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

Gary & Karen Leonard  
Mary Jean MacGibbon  
Michael & Patricia Newton  
David & Angela Patten  
Russ & Helen Peckham  
Linda Rogers  
Nelson & Joyce Shepard  
Chris & Paula Shimkus  
Norma Silvia

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!

Hope everyone is staying warm. Not too much going on this month, just a couple of items.

We did get a confirmation on the beach dates for camp-o-rama, so we're all set there. The other item is I wanted to remind everyone about the Rhode Island Camping show, March 2, 3 and 4th. If anyone would like to help, please contact Ron Barrett.

Wagonmaster's are still needed for some campouts too.

Remember, this can be as easy as pot-luck, so give it a try!

See you guys soon,  
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 4, 2007*

## Quahaug Club Tee-Shirts

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

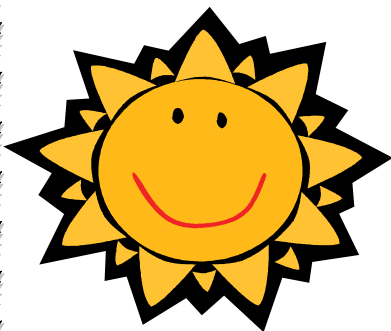
Saturday is Club Colors Day!

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

Ted Fischer was hospitalized,  
operated on and is home recuperating.

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

Yeeaaaaawww! That (for those who don't understand dog talk) is the sound of a long winter's yawn!! Boy since it got cold this winter, I AM BORED!!! There is just so much sleeping one can do. And, you know what? Even those big, furry dogs that used to walk by my house (so I could run back and forth and bark my head off at them), they must be hibernating, too. Either that or their owners are. It's not fit out there for man nor beast. I still got to go for walks when Pete was here, but he left me (boo hoo), and now I'm here with the "old people" who don't like to go out that much. Fine, in good weather-----you might call them "Fair Weather Walkers"! Humfrump. (I got these sounds down pat).

Anyway, I am using this indoor time to hone my training skills. We have really done well. Mom and Dad understand me better and better all the time. It seems my parents and I have different ideas about feeding time. They lollygag around and ignore my signals when it's TIME!

I sit in front of them and whine softly (so they don't yell at me). I lick my lips till they are raw. Nothing! Well, I now give them a few of these signs, then I jump right up on the nearest lap and stare them right in the eyes. Guess what?/ It works every time. Even when they want me to go out and I won't. I give them an innocent stare and ---yup---I get a treat to go out. Like I've said before, around here----life is good!!!

Before I get too mushy about my life, I do need to tell you what you probably already know. A little knowledge is a dangerous thing!!! Mom and Dad were talking back and forth the other night about the Today Show. They had a dog expert on who gave them a whole list of stuff that's bad for dogs. You won't believe this, but BONES are on the top of the list! Can you imagine? What happened to that expression, "A dog with a bone"??? No more bones??? That's unbelievable!

AND, that's not all-----no crackers and cheese. Daddy always shares his with me. What is this world coming to? Oh, yes, and no table scraps. That's a sad state of affairs. I sure hope Mom and Dad take this information with a grain of salt. I just love people food so much, and it's such fun to sit and beg and drool until they share!!

Well, I hope if they do cut me off from stuff I love, they at least pay attention to what else it said, like lots of exercise, lots of play time, and using new toys to keep me interested.

That's about all for now-- STAY WARM, HAVE FUN AND DON'T FORGET TREATS!!

Love, Neptune

AKA Neppie

## Delegate's Report March 2007

It's COLD, it's wintry, it's time to look at TRAILERS! Even for those who have no intentions of buying something new, it is supreme fun to just look. Yes, it's that camp show time of the year, and this very weekend is the BIG one—PV8's show at the Springfield Exposition grounds. Hope many of you went and enjoyed. The Rhode Island Show is at the Providence Convention Center the weekend of March 2, 3, 4, 2007. NAFCA's booth will be attended by the RI State Director, Leona Barratt and her husband 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Ron. They are recruiting help, so if at all interested in spending a couple hours promoting NAFCA, call Leona to volunteer. (Psst, you get in to see the show free!).

Hopefully a good number of you chapter members will be attending the Rhode Island Social on Feb 24<sup>th</sup> at the Best Western in Newport. This is also our Quahaug Chapter Anniversary Party. We are celebrating 44 years as a member of the oldest camping association in existence---NAFCA !

We are proud of that fact, and the fact that NAFCA is 50 years old this year. If you have been reading your Campfire Chatters, you know NAFCA is planning some wonderful 50th Anniversary events for this year. Let's start off right and go to our party—then party the rest of the year with ALL our NAFCA friends!

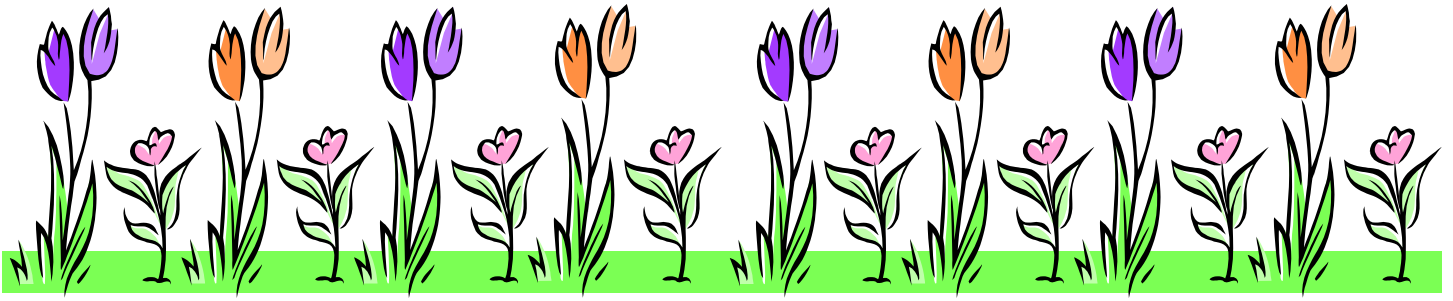
The Otter River campout is next on the list, and it's shaping up to be a great time--- April 20-22. This is a FREE camping weekend----no water or electric, but a nice paved parking lot to use. There will be some clean up work to do, but only if you want to participate. Otherwise, just come and enjoy the festivities and the beautiful park where NAFCA was started all of 50 years ago. You won't be sorry. It is a memorable experience, one not to be missed.

The following weekend is Annual Meeting at Village Green CG in Brimfield, MA (known for its abundance of antique shops). It's not all work, you know. There's always a meal on Saturday night, and plenty of laughs around the campfire. Sounds like a BUSY start to the camping season. Better start checking the old gear—that is after this crazy cold weather warms up a little. Me, I'm just making a "to do list" and looking forward to getting to all these favorite places. Don't forget Spring Safari—in Greenfield, MA, one of the prettiest little towns in the East. We have really enjoyed the Spring Safaris that were held there in years past. Make your plans to get out and have fun while supporting the Quahaug Chapter and NAFCA!

That's all for now-----

HAPPY CAMPING,

Dale



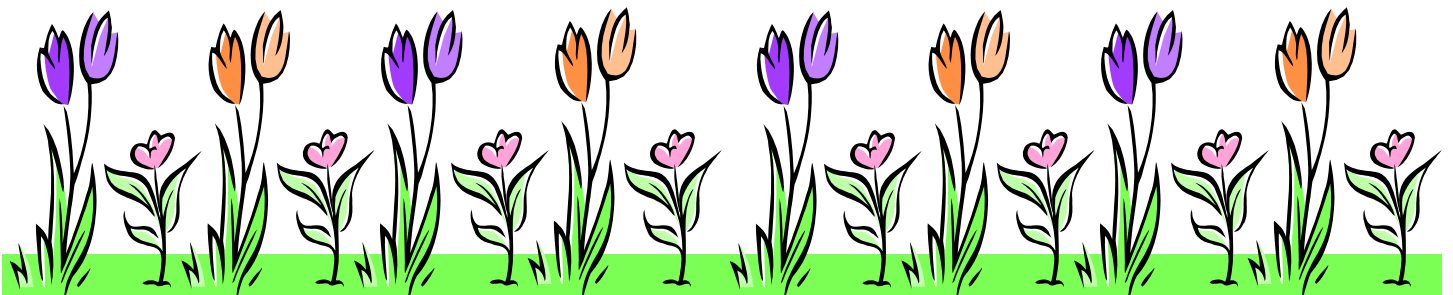
## March Birthdays

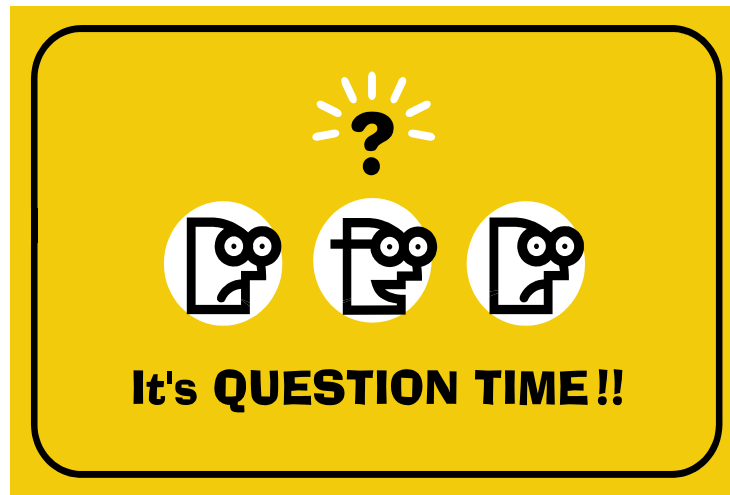
- 3 *Bill Taylor*
- 4 *Lou LeBlanc*
- 4 *Connor Hay*
- 4 *Kristy Leonard*
- 6 *Roberta Chermely*
- 7 *Shirley Meehan*
- 9 *Chris Shimkus*
- 11 *Melissa Sherman*
- 12 *Amanda Meehan*
- 13 *Evelyn Falkof*
- 14 *Sharon Parayno*
- 16 *Edward Smith*
- 19 *Rui Pacheco*
- 20 *Pat Soares*
- 26 *Helen Connors*
- 28 *Colin Wyatt*



## March Anniversaries

- 1 *Michael & Patricia Newton*
- 12 *Dale & Paula Bradley*





## Quahaug Questions?

**Question:** I have some friends that I'd like to invite to join the club. Can I just invite them along to a campout? If I invite them, do \*I\* have to pay the camping fee for them? Do they pay the same rate as we do for the campout? Do I need to let someone know if I'm bringing guests in my rig, as opposed to with their own? If so, who needs to know, and when? Is there a charge for these guests?

Those are excellent questions. The answers depend on a couple of different situations. Is this a chapter event or a Nafca event?

If it were a Nafca event, the best option would be to consult the organizers of the particular event. Different events have different rules.

For a Quahaug event, your best bet is to speak with the wagonmaster of that event. The wagonmaster needs to know who will be in attendance at their particular campout. The campground might require advance reservations or the wagonmaster might be planning a dinner. In general terms, a guest is allowed to be a guest for one event before becoming a member of Nafca and Quahaug Chapter. If they bring their own rig, they would be required to pay the same camping fee that a chapter member would pay, if they were camping with the chapter. For a second family in the same rig, it depends on what the rules are for the campground involved. We have all on occasion brought an extra kid with us, and we might be charged by the campground for that extra child, or we might have to pay a little extra to the wagonmaster to cover the expense of whatever was planned for the weekend.

We welcome guests because that is how our Quahaug family grows. I suggest that if you are interested in bringing guests to event, please call your wagonmaster to find out if there is guest space available. They will be able to answer all your questions. Don't forget—the Nifty Fifty!

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## February 4, 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.

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 family of Phyliss Marshall thanking the club for our expression of sympathy was read. A letter from the Sulfaro's was read thanking the club for refunding Camp-orama fees (due to a medical emergency).

Sunshine Report: It was reported that Ted Fischer had been in the hospital and was recovering from a heart attack.

Delegate's Report: 2 sites are left for NAFCAreae. 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: February 24 You need to sign up and pay in advance, the committee is accepting donations for door prizes.

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. Paula Bradley reported that the committee still needs to go to the beach commission on February 13th to discuss the logistics of the Camp-o-rama. The Camp-o-rama will be having a meeting to decide on a theme. Some of the committee members have conflicts with the weekend. Mary Jean Mac Gibbon will be filling in for Mary Ellen as Treasurer during parts of the weekend. Ken and Betti Corti have volunteered to be on the committee as have Norma Silvia and Linda Bouchard.

Old Business:

It was reported that the NAFCAreae committee is requesting the first and last names and ages of children attending be sent to Dianne Crook. The NAFCAreae is filling up fast, please send reservations for camping and trip forms, June 1<sup>st</sup> is the payment deadline!

New Business:

The RI Camping Show is March 2-4, Please call Ron Barratt to volunteer to work the NAFCA booth, if you work the booth you are admitted to the camping show for free.

Motion to adjourn, seconded, passed.

Respectfully Submitted, Beverly Kelly

Sunshine Report: Ted Fischer was hospitalized, operated on and is home recuperating!

**Teen Club News**

**There will be a Teen Club meeting on March 4th, during the Quahaug Chapter meeting. The Holiday Party was great. Thank you to the Falkof's for hosting it!**