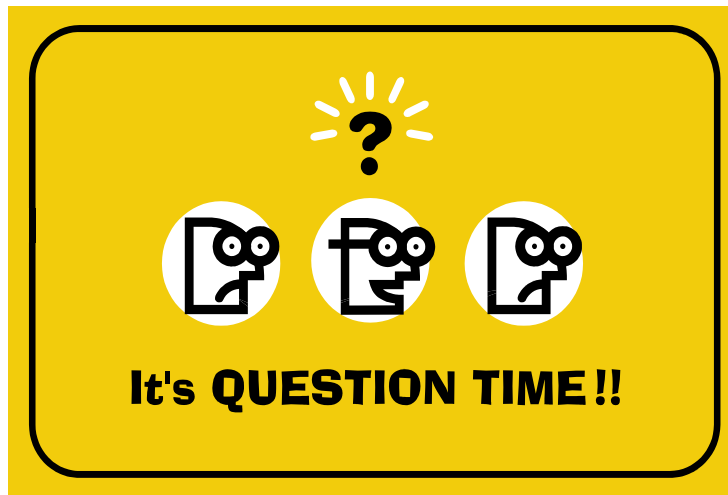
GOLD members, I also need to see a copy of your current NAFCA card.

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.



Quahaug Questions?

Welcome to the first column of Quahaug Questions. This column will be a forum for all those questions that are asked and unasked. Questions may be submitted by email or by telephone. I will need to have contact information in case clarification is necessary and all questions will be posted anonymously.

As editor of the column, I will answer the question based on my experiences or I will solicit answers from knowledgeable sources within the chapter. The questions can be technical, winterizing questions, braking systems etc., to wagonmaster queries, or even as simple as how do I get involved. I hope to present different options for each question to try to present different views. The questions and their answers will also be posted on the website. This column is targeted not just for our new members, but also to our established members who sometimes would just like a discreet format to have the camping questions answered. Please help me make this the column all that I hope it can be. I will need your help to keep it bright and informative.

For those of you who might not know who I am, allow me to introduce myself. I grew up in Nafca. My parents joined in the late 60's. My parents are Jake and Barbara Glauben. We were members of South Shore #25, back when South Shore was the force to be had. My dad was a chapter officer and then a Mass. State Officer. My mother was a newsletter editor of the Mass Muster. We joined Quahaug when I was in high school. My parents best friends were Ken and Betty Corti and Bill and Marilyn Taylor. We were very active in the chapter and Nafca. When Colin and I became parents we knew we had to come home to Nafca and Quahaug chapter. I knew I wanted my children to experience the same love and supportive environment that I grew up with. That is what I love about Quahaug chapter and Nafca, every trailer is a safe house that my children know they can find supportive adults that care about their well-being. They say it takes a village to raise a child, my village is Quahaug Chapter.

I myself still can't refer to Bill & Marilyn Taylor as anything but Uncle Billy and Auntie Marilyn, Ken & Betty Corti are Uncle Kenny and Aunt Betty.

But, enough about me, this is your column for your questions. Let me know what is on your mind.

Kris
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January 7, 2007 Secretary's Report

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

New Members: None

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

Correspondence: A letter from Connor Hay was read. The letter explained about the People to People Student Ambassador Program, in which he is participating. His hope is to raise \$4000, so he can attend the program in Australia over the summer. After discussion of this correspondence, a motion was made to donate \$100 to People to People in Connor's name.

Sunshine Report: It was reported that Russ Peckham had Pneumonia, Mary Ellen Fischer had her wisdom teeth removed, and that Bob Hall is still at the Grand Islander Nursing Home.

Delegate's Report: 24 sites are left for NAFCAre.

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

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

Old Business: It was reported that the RI Winter Social/ Quahaug Anniversary Party's location has changed! The new location is the Mainstay Best Western. The dates are still February 23-25, 2007. The price for the rooms and for the dinner have come down. The dinner reservations are due to Norma Silvia by February 1, 2007.

Silver Shell Award letters were read.

The chapter books and the Camp-o-rama books were audited and the numbers all matched up! It was reported that the NAFCAre committee is requesting the first and last names and ages of children attending be sent to Dianne Crook. The NAFCAre is filling up fast, please send reservations for camping and trip forms, June 1st is the payment deadline!

Camp-o-rama themes were submitted for the contest. It was reported that the Camp-o-rama committee went to the beach commission of Middletown asking for use of the beach for the weekend after Labor Day. The beach commission said that the beach would not be available until the end of September, if at all. The beach commission is just a volunteer advisory board so the Camp-o-rama committee asked to be and is on the Middletown Town Council agenda on January 16th, 2007. Middletown residents are encouraged to attend.

New officers were sworn in.

New Business: The rent for the CFPIA hall was increased to \$250/yearly. Annual donations were discussed. It was motioned seconded and approved to donate \$100 to the Middletown Fire Department & Rescue, and \$100 to A Wish Come True.

The February meeting is February 4th (also known as Super Bowl Sunday!), check newsletter for time of meeting!

Kris Wyatt has an idea for a newsletter column that she would handle. It would be a question and answer column. Please send her questions to semiwyatt@hotmail.com.

Motion to adjourn, seconded, passed.

Respectfully Submitted, Beverly Kelly