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Quahaug chapter's website is again up and running.

You can visit it at:

<http://www.angelfire.com/ri/quahaug/>

We will be listing dates and locations of campouts, with links to the campgrounds for directions and information.

The site is still a work in progress, so comments and suggestions are welcome at quahaug@excite.com

You also have an opportunity to save the club some money by opting to receive your Woodchips via email.

Each month, your newsletter would be delivered directly to your inbox - no waiting for the postman to arrive with your slightly-worse-for-the-trip paper version, and no clicking around on the website!

And whenever you want a copy, you can print it out yourself right at home!

Nafca's 7 C's

Care
Courtesy
Cooperation
Common Sense
Caution
Cleanliness
Conservation

WOODCHIPS

President's Message

Hello Everyone!

What a great October campout! My family had a great time. Great job to wagonmasters and all those that helped them! Great chowder Paula! With more and more families joining, this is turning into a big campout for our chapter.

Chris and Kathy should have some info for all of us at the next meeting regarding Camp-O-Rama... Wait to hear....

Make sure you give your deposit for NafcaRee to Ron, sports are going fast. Should be a great time, those guys are really working hard. That's it for me, see you guys at the next meeting.

Your Prez,
Lou

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

Barratt, Barratt,
Bouchard, Bradley,
Calcutt, Clement,
Corti, Falkof & Fencer

If you cannot make the meeting, please call
Linda Bouchard at 401-624-7886 or
Cheryl LeBlanc at 508-699-4940

*Meetings are always the
First Sunday of each month
Common Fence
Point Community Ctr
Anthony Rd, Portsmouth RI
Next meeting is Sunday
November 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 Linda Bouchard at any campout or
just give her a call.

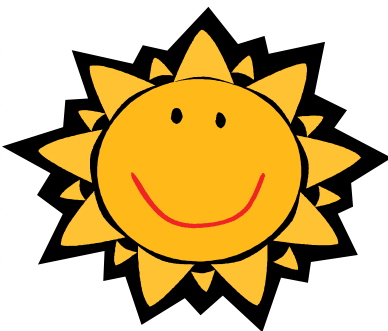
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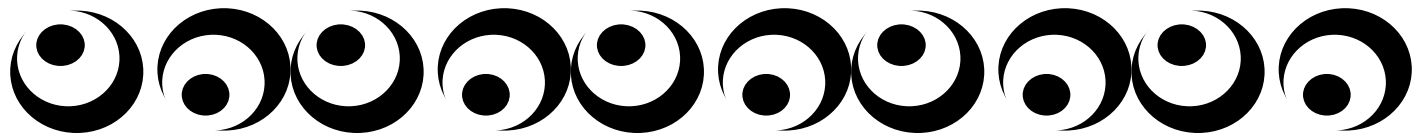
Bob Hall Had A Stroke

Paul Barrett's Mother 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!

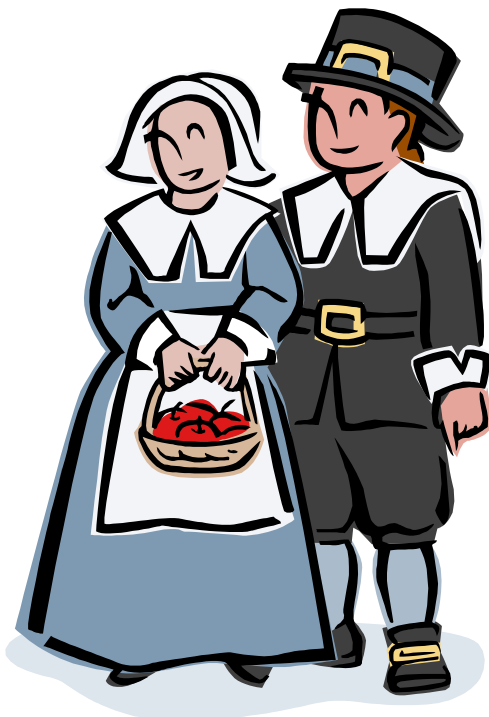




Campouts for 2006

November

Canoe River Campground
Mansfield, MA
November 17 - 19
Dale Irvine



Neptune's Nosings

Boy, I had the best time camping this past weekend!! There were big doings, like campfires (with food), walks in the woods with Daddy, people in and out of our trailer, and CANDY EVERYWHERE! Not that I got any of that---NO. Mom is real strict about me getting sweets. She watches me like a hawk. BUT, we camped next to Megan, Zack and Justin. I just loved that! They take me on walks every half hour---WOW. And they are the MESSIEST snack-eaters ever! You would not believe the stuff I found on the ground over there. I think I ate my weight in popcorn!

Things have quieted down around here lately. Mom's gone a lot, so not much cooking is going on. Of course, that doesn't mean I don't get anything extra (???) now and then. I know you're probably sick of hearing my "stolen" food stories, but I do have one last good one for you. I have to admit, I even surprised myself with this one. The whole family is still scratching their heads---even asked Aunty, the dog expert, about whether or not it was possible. Hmmmm---she said "yes". Here is how it went down: Pete was filling up his ice cream truck. He makes a million trips back and forth from the shed (where all his supplies are) to the truck in the side yard. Well, I guess he thought that five pound box of frozen hot dogs was safe sitting on Mom's potting bench for a few minutes. They were frozen solid, so he thought they would thaw out in the sun. I had other ideas. I saw my chance when no one was looking and POOF---they "disappeared". Now no one really knows what happened to them. Pete found 2 or 3 hot dogs still in the box, but where were the rest of them??? Daddy swore a big crow or a seagull must have swooped down and grabbed them. Mom was running around the yard, looking under stuff and behind stuff. Pete said maybe it wasn't really a whole box. NO ONE THOUGHT I COULD HAVE EATEN THEM---FROZEN---THAT QUICK!! So, they asked Aunty---could he? (meaning me)? She said yes, but they still could not believe it. And you know me---I'll never tell. I just sat there and looked innocent, ears up, eyes opened wide, tail wagging. They looked at me, but no one had the heart to get mad. I am cute---aren't I?? That does help me out in bad situations. Well, I guess it will always remain a mystery, another one for the books.

I have to admit to you---their training is coming along fine! I can pretty much get them to do what I want them to do most of the time. Of course, I let them think they are the ones training me, but we all know it is absolutely the other way around. For instance, I have my morning routine---when Mom gets out of bed at 6 AM, I get up there and sleep till Daddy gets up at 8. Then I get let out. When I think it's time for my breakfast, I bark. At first it's just short yippes, but if they ignore me, I bring it up to ear-spitting range over the next 10 minutes or so. I keep it up till they let me in. Then if they still don't feed me, I sit in front of Daddy and yip and bark at him until he does. Works every time!! Sometimes all I have to do is sit and look at them a certain way and they know exactly what I want---AND THEY DO IT! Can you beat that? We are getting good at this "mental telepathy" stuff. I do cooperate a lot of the time, too. After all, that's what wonderful relationships are all about. Right??? That's all for now-----

Love and Treats, Neptune,

AKA Neppie

Delegate's Report November 2006

It's October already and that means a lot of things to NAFCA members-----last campouts, winterizing our trailers, getting ready for indoor activities-----and this year, something even more important. We were told at the October meeting by Ron Barratt, chairman of next year's NAFCAree, to GET YOUR RESERVATIONS IN EARLY, or be left out!!! As of that night there were already 40 some reservations, and the form hasn't even hit Chatter yet. What does that tell you? Last year's NAFCAree was so great, no one wants to miss the next one, which is shaping up to be another "blockbuster". Ron and Leona raved about their trip to the campground. It has a full-size, indoor WATER PARK, for starters. It is picturesque, with wildlife galore, thus the theme: Wild in the Pocono's". Date is: July 21st to the 28th, 2007. A \$50.00 deposit will hold your reservation. Send it to Ron Barratt and make check out to: 2007 NAFCAree. Do it now, before you forget and getleft out!

At the Council of chapters meeting we also heard the exciting plans for NAFCA's 50th birthday year—2007—starting with a weekend at Otter River where it all began---on April 20th to the 24th, 2007. It is FREE, dry camping, with limited facilities. If it is still very cold, the bathrooms may not be open, but for those who brave the elements-----it will be a weekend of celebration and remembrances; a fitting tribute to the founders of NAFCA and the loyal members who have made us the oldest camping organization around. This is a beautiful state park in Central Mass, off Rt 202. It is the place we return to twice a year, working to enhance its beauty and maintain the structures we have built there over the years. It is truly a fitting place to gather to wish NAFCA a HAPPY BIRTHDAY! My family was there 30 years ago (in the pouring rain!!) when they filled a "time capsule" with significant memorabilia, and we will be there next year when they open it. We're looking forward to the smiles and tears we are sure to find in there. Imagine---50 years of camping fun, making friends, having wonderful activities to enjoy with our whole family. What is better than that? I can't think of anything (except, maybe winning the lottery). My family has been blessed by being a part of NAFCA, and we urge all of you to come and see why.

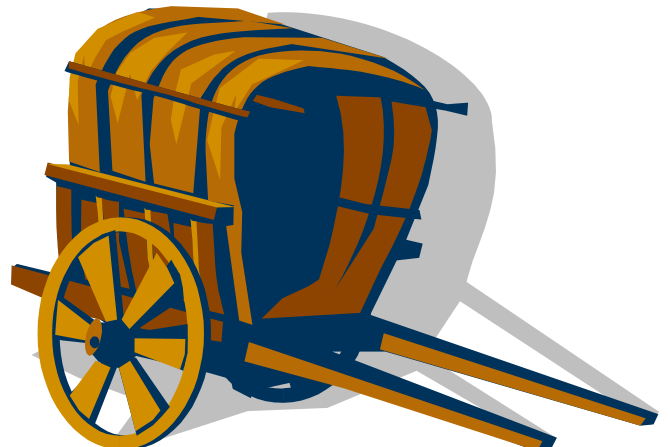
Closely following will be the 2007 Spring Safari in Greenfield, MA, May 18th to the 20th, 2007. They are planning a full range of great fun activities, including having LOTS of booths, both chapter and commercial. This is always our chapter campout, and we ALWAYS have a good turnout. Again this year our chapter will be manning the gate on Friday night from 8 to 10 PM.

I urge you to read up on all these important events in Campfire Chatter. Take out that 2007 date book and mark it with all the weekends of fun in store for next year. It will give you something to look forward to during the long winter months. AND-----don't forget-----both Rhode Island and Mass will be having winter getaway weekends---THE BEST winter boredom-fighters known to man. Be there or be square!!!!!!!!!!

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

If you are going to be a WagonMaster
and you want to have your tentative
schedule for the weekend posted online,
just drop a note to the webmaster at
quahaug@excite.com

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Happy Birthday!

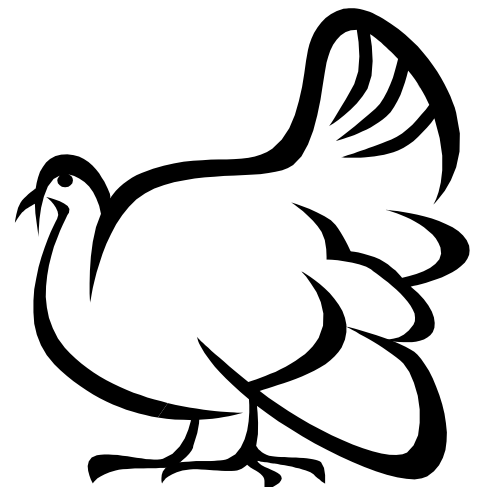
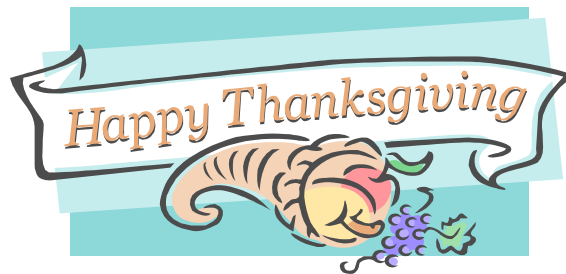
November Anniversaries

3 Larry & Michelle Gould
8 Ted & Mary-Ellen Fischer
14 Barry & Shirley Meehan
26 Lisa Koulibaly



November Birthdays

6 Derek Villiard
7 Anthony Shimkus
7 Jarred Villiard
8 Mary Barratt
10 Lexie Parayno
19 Norma Derby
19 Selina Bouchard
22 Cheryl LeBlanc
27 Bev Kelly
27 Karen Leonard
30 Bob Hall
30 Betty Corti
30 Jennifer Villiard



Children's Holiday Party

Family Name: _____

The Children's Holiday Party will be held **Sunday December 3, 2006**

at the Common Fence Point Community Center.

The party will start at **2:00 pm**

(Monthly meeting will be immediately after the party)

We will be having our usual pot luck meal.. Please fill in the dish you will be bringing.
(If you are bringing a dish that needs to be hot, please bring it that way since the kitchen does not have a working stove or pans.)

Side dish you are bringing: _____

Santa Claus will be bringing the children of the club, ages 12 and under, holiday presents again this year. To ensure that every child is happy on this day, **please fill out the following form and return it to Mary Jean MacGibbon on or before the November meeting.**

Child(ren):

Age(s):

Gift Idea:

**If you are not signed up by the November meeting,
we will assume you are not coming.**

We are asking that only club members attend this party. Due to our growing numbers, it is difficult to comfortably seat extra guests. If you cannot attend the November meeting you can call or mail this form to:

Mary Jean MacGibbon
47 McCorrie Lane
Portsmouth, RI 02871
401-683-0008

Secretary's Report

October 2006

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

New Members: Cheryl welcomed new members, Shirley and Barry Meehan

Secretary's Report: Report was read, accepted and placed on file.

Treasurer's Report: Report was read, accepted and placed on file.

Sunshine Report: Anne reported that Bob Hall had a stroke and is receiving care at New Hope Hospital.

Newsletter Editor: Diane was not present. Deadline is 15th of the month.

NAFCA Delegate's Report: Dale reported on the recent meeting of the Council of Chapters. Currently, there are 1,079 Nafca members (families). All those who attended the Nafcaree will receive a \$20.00 refund due to NAFCA having a larger balance of receipts than planned. NAFCA then donated \$650 from the Nafcaree toward the NAFCA 50th anniversary celebration. The Conservation Weekend, a work weekend, will be held on the weekend of April 20-22, 2007, at Otter River, Baldwinville. It will be the kickoff for the 50th celebration (NIFTY FIFTY). Camping will be free but be warned there are NO hookups or dump station. The 2007 Spring Safari will be at the Greenfield Fairgrounds. The 2007 NAFCA Education Conference will be June 1-3, at Spencer Fairgrounds. The 2007 Full Board Meeting will be July 13-15 at Mineral Springs, CT. The 2007 Nafcaree will be at Timothy Lake in the Pennsylvania Pocono Mountains. The cost will be \$225.00 for the week plus trip costs. This Nafcaree is expected to sell out early, so do not delay in getting your reservations in. See the Chatter for details. Dale mentioned a NAFCA concern: that some campgrounds, like Bowdish Lake, are charging extra for both dogs and children making camping costs prohibitive for some families. In addition, campgrounds are beginning to eliminate safari fields which hinders camping groups like ourselves and Good Sam. It has been suggested that NAFCA, Good Sam and other camping organizations meet to discuss these concerns and possible solutions.

Rhode Island State Director's Report: Ron, as 1st Vice President, gave the report. Ron gave many details about the 2007 Nafcaree and had a picture display of the campground and activities available. There will be many trip opportunities, such as Philadelphia, NYC, Scranton, a coal mine, West Point, FDR Library, a rafting adventure, plus many more.

Quahaug events: The October 13-15 campout at Hickory Ridge (Corti's and Villiard's) is all planned. Everyone attending is asked to bring a 1000 sheet roll of toilet paper, one for each adult in your family. Camping cost is \$25.00 per night. Betty listed the events: coffee/goodies on Friday night, decorating trailers contest, building scarecrows, crafts for children, pumpkin carving, costume parade, Halloween Party, and pastry contest, all on Saturday. Lunch will be Corn Chowder and dinner will be an Old Fashioned New England Boiled Dinner, cooked by the men. A motion was made, seconded and passed to give the Hickory Ridge hosts an extra \$50.00 from the club treasury to cover the costs of the Halloween party.

The November 17-19 campout at Canoe River, hosted by Dale Irvine, will feature a roast pork, mashed potato dinner plus a Sunday morning breakfast. Cost will be \$27/night.

Mary Jean reported on the Children's Holiday Party, Dec. 3rd at 2 PM. Every family must bring a side dish. She and Shari need a list of member children planning to attend. The Club will be buying gifts for the member's children. Grandchildren are invited but grandparents must provide a gift for each grandchild for Santa to give out. Gifts must not exceed a \$15.00 cost. A motion was made, seconded and passed to provide \$600 from the club treasury to cover party costs.

Linda reported that the Adult Holiday Party will be held, Sat., Dec 23rd at the Venus de Milo. It was the only Saturday available. The Costs are \$30.00 per person. (A reminder: the club does not cover ½ the cost as in previous years. The Club voted to cover only half of the Anniversary Party cost.)

Norma reported on the Anniversary Party. Since the RI Winter Social usually planned for February, the club agreed to combine the Anniversary Party with the RI Winter Social. The dates are Feb. 23-25, 2007 at the Newport Inn and Spa, which has an indoor pool and spa, and a restaurant. The Dinner buffet will cost \$36.00 a person. The Club, as voted on, will cover ½ the cost for each member in good standing. Hotel reservations can be made directly with the hotel by calling 401-846-7600 and mentioning NAFCA. NAFCA hotel room costs are \$66.67/night.

Ron mentioned the RI Camping Show on Mar.2-4, 2007 at the RI Convention Center.

Old Business: Kathy Lena reported that the Camporama was a success and thanked the members who worked so hard to make it a success. There were 160 guest families and 35 member families attending. The Camporama committee will be meeting next month with the Beach Commission to set up next year's Camporama.

New Business: Russ Peckham reminded the club that the Nominating Committee needs to be activated. Grant, Mary Ellen and Russ were selected for the committee.

Linda reported that she is firming up the 2007 camping schedule. A motion was made, seconded and passed to plan our July campout in conjunction with the NAFCA Nifty Fifty Celebration at Mineral Springs. Also, Linda reported that we have standing deposit at Peter's Pond for next April. That weekend conflicts with the Conservation Weekend at Otter River. Peter's Pond has been sold and the new owners are charging \$29.00 per night plus \$3.00 a night for each child. Dogs are free. In addition, the Campground wants a firm commitment by the end of March, which means no last minute signups and late cancellations will be charged. These may make Peter's Pond less attractive as a Quahaug campout. After discussion, a motion was made and seconded that IF the \$50.00 deposit can be refunded, the club will make Otter River the April campout. However the motion was tabled to give Linda a chance to check out the options, such as changing the weekend. There were several members who would actually prefer Peter's Pond to Otter River.

Dale announced that NAFCA sent a thank you letter to the club for their help at the 2006 Spring Safari. The letter was placed with the Secretary for filing.

Andrew reported that the Teen Club would be meeting at the next Quahaug meeting in November.

Good of the Order: Paul, as games-master, made a request for the club to purchase a new game called NAFGO, recently invented. (The Instructions will be in the Chatter.) Some members offered to look into building a set for the club rather than purchasing a ready-made set.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Next Meeting: Nov. 5, 2006 at 6 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Fencer, Secretary