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

Ernie & Joann Babin  
Paul & Mary Barratt  
Ron & Leona Barratt  
Roger & Linda Bouchard  
Dale & Paula Bradley  
Ann Calcutt  
Thomas & Roberta Chermely  
Diane Smith

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!

First off, I would like to thank Linda Bouchard for taking on the vice-president. I missed you up there Linda for those few months.

Plans are underway for our June meeting/cookout. Since this is our last official meeting until October, please see Norma Silva, as she will have the Camp-O-Rama Sign Up Board. This board is important, as it tells us who is doing what at the beach.

Anyone interested in attending the education conference, please let us know, we need to register you. For those interested, the club pays for your seminars, which also includes your meals.

### **We need wagonmasters-Just 2 Campouts, August and September.**

August is at Hide-A-Way Cove, just off route 101 and route 6. September is the Fall Frolic, which is in Spencer. Please consider donating your time to doing a campout...Remember, it can be as basic or as elaborate as you wish...

Hope to see you all in May- 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  
May 6, 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)

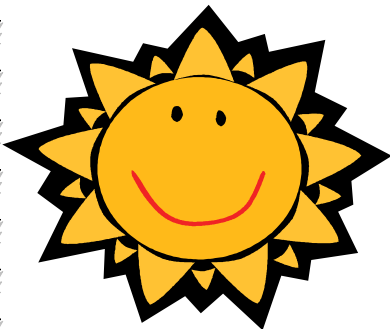
Quahaug Club Tee-Shirts are available along  
with sweatshirts, patches and decals for your  
camper!

Shirts \$7.00 (2X & 3X \$1.00 more)

See Chris Taylor at any campout or  
just give him a call.

## *Sunshine Report*

None



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

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  
Ken & Betti Corti

November 16, 17, 18  
Canoe River Campground  
Wagonmaster's Needed

## Neptune's Nosings

Have I ever told you how there is never a dull moment around my house? Well, if I didn't, I'm telling you now. This is one "happening" place! And, believe it or not—I 'm not always the one who is causing it. Like, for instance—a couple weeks ago, it was a Sunday, usually a pretty laid back day—BUT-----I heard Daddy say he had to "fix" something while Mom was at church. Okay. I went back to my spot in front of the big door to watch the world go by. Mom came home just in time to catch all the action. Daddy was finishing up putting a piece in the toilet and went to turn the water back on from underneath. All of a sudden Dad lets out this horrendous YELL, and comes running out of the bathroom like the devil was after him!! Behind him, water was shooting out of from behind the toilet---just like a FIRE HYCRANT!! Water was filling up my house!! Water-----remember how I HATE water?? I took one look and ran as fast as I could—away from there. Meanwhile Dad is beating feet down the cellar stairs, yelling all the way—while Mom is emptying the closet of every towel in there. What a scene!! Somehow that set off a day of arguing and shouting, at least until Mom left—with Daddy saying, "We won't be able to stay here tonight." It all worked out, but tempers were hot for days!!! You just never know what's going to set humans off. What's the big deal about not having any water for a few days—wouldn't bother me!

I'll tell you what REALLY bothers me, though---it's when other dogs walk in front of my house. I actually can sense them coming, and I proceed to holler and bark—drives everybody nuts! But, I don't care!! It's MY house, and they better know it! I HAVE to put up with the "perfect Chihuahuas" when they come to visit. (You can pick your toes, but you can't pick your family). BUT, I had a visitor last week that came right up on my deck!! Can you believe that? He was loose and decided to come and look at me through the glass room. Well, I let him (and everyone in the neighborhood) know I wasn't having any of THAT ! I wasn't just barking, I was screeching! Mom thought I was going off the deep end, until she saw him on the other side of the glass. She locked me in a room and let him in!!! She called his owner, then let me out. BAD MOVE! I didn't like that one bit. We smelled each other, but I was not happy. HE WAS IN MY HOUSE! I guess Mom got the message that I was mad, cause she locked me in the bathroom. You can imagine I was barking my head off, even tried to come through the door!! It seemed like an hour before he was gone and I was let out. Whew—I hope THAT doesn't happen again. It took too much out of me. I have to protect my territory, you know—and around here, that is NOT EASY!!!

Had fun last weekend-----FIRST CAMPOUT OF THE SEASON,  
AND I WENT! I had more walks than I could count, lots of treats, and slept on the bed the whole night. Heaven is being out camping!!! That's it for this month-----

Love and treats,

Neptune

AKA Neppie

## Delegate's Report May 2007

A few of us, the good, the brave, the adventurous ventured out last weekend for our "shake down" campout of the season. (And, how many things did you forget??) We had a total of 9 families, including 18 kids, at Peter's Pond CG in Sandwich on the Cape. One family, the Terra's paid "dearly" to get in for a one day to visit to breathe fresh air for the first time this year. All things considered, it was a great weekend with halfway decent weather, at least on Saturday. We all enjoyed the breakfast the Teen Club prepared—and the impromptu "fondue" experiment by Mary Jean, Shari, and Joanna. Some of us had to run out to get things we forgot----like GAS! And Neppie had a ball. He had like 15 short walks up and down the street. It seems one of the 'new' campground rules is that no one under 21 can walk a dog. (?????). He loves those kids!

If you did not sign up through the chapter for Spring Safari, you must now do it on your own. At this time we have 16 families going and the check is in the mail. Also, if you did sign up and find you cannot go, you must cancel through the Spring Safari Committee. I will be collecting from everyone at the campout, like we usually do. But, understand, this is all prepaid. If you don't cancel through the committee or show up at the campout, you are responsible to pay the chapter for the weekend anyway. We hope all who are going will enjoy this great NAFCA event as much as Paula and I have for 33 of our 34 years in NAFCA. It is one of the best times, with lots to do and see; old friends to see and new ones to make. Quahaugers have always turned out in good numbers to show our support and join in the FUN!

Next weekend is big, too-----it's the Otter River Campout where NAFCA will begin its observance of its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Roger and I will be there and also many other chapter members. The following weekend it's Annual Meeting at Village Green CG in Brimfield, MA. We will be bringing back all kinds of info, so be sure to read your Chatters and your Woodchips carefully. You won't want to miss out on all this year's special activities.

REMEMBER-----it was a LONG winter-----so camp, camp, camp!!!

That's all for now---

HAPPY CAMPING,

## **MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

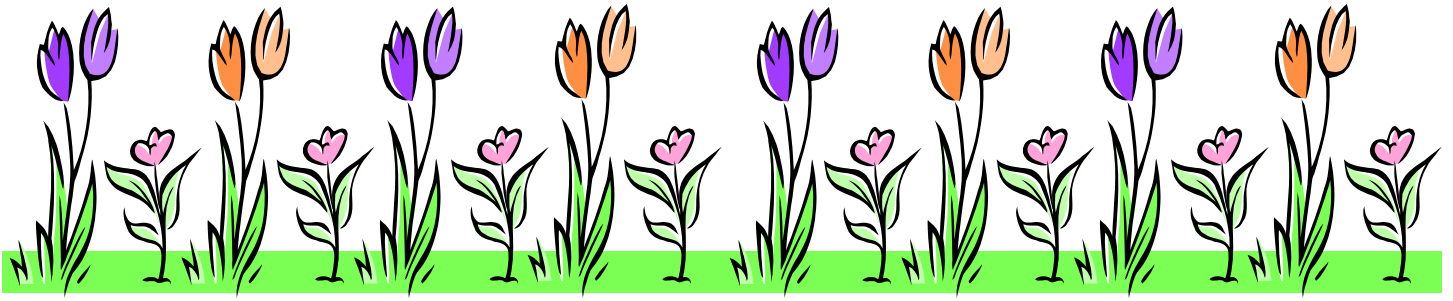
**The following names have been dropped from our membership.  
Due to non-payment of chapter dues and will no longer  
be receiving a chapter newsletter:**

Norma Derby, Pauline Lawrence, Rudy + Sharon Parayno, Ed + Nancy Tanner,  
Kevin + Kathleen Taylor, Chris Taylor, Gary + Amerine Villiard,  
Ron + Maureen Walker, and Nancy Watters

**The following members need to show me or send me a copy of  
their current NAFCA card:**

Paul Audette, Ernie + Joanne Babin, Norm Brodeur, Larry + Michelle Gould,  
Bob Hall, Bill + Chris Hay, Peter Kelly, Mary Jean MacGibbon,  
Bill Taylor, and George + Helen Terra

**Thank you,  
Joanna**



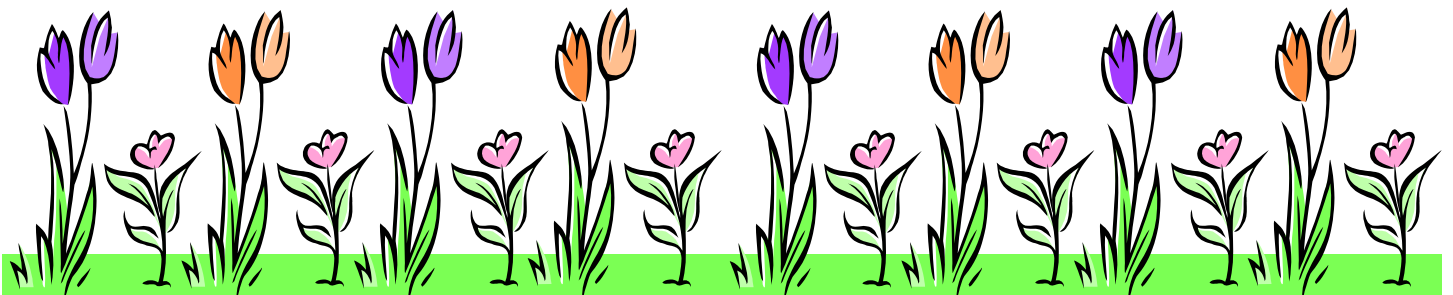
## May Birthdays

- 3 Rudy Parayno
- 5 Nicholas Waterman
- 13 Josh Taylor
- 14 Jon Jones
- 14 Bev Clement
- 15 Paul Audette
- 15 Anthony Soares
- 16 Ron Walker
- 17 Christopher Parayno
- 19 Stephanie Taylor
- 20 Sandra Caldwell
- 21 Gary Villiard
- 21 Noel Wyatt
- 21 Nicholas LeBlanc
- 22 Andrew Kelly
- 26 Melanie Gould
- 27 Jack Adams



## May Anniversaries

- 4 Colin & Kris Wyatt
- 23 Rudy & Sharon Parayno
- 25 Grant & Shari Waterman
- 29 Gary & Karen Leonard
- 30 Larry & Bev Clement



## April 1, 2007 Secretary's Report

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

New Members: Tim and Sarah Leary were present at the meeting as guests.

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 Thank You letter from A Wish Come True was received.

Sunshine Report: Roger Swallow former President of NAFCA passed away. If you have any news, Please call Ann Calcutt at 401-846-5646.

Delegate's Report: Sign up for Spring Safari (May 18-20), at Franklin Fairgrounds in Greenfield Mass. is tonight. A funeral for Roger Swallow was held on March 31st, the Campfire Chatter will have a memorial page. E-mails for that are due April 5, 2007.

RI Winter Social/ Quahaug Anniversary Party: The Silver Shell award was presented to Ken and Betti Corti! Congratulations!

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

April Campout: April 13-15 Peter's Pond Park \$29/night \$3/child MacGibbons and Watermans Friday and Saturday nights-Coffee Ans', Saturday morning - breakfast of pancakes, bacon and juice.

Otter River: April20-22 Clean-up Weekend BBQ dinner by Bay path reservations in Chatter, maybe soup and sandwich luncheon, No hook-ups!

NAFCA Annual Meeting: April 29-29 Brimfield Mass. Beef Stew dinner

Spring Safari: May 18-20 Delegates Dale Bradley and Roger Bouchard Franklin Fairgrounds, Greenfield Mass. Gate Duty on May 18, 8-10pm.

June Campout: June 15-17 Oak Embers, Glenn and Deb Fencer

July Campout: July 13-15 Mineral Springs Campground, Connecticut- NAFCA's 50th Anniversary See Chatter for reservations

NAFCAree: July21-28 Timothy Lake Campground, Pennsylvania. More information in Chatter.

August Campout: Hide Away Cove, Connecticut

RI Fall Frolic: Ron Barratt announced that Connecticut Chapters due not want to continue combing our Fall Frolics as their membership has grown.

September Campout:

Council of Chapters: Hide Away Cove, Connecticut. RI is hosting Council of Chapters- Need Support!

Camp-o-rama: September 14-16 "Thanks for the Memories" 92 reservations have been received.

October Campout: October 12-14 Hickory Ridge Ken and Betti Corti

November Campout: November 16-18 Canoe River

New Business: As per the by laws, since the vice president has not shown up at three consecutive meetings the board of directors appointed Linda Bouchard as the new Vice President.

Good of the Order: We will be sending a donation to the Scholarship fund in the name of Roger Swallow. Ted Fischer thanked everyone for the cards, thoughts and prayers. If anyone has any questions about NAFCA please get in touch with Ron or Leona Barratt as they are meeting with the National and State officers in May.

Motion to adjourn, seconded, passed.

Respectfully Submitted, Beverly Kelly