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

Kathy Lena
Helen Terra
JoAnn Villiard
Ski Villiard
Shari Waterman
Nancy Watters
Leona Barratt
Linda Bouchard

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!

What a February meeting. Yes, we will be at the beach in 06' However, next year doesn't look good. Great job to Ted, Chris and Kathy for getting us the beach again. You guys put a lot of time in and that was just to get the beach!

I would like to thank Norma Silva for serving as coffee person for the last couple of years—GREAT JOB NORMA! This will be run at least for now by Cheryl and Linda. Hey Linda, you can bring your minestrone soup for coffee ANY time (just call me first so I can bring a BIG bowl).

WAGONMASTER'S NEEDED!!!!

JUNE - JULY AND THE SPENCER WEEKEND IN SEPTEMBER.

Wagonmaster's can do as little or as much as they want. We'll be doing August with the Waterman's at Bowdish Lake. I also know some families tried campouts, and with bad results. Why don't you guys try again? I think now everyone's basically got a grasp on what's involved. Even if you just collect the money, and have a pot-luck. We come to camp and be with friends, we don't need a fully catered meal. In August, your supper will be what you catch at the lake (just kiddin). We all have busy weeks, and I know on my Saturday I want to relax. Just because you're a wagonmaster, you don't have to run around like a pinball on Saturday. Enuff said.

Just about there gang, couple more months. See everyone in a couple of weeks.

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
March 5, 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 Lou LeBlanc at any campout or
just give him a call.



Sunshine Report

Marilyn Taylor is in the hospital

Pat Soares mother has passed away

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
No WagonMaster's Yet

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

Open

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
The Fencer's & The Bouchard's

Neptune's Nosings

Winter may be dull for some dogs—you know, long hours in the house with nothing to do but nap, not many walks, NO CAMPING---but it has been anything but around here! I have those poor little meeces (mice) to thank for that. I know they probably thought, “What a great place to ride out the winter, here in this nice, warm basement, with this nice old couch to set up a king size nest in.” Well, I don’t know how long they were in there before I smelled them out, but I was REALLY excited about it!! I ran down those stairs every chance I got, and sniffed around that couch with my best flushing out, nose-to-the-ground, tail-wagging form. Mom and Dad finally got the message---THERE’S SOMETHING ALIVE IN THERE!! Then they tried to spoil all the fun. Traps were set and many a mouse was caught. But, you know, meeces are smarter than you give them credit for. One tried but he couldn’t outsmart me. I knew there was something still in there. I kept at it and was I ever rewarded. It was a Saturday, so Mom and Dad were home. I was doing my thing, when they finally decided to overturn the couch and see what was there. Mom told Dad to do it while she sat on the stairs—ready to run up at the sight of —you know what. I had been banished to the upstairs, but when sure enough there was a tiny unwanted guest still living in the couch, Mom ran up, while Dad tried his best to catch it. When he failed “I” got the chance to see if I could catch it. It took all of about 2 minutes for me to nail that little sucker. Boy, was I proud!! I ran up those stairs with my prize hardly cold, and Mom---RAN OUT OF THE HOUSE. Can you beat that—scared of a little mouse??? I never got much of a chance to play with it—what with all the yelling and screaming, Dad got rid of it quick! So much for that reward. Weeks later, I was still trying to get them going by sniffing every closet I could in the cellar. One day, Mom decided to give me a chance to see what I could come up with. She left me alone for a few minutes, and when she came back down, the yelling started again. No, I hadn’t come up with a mouse, but I did find this great-smelling goat skin rug that I just tore to shreds. I was pretty proud of myself, after all it did smell like some thing that had died a long time ago. How was I supposed to know it was a family heirloom??? I guess Dad brought it home from New Zealand 35 years ago, and worst of all, It had been “Saint Tara’s” bed for the 10 years they had her (big, red Doberman—anyone remember her?). Jeez—sometimes my Mom and Dad are too serious!

Anyway, this whole episode ended up with a massive cleaning out of underground hideouts that hadn’t been looked at in years!! You would not believe what they found down there, girly magazines from a by-gone era of teenage boys, and stuff from some place called “Lums”, whatever that was. I know Mom and Dad really got misty-eyed over some of it. Go figure—a 35 year old rug that had really seen better days, and pile of magazines that probably hadn’t ever seen the light of day since they left the store. Humans are funny about old stuff. Not me---oh, wait—don’t throw out that perfectly good duck just because I chewed it up a little!!! 2 MORE MONTHS TILL CAMPING. Bye for now—watch out for meeces—I just love them to pieces!!!

Love and Treats, Neptune (AKA Neppie)

Delegate's Report February 2006

It's mid February and we just got home from PV8's Camping Show. It was awesome, as usual. Friends make it extra special for us—especially seeing Sherry Taylor, in a wheelchair, but there at the Chapter Booth working as she always has.

We are only 2 months away from CAMPING SEASON! Let's hear it for April and our shake-down cruise. Congrats to all who have new rigs, especially Ted and Mary-Ellen. Theirs is a beauty, "Toy Box and all. If the show was any indication, we'll be seeing lots of these this year. After our Annual Meeting and our April Campout, I'm hoping for another good turnout at the Spring Safari in Tunbridge, VT. We had a great time and a great spot last year. They are doing the cow bingo again, and lots of new and exciting activities. Check out your Chatter for the latest info on this and the Education Conference. It's later in the season this year, which should attract more participants, This time the emphasis will be on F-U-N!. I like to remind the members of our chapter that we count on NAFCA to support our Camp-O-Rama, so we should support their events just as enthusiastically.

Latest figures on reservations for the NAFCAree are—around 130!! If you haven't signed up as yet and plan to----DO IT TODAY, or you may be disappointed and have to miss it. Rachel, Dave and committee have wonderful plans for the best weekend!

Also—be sure you have mailed your ballot for the election of NAFCA officers. Deadline is March 1st.

Happy Camping, Dale

Events for 2006

R.I. Winter Social/Chapter Anniversary Party
Best Western Main Stay Hotel
Newport, RI
March 24, 25, 26 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



Teen Club Meeting March 5th

Election Of Officers

Update membership list with
phone numbers and email addresses.

Thanks to the adults for their help
this past year.



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Quahaug membership dues are now **PAST DUE**. If you have not paid your chapter dues please do so now. If you have not paid, you are not a member in good standing and risk being dropped from our membership.

We do not want to lose any of our valued members so please pay your dues soon. Don't forget to include a copy of your current NAFCA membership card as I also need to update our records with NAFCA.

You must have a current NAFCA membership to belong to the Quahaug Chapter, this applies to Quahaug Gold members as well.

A list of members who have not paid their current dues will appear in the next newsletter as a reminder and then will unfortunately be dropped from membership after that.

You can mail me your check for **\$20.00** (\$15.00 dues and \$5.00 late fee) to:

Joanna Falkof
26 Heelan Avenue
Stoughton, MA 02072

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.



March Birthdays

- 3 Bill Taylor
- 4 Lou LeBlanc
- 4 Harry Sherman
- 4 Connor Hay
- 9 Chris Shimkus
- 11 Melissa Sherman
- 13 Evelyn Falkof
- 14 Sharon Parayno
- 16 Edward Smith
- 20 Peter Norkus
- 20 Pat Soares
- 26 Helen Connors
- 28 Colin Wyatt
- 29 Amy Anderson

March Anniversaries

- 12 Dale & Paula Bradley



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

March 2006

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

Welcome New Member's: There were no new members present.

Secretary's Report: Accepted with one correction and placed on file.

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

Sunshine Report: Ann reported that she sent out two cards. A sympathy card was sent to Pat Soares in remembrance of her mother. A card was sent to Marilyn Taylor who is currently hospitalized.

Newsletter Editor: Diane reminded members that the newsletter deadline is the 15th of each month.

Delegate's Report: Dale reported that the R.I. Camping Show is March 3 - 5, and that people are needed to man the NAFCA booth. Adult admission is \$9.00 with discounts for Senior Citizens and young people up to age 17. Admission is free for children under 12. The times are Friday, 1 PM to 9 PM, Saturday, 11 AM to 9 PM and Sunday 11 AM to 6 PM. Ron added that volunteers receive free admission. The Spring Safari is again in Tunbridge, VT. Reservations for the NAFCAree have just about filled the available slots. Please get your reservation in immediately to avoid being put on a waiting list.

Anniversary Dinner: Norma and Linda reported that the Anniversary Dinner is combined this year with the R.I. Social and that the Silver Shell will be awarded at the dinner. Thus far only a few have signed up for the dinner. Please see the newsletter for details. Norma reminded everyone to consider nominating a Quahaug member for the Silver Shell Award. The Deadline for nominations is the next meeting, March 5th.

Vice President's Report: Linda reported on current plans for campouts. See the newsletter for details. Although the campground has changed hands, the Chamberlin Lake campout for July is confirmed for July 14 - 16, and the campground has offered to provide a Friday evening meal at no cost. The July campout is still in need of wagonmasters. Signups for Chamberlin Lake need to be done by June 9th as the campground needs a head count by that time.

The August campout has been booked at Bowdish Lake, West Gloucester, RI. Wagon masters still needed.

Camp-O-Rama has been booked for the second weekend in Sept (9/8th-10th/06). Additional information is under Old Business.

The September NAFCA Fall Frolic is tentatively set for the 3rd weekend in September at Spencer Fairgrounds.

Secretary's Report

March 2006

Old Business: Lou again encouraged nominations for the Silver Shell Award. Paula reminded members that the deadline for NAFCA ballots is March 1st and further reminded members that Ron Barrett is on the ballot. There is a NAFCA by-law change on the ballot as well.

Kathy reported on progress for Camp-O-Rama, the weekend after Labor Day. At this time, extra days (Wednesday and Thursday) are not yet approved by the Beach Commission. There are concerns that the Beach Commission will no longer approve early September dates after this year. Also, the Beach Commission is looking to make changes in the arrangements, such as not supplying the dumpster and increasing costs for electricity. Also the Beach Commission may require a contract which we have not had before. There have been some issues among townspeople that need to be addressed, such as our tying up the parking lot portion that we are not renting (early arrivals of rigs waiting for Camp-O-Rama parking). Also surfers are concerned about the parking lot being out of bounds. There was a good deal of discussion around the possible cost of renting our own dumpster (as much as \$600.00). Camper reservation fees may need to be increased. Also, we may need to consider inviting other camping clubs (not NAFCA) to assure full participation (up to 185-200 rigs).

The Teen Club thanked the Falkof's for hosting the Teen holiday party.

New Business: Lou reported that we will need a Board of Directors Meeting to discuss creating a Club Historian.

A motion was made and seconded to combine the September campout with the Fall Frolic at Spencer. Voted.

A motion was made by Paul and seconded to reconsider an earlier vote for the club to not contribute toward member costs for the Anniversary Party. The motion was ultimately reworded to make it a **policy** for the Club to pay half of good-standing members for only **one** adult party a year and that it should always be the Anniversary Party. Since the Club has already contributed to member costs for the Holiday Party, this policy can not go into effect until the Anniversary Party of 2007. Motion was carried.

Regarding the Treasury, Joanna reported that she has developed spreadsheets for Club income and expenses and will provide copies to the membership at the next meeting. Discussion concerned the positive aspects of having spreadsheets to help the membership more fully understand club finances and to assist in the development of yearly budgets in the future.

Meeting was adjourned. Meeting was adjourned at 7:25 P.M.

Next Meeting: March 5, 2006 at 6 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Fencer, Secretary



RV & Camping Shows

Fall Rhode Island RV Show
October 13 - 15, 2006

Power Boat

RV & Camping

Home & Garden

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Consumers

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Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2006

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Newsletter Topics

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Lightweights

Lancaster Getaway

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Class B's

Family Camping

Planning Trips

Cape Cod, MA

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March 3 - 5, 2006

Rhode Island Convention Center
Providence, RI

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Friday	1pm - 9pm
Saturday	11am-9pm
Sunday	11am - 6pm

Admissions:

Adults	\$9.00
Kids (12- 17)	\$6.00
Children 11 & Under	Free
Seniors *	\$7.00

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