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Quahaug Chapter #48
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Would the following families please bring refreshments for the next meeting:

Caldwell
Chermely
Clement
Corti
Falkof
Fencer
Fischer
Gammon/Wolf

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!

We hope you all had a great Christmas and New Year. We all look forward to another great year of camping with our friends.

Our next meeting is January 7th, when all new officers will be sworn in. DUES!!! Please see Joanna, help make her job easier, thanks. All dues are to be in by the 15th.

SILVER SHELL - Silver Shell nominations are due in by the January meeting. Remember, anyone may get this award, if nominated. If you think someone has done an outstanding job - NOMINATE THEM.

I would like to thank all of those who helped me this past year, and those of you who put up with me. It has been a learning experience, and I'm still learning, so to all members, thanks for the support, especially Linda and Norma. Linda, don't think your getting off the hook either.

Diane, thanks for waiting for my messages that were late.

Here's to another great year of camping, with great friends!

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
January 7, 2007*

Quahaug Club Tee-Shirts

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

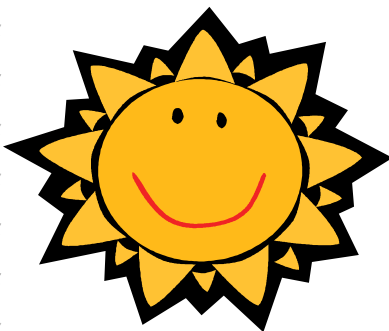
Saturday is Club Colors Day!

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

Phyllis Marshall Passed Away

Norma Silvia had surgery

Sympathy card sent to Marty Moore and family

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

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

Well, this isn't fair!! I was real happy having my Daddy home with me mostly every day—all day long. We bonded. He talked to me and played with me. We had romps around the back yard while I chased squirrels and he picked up “you know” with his scooper. I especially had fun with the “wrong side of the door” game. I'd go out, then after a few minutes I'd whine and cry, and he would let me in again. Then I'd stand near the door, and he'd let me out and it would start all over again. Or—(just as much fun), he would call me and I would refuse to come in (or go out) unless he gave me a treat. It worked every time. Boy, is he EASY! What happened?? All of a sudden—this week—he started with that “early to bed, early to rise, lunchbox and out the door at the crack of dawn” thing!! I'm not even awake and he is gone!! You know, us dogs feel really lonely when someone we love leaves us. We never know for sure they will come back! Between that and all the running up and down the stairs, wrapping stuff up and tacking up lights everywhere--**THERE IS NO FAMILY TIME FOR NEPPIE!!**

I do want to tell you about the Thanksgiving feast we had at our house. There was more than the usual amount of people, what with the folks who came in to town for Jen and Joes' party, AND, more than the usual amount of food. Now, don't let your imaginations run away with you-----I was VERY good this year. I did “nose” around, but I curbed my instinct to try the “counter-surfing” thing. Honest! I love my Mom and Dad, and I was trying to be on my best behavior (though it IS really hard with those “perfect Chihuahuas” yapping in my face all the time)! You know, being good does pay off. I was OFFERED treats from the meal, without being a pest about it. While Daddy was slicing that marvelous-smelling turkey, a lot of scraps found their way into my bowl. I hung under the table while they were eating, and, sure enough, some bits hit the floor. You can bet I made short work of those. Those little “mini” dogs didn't have a chance!! All in all, it was a wonderful day. Everyone seemed to enjoy it, especially the “Trivial Pursuit” game afterwards. I don't know who won—the outlaws or the in-laws, but they sure were doing a lot of YELLING! They just love that stuff. Me, I love just being around, playing fetch with my toys and having a belly full of great food!!

By the way---they must really love me in that camping club. I GOT A SINGING DOG FROM SANTA—at the Kids Christmas Party, and he looks a lot like me!! How about that? I guess I'm “one of the bunch” now. Boy, that was great. THANKS, guys. And HAPPY HOLIDAYS to all of you---

Love and Treats, Neptune,

Delegate's Report January 2007

As I write this, it is only 2 weeks till Christmas! Where does the time go? Got your shopping done? Me neither. One thing we did do before things got to the hectic stage is-----we sent in our reservations for the Mass Dinner Dance, January 7th. This is a GREAT getaway weekend, with plenty of fun being planned by that hard-working committee. This is at the Holiday Inn in Hyannis—which once was the Ramada, where several dinner dances have been held. It has a newly-renovated indoor pool area, and I'm told by a committee member that the food is excellent!! If you plan to go to this-----NOW is the time to make your reservations. On tap, also is the Rhode Island Social, the weekend of Feb 23, 24 and 25, 2007. This one is at the Newport Inn and Spa, right on West Main Rd. in Middletown. They also have an indoor pool AND a spa AND workout room. Lots to do right there, as well as enjoying a fantastic buffet dinner and dance Saturday night.

Then there's the NAFCaree 2007. THAT really is filling up fast. With 2 chapter families on the committee, we have inside information that not only are the spaces almost full, but so are many of the trips. If you want to go—there's no time to waste. Get your reservation in NOW. \$50.00 will hold a spot for you. If you want certain trips—especially the one to the dinner theater, there are very few places left! Send that in with your reservation. We are excited about the trips we are planning. Our family is most interested in the one to Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty. Having been in the service, and never having visited New York, I, for one, am really looking forward to that one. The committee has outdone themselves in giving us a “SMORGASBORD” of activities from outdoor adventure to the historical places we have only imagined visiting. Oh, yes---that's what the winter is for---dreams of future camping fun----and planning the New Year's adventures.

Speaking of plans, anyone interested in ‘NEW’ need only mosey along to the many camping shows to see what's new in RV's!! Remember the Springfield Outdoor and Camping Show is always on President's Day weekend in February—4 days. There is certainly more to see than your legs will bear there. Even if you are not in the market for something new, it is a great opportunity to see what is out there and, to see all you NAFCAs friends. It's sort of a “reunion” every year. Be sure to put it on your new calendar. And, above all, enjoy your winter, starting with the HOLIDAYS!!

That's about all for now-----
HAPPY CAMPING,
Dale

Happy Birthday!

January Anniversaries

31 Norman & Flora Soares



January Birthdays

- 1 Brad Kelly
- 6 Ed Tanner
- 11 Kate Newton
- 12 Philip Falkof
- 14 Angela Patten
- 16 Calvin Bouchard
- 18 Keshia Koulibaly
- 21 Pauling Lawrence
- 27 Tom Gammon



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

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

If you are unable to attend the meeting on January 7th, you can mail it to:

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.

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

2007 Camp-O-Rama

The committee is asking everyone in the chapter to come up with a theme for the 2007 Camp-o-rama.

This is going to run until the January meeting in which we will be asking the chapter to vote on the theme.

The person or family who wins will get a free weekend at the 2007 Camp-O-Rama.

So lets have some fun with this.

Your 2007 committee

Teen Club After the Holidays Party!
Saturday January 13, 2007 2 - 7 pm

At the Falkof's
26 Heelan Avenue
Stoughton, MA 02072
781-341-0835

Teen Club will supply pizza and soda.
We are asking everyone to bring either an appetizer (chips, etc..)
Or a dessert (Cookies, brownies, etc...)

Plenty of activities - pool table, air hockey,
Foosball, ping pong, card table, video games.

Please RSVP by Tuesday January 9th.

When you RSVP, please let me know if you
will be bringing an appetizer or dessert.

Directions: From Rte. 24 North or South
Take exit 19B (this is the same exit for Christmas Tree,
Jordan's and the new Ikea Store).
Go through 5 sets of lights - take the First Right after the 5th light
Holmes Avenue - Take Second Left - Heelan Avenue (no street sign)
We are the 2nd house of the left #26.

December 3, 2006 Secretary's Report

The meeting was called to order at 4 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence.

New Members: None

Secretary's Report: No report. The notes were misplaced.

Treasurer's Report: Joanna's report was read and placed on file. The account now contains the Camporama profits. Also, Joanna called for volunteers to audit the books, including the Camporama books, before the Jan. Meeting. Several members volunteered and the audit will take place on Jan. 7, 2007 at 3PM at the Common Fence Point Hall just prior to the regular Jan. meeting.

Joanna reported that 2007 dues, \$15.00, are due by Feb. 15th. A late fee will be assessed after Feb. 15th.

Correspondence: Linda read two letters received, one from the Hinsdale Campground in NH, a NAFCAREE Sustaining Member, asking for consideration when we plan our 2007 campouts. The second letter was from Marty Moore who sadly announced the passing of her dad, Ron Pratt, at the age of 95. Ron was a frequent camper with Marty and was known by many. He will be missed.

Sunshine Report: Ann reported no concerns. A sympathy card will be sent to Marty and her family.

Newsletter Editor: The monthly deadline is the 15th and Diane noted that regular contributors to the newsletter have been missing the deadline. We all promised to do better!

NAFCAREE Delegate's Report: Dale and Ron reported that the 2007 NAFCAREE reservations are up to 95 as of this date. There are only 150 sites available. They urged members to make reservations soon if they hope to attend. They noted that all trips will be on comfortable, air-conditioned coaches. They requested that trip reservations be reserved as soon as possible to give the committees plenty of time to plan. See the Chatter for the reservation forms. Final payment for the NAFCAREE is not due until June 1st. Chapters will be accommodated together at the campground. Some members have asked about camping cabins and Ron will investigate this option. Please call Ron if you have any questions.

Christmas Party: Linda reported that the date is Saturday, Dec. 23rd, at 6 PM at the Venus de Milo. The cost is \$30 per person. Please make reservations soon. Reservations can be made up until the day of the party. Payment can be made to Joanna, the treasurer, or directly to Linda the night of the party. Please call Linda if you have any questions.

RI Winter Social/Quahaug Anniversary Party: Norma reported that the dates are Feb. 23, 24, 25, 2007 at the Newport Inn and Spa. The hotel is \$67/night and reservations are to be made directly with the hotel by Feb. 1st. The meal is \$36.00 per person. The club will pay half for members in good standing. The Silver Shell Award will be presented that evening. NORMA REQUESTED NOMINATION LETTERS FOR THE SILVER SHELL AWARD BY THE JANUARY MEETING.

Old Business: Ron called for a round of applause to Diane for the outstanding job she does with the club newsletter. She will be continuing in this job.

Paula reported for Chris Taylor concerning the 2007 Camporama. A meeting with the Middletown Beach Commission is planned for Dec. 12th. The Camporama committee hopes to secure dates for the 2007 Camporama. Norma and Mary Ellen will be attending. Chris has requested suggestions for a Camporama theme. Suggestions will be voted by the club and the author of the winning suggestion will receive the Camporama weekend for free.

New Business: Shari reported that the teen club will have their holiday party Jan. 13th at the Falkof's at 2 PM. Confirmations must be made with Joanna or Shari.

Linda expressed a concern about a Quahaug family who was unable to attend the Camporama due to being called out of town. She requested a vote by the membership to authorize a refund of their Camporama payment. The motion was made, seconded and affirmed by the membership.

Meeting was adjourned. Meeting was adjourned at 4:30 PM

Next Meeting: Jan. 7, 2007, at 6 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Fencer, Secretary

Respectfully submitted, Paula Bradley, for Deb Fencer
November Meeting Secretary's Notes

Meeting called to order 6:10 PM. Motions to accept secretary's report and motion to place treasurer's report on file were made, 2nd and passed. Card of thanks was read from Helen Terra. There was no Sunshine report. Dale gave the Delegate's report. There are 64 reservations for the 2007 NAFCArea. Roger Swallow is in the hospital-cards to his home would be welcome.

The deadline is tonight for Santa gifts for Kids Christmas Party, also for sign up for food (desserts and side dishes). The Adult Party will be Dec 23rd at the Venus. \$30.00 per person—please let Linda Bouchard know if going.

New Business--We need a membership list for 2006. \$74.00 was earned for the chapter from the sale of an unused pot from Camp-O-Rama trailer.

First Vice President, Ron Barrett reported on the NAFCArea—next month's Chatter will have list of meals and trips. The theater and dinner trip will feature "The Pajama Game". Ron gave a rundown on the trips and reported all will be on air-conditioned coaches. He was asked if there are cabins available—yes there are, they are pricey. Ron will get info for next month.

A question about the weekend of the April campout at Peter's Pond CG. It's April 13, 14, 15, 2007—the weekend before it was originally scheduled. Kids are extra. Dogs are free.

Silver Shell letters will have to be submitted by the January meeting, as the Anniversary will be in February this year.

Chris Taylor gave a report on this year's Camp-O-Rama. There were 165 guests. He shared some of the comments that were made by guests: Have entertainment, not DJ's; Have directions in Chatter; Make more room on comment sheets to write on; Have more in-depth publicity; Auction takes too long; Put names of guest in newsletter; Chowder was good, not having to cook was wonderful; More electricity for handicaps. Chris added his own recommendations: More people need to sign the sign-up sheet; we need a "buddy" system to bring the newer members along. The money taken in was more than last year! Ted commented that this committee did a great job bringing expenses down; that though there was \$1,000. less taken in this year, the profit was more than in 2005. Next year's committee: Chris Taylor and Kathy Lena, Dale and Paula Bradley, Kevin and Kathy Taylor and Ken and Betty Corti. Mary-Ellen Fischer will again be treasurer. Norma Silvia volunteered to be Reservation Chairman. We also need volunteers for Entertainment and for Tours. Chris announced a contest—for members to submit their ideas for a theme. We will vote on the favorite at a meeting and the winner will receive a free Camp-O-Rama reservation. Bring suggestions to January meeting.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS WAS HELD----

President, Lou LeBlanc---No opposition, Secretary cast 1 vote.

Vice President—Linda Bouchard vs Chris Taylor—Winner, Chris Taylor

Secretary---Bev Kelly—no opposition, Secretary cast 1 vote

Treasurer—Joanne Falkof---no opposition, Secretary cast 1 vote

Board Members—Dale Bradley, Roger Bouchard, as Delegates, Ted Fischer as Past President, Mary Jean MacGibbon (4 years), Ken Corti (3 years), Norma Silvia (2 years), Dick Villard (1 year). Secretary cast 1 vote for Board.

Betti Corti reported on the October Campout.

Norma reminded members about the Winter Social/Anniversary Party—members go for half price, but that is for the dinner only. Hotel reservations are separate.

Motion to adjourn was made by Grant Waterman at 7:30PM.

Respectfully submitted, Paula Bradley for Deb Fencer