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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!

I hope everyone is having a nice summer, just 3 weeks till camp-orama, which also means an end to summer! Was it just our family or was everyone's summer crazy busy?

Anyway, as I write this message at 11:20 pm (sorry Diane), I think about the pretty fun campout at Bowdish Lake.

A campout that proves once again, even with only about 10 families, we all had a great time. (I hope! We did!). The movie was a great hit, I even talked to Grant about a nite at the movies for the beach.

There was talk around the fire about different campgrounds, with Bayview's name coming up a couple of times. While I've been told this is a costly campground (\$50.00 / night), I'm wondering if club members will pay this fee just to go someplace different? This will be left up to members to decide, with a weekend costing upwards of \$100.00. The Bowdish Lake sign-up had many families cancel over a \$10.00/night fee over dogs, how will they feel about \$50.00/night camping fee? Have to find out, this is a members choice. Food for thought for our next outing.

I would like to thank Roberta for the use of her blender, and the mix, what a big hit. Andy Nancy Waters, the drink was loaded! (I think you realized it as you were dancing at the fire!).

Thanks for a great August campout, your prez, Lou

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)

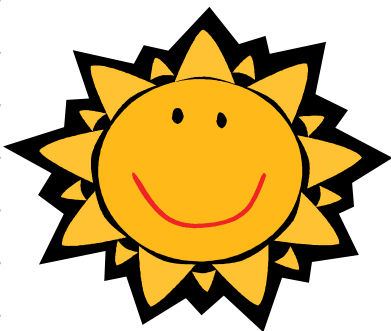
Quahaug Club Tee-Shirts are available along
with sweatshirts, patches and decals for your
camper!

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

See Linda Bouchard at any campout or
just give her a call.

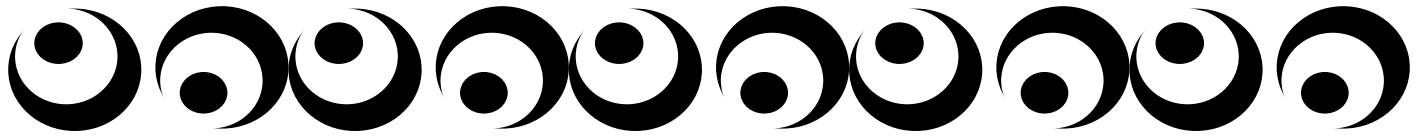
Sunshine Report

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 2006

September

Mass Fall Frolic
Spencer Mass
Wyatt's & Hay's

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
Dale Irvine

Events for 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

Neptune's Nosings

I hate to start with a "whine", but this has really been a bummer of a summer!! I CAN'T DO ANYTHING RIGHT! I try---really I do, to behave, but I guess my natural instincts get the best of me. They just take over and , WHAM, I'm in trouble again. You know I was pretty sick after the "meatball" incident last month. I got a lot of TLC, and I thought my troubles were over. After about a week. I began to feel better; perky and frisky again. I even thought I was going camping, 'cause Mom and Dad were doing that "in and out of the trailer" thing. Life was looking up!

Well, not so fast. It all came crashing down on me like a ton of bricks. One night, just as it was getting really dark I guess they weren't watching me or the back door so good. I saw my chance and ran out into the back yard. I knew there was something (or some things) under the shed and I started to howl and circle until-----SCORE!!! Out from under the shed came a half-grown black and white kitty!! I couldn't believe my luck. They usually avoid me like anything. Well, I made short work of that. I grabbed that little critter, shook it around a couple times and started running with it in my mouth to show Daddy what I had. When he saw me with my little friend, he started hollering and waving his arms, telling me to "DROP IT!! DROP IT!!" Here I am, all smiling and happy, bringing him my prize, and he's acting like I did something wrong! Geez---humans, I never will figure them out.

So, you think that was the end of it?? A bath, a scolding, what else is new??? Not this time! Oh, I got thrown into the tub, alright, but wait till you hear what happened next! I guess, like I said, Daddy was a little distracted---anyway---he accidentally poured a pan of SCALDING HOT WATER OVER ME! I yowled like I never did before and tried to jump out of the way, landing on the shower curtain and pulling it down, pole and all, on both me and Daddy! The pole hit him in the head (got what he deserved!) and Mom came running to see if he had killed me!!! She saw I was still standing---and ran like Heck out of there. Dad yelled at her, "I CAN HANDLE IT!" Yeah, he'd done a really good job up to that point. That was a night to remember, and the next day they left WITHOUT ME for a whole week. Yah, I've had a terrific summer. Let's see what the rest of it holds for me. Hate to end on a sad tail (tale?), but sometimes, that's how it goes---

Hope you're all enjoying YOUR summer--

That's all for now---

Love and Treats, Neptune,
AKA Neppie

Delegate's Report September 2006

With only a few short months left for camping, let's ALL get out there and HAVE SOME FUN!!! For all of us who went to the NAFCAree '06, I hope you had as great a time as we did. We loved the campground, the trips, and the FOOD---prepared by the committee and catered---it was all good. When we ventured out on our own on Sunday, we found our way to Saratoga Springs and the Saratoga Performing Arts Center (SPAC) open air concert featuring Chicago and Huey Lewis!!! WOW! WOW! WOW! What a way to start a vacation. It was super. We made some wonderful memories, as always. THANK YOU, COMMITTEE!!

Looking forward now, we still have chapter campouts, the CT/RI Fall Frolic AND Camp-O-Rama. Hopefully, ALL of you have signed up to support our state officers and the host state of Connecticut at the Fall Frolic. It's at Ross Hill CG in Lisbon, CT, and though the deadline has probably passed, I'm sure if you still want to go, a call to Ron Henault would get you in. Just don't wait too long to do it. It's the last weekend of the month of August. The only way to insure these special campouts continue is to support them. We had a huge turnout last year in RI---let's show CT that we will turn ourselves out for their efforts, too.

I'd like to step out of the role of delegate for a minute to share my thoughts about this year's Camp-O-Rama. The last I knew, not all the chapter members that usually go had signed up. This means a smaller number of experienced workers than last year, and that's not good. Hopefully, the picture will improve before we actually get to the beach. I know a lot of the new members will be there, but we need you "regulars", too, to show them the ropes. It's a LOT OF WORK to put on the Camp-O-Rama. The more workers we have, the better for everyone. So, get out your work gloves and get set to do what we have been doing for 43 years: putting on a great, fun weekend that has become part of NAFCA history. We have a tradition to uphold. Be a part of it, and make the Quahaug Chapter proud!

Come October, Roger and I will be going to the NAFCA Council of Chapters in New Hampshire. We'll be bringing you back all the information about NAFCA's plans for the future. Again, I urge you to tell us your thoughts and concerns about NAFCA'S direction, and most importantly---ask the questions you want answered. We are your delegates, and that means we are the ones who bring you the news, AND, express your views on your association to those who run it. It's the "democratic" way of a volunteer-run group like ours. Other camping groups are run like a business, with little input from members. Ours is different---maybe that's why NAFCA has lasted so long-----50 YEARS NEXT YEAR. Let the celebration begin---and here's to another 50!!!

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



Happy Birthday!

September Anniversaries

12 Bob & Dale Irvine
17 Gene & Helen Connors
30 Ernie & Joanne Babin



September Birthdays

6 Larry Clement
7 Paul Kelly
7 Peter Kelly
7 Dawn Barratt
8 Tommy Babin
12 Joyce Shepard
12 Mary Withers
21 Diane Smith
24 Ken Corti
24 Norma Silvia
24 Jacob Falkof
24 Brittany Leonard
25 George Withers
27 Rebecca Taylor
29 Michael Newton



September 22 - 24

Mass Fall Frolic, Spencer Fairgrounds, Spencer Mass

At the Mass Fall Frolic activities abound
(sign up for the games when you get there on Friday night)

Make time to join your chapter for a taco/baked potato buffet on Saturday evening.

Sign up through the chapter until September 1st, after that you'll have to sign up directly with the Mass. Coord. Committee (deadline September 9th)

See Your Chatter for additional details.

Cost:

First Family Camping Fee \$40

Second Family in Rig \$20

Additional Single Adult \$10

Wagonmaster's: Chris & Bill Hay and Kris & Colin Wyatt

OPOSSUM

This romantic word can cover any of the edible animals taken in the chase, but, here we have the favorite of all game animals- fried, friccasseed, boiled, broiled or scrambled, it is always a delicacy.

FANNY'S FLAMBEED FRICCASSEED FAVORITE:

If possible, catch and feed opossum milk and cereals for 10 days before killing. Dress 'possum as rabbit (he may get irate when you put the ears on, but, use a soft elastic so it won't hurt his chin). When ready to cook, treat as for pig by immersing the unskinned animal in water just below the boiling point. Test frequently by plucking at the hair. When it slips out readily, remove the 'possum from the water and scrape. Proceed by cutting off head and feet and removing internal organs, plus 2 small sacs found in the small of the back and the glands from each foreleg. Set aside. Remove all fat at once as it turns rancid very quickly. If marinated at least 24 hours in an oil based marinade, all 'possum except the Great snouted, speckled Silver Lift footed, Stripped Tailed Opossum is edible. The best part about gourmet 'possum is that it can be served in such a variety of ways. If you cook up the hairless tail for 3 days with 1 small onion and a large bay leaf and add 1 pound of cheese, you can make an especially nice fondue for your next dinner party.

If you prefer to stuff and bake your 'possum- a white sauce made from the snout is a real topper for any occasion. The stuffing can get an added zing from grinding the feet, heart and organs with motza crumbs and Won Ton to give the dressing more body. To add a really festive touch, leave the feet on 'possum and garnish with a paper frill- a bow tied on the snout is also nice and perhaps a ripe kumquat in his mouth would be a colorful garnish. Roast in a 900 degree oven for 3 days-meat will just fall from the bones and melt in your mouth. Remember our simple reminder- " for external use only".

ELEPHANT STEW

Note: R.V.'ers should be prepared to use any meats available during their travels, even from some remote areas. This recipe will probably not be used often, but can be stored away for instant use when the opportunity presents itself.

1 medium to large elephant salt and pepper to taste
plenty of brown gravy 2 rabbits (optional)

Cut elephant into bite size pieces (allow about 2 months to complete this task).
Hold trunk aside, you can use it to store pieces during the preparation stage.

Put pieces in large (very large) pot; add enough gravy to cover. Cook over open fire at 450 degrees F. for about 4 weeks, stirring occasionally, until golden brown.

Serves 3,800. If more guests are expected, 2 rabbits may be added. However, this should be done only if absolutely necessary. Most people do not like to find hare in their stew!

Just a few reminders

Well Quahaug members the time you read this we will have about 3 weeks left until **Camp-O-Rama**.

You can arrive any time after 12 noon. Please remember that we need to set up the water and electric on Wednesday. If you cannot stay, please come back at night, as we will need this set up before our guests arrive on Thursday. Even though you did not sign up for water and electricity, your help is welcome as this is a work weekend for the Chapter. This is how we get the extra money for our yearlong activities, Anniversary party, Holiday party, and the campouts. If you cannot be there until Friday, please plan to stay on Sunday to help us disconnect the water and electricity. Thank you in advance for all your help. When you do set up your rig for the weekend, due to the space restrictions, please remember there is only one awning allowed per two rigs.

Do not forget we need to bring donations for the Chinese Auction (1-\$10 gift or 2-5\$ gifts) and canned or non-perishable food items. (Please be sure to check the expiration dates before donating).

Once again, there are many committees to check out and help on. The more everyone pitches in, the less we all will have to do and it will be fun for everyone.

On Friday, the chapter will wear your red Quahaug t-shirt and on Saturday we will wear the Camp-O-Rama shirts.

Please remember that this is our only fundraiser so please help.

If you have not paid for the weekend or your meals please do so by Sunday Aug 20, 2006 as this will be the cut-off date for the meals.

Hope to see all of you at Camp-O-Rama

Thank you
You're Committee
Chris Taylor
Kathy Lena

The Wagonmasters for August deserve a special thanks, for a job well done. It was a small group that attended at Bowdish Lake, and while it is demoralizing to know that 1/3 of the members cancelled their reservation (due to the CG's policy on paying extra for dogs). The wagonmasters went on to put out a lot of effort with home-cooked food and great entertainment. We that attended think they deserve a "round of applause."

Secretary's Report

July 2006

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

New Members: Club welcomed JoAnn and Ernie Babin, and Tom and Roberta Chermely.

Secretary's Report: Accepted as printed and put on file.

Treasurer's Report: Accepted and placed on file.

Sunshine Report: No concerns

Newsletter Editor: Deadline is the 15th of the month.

NAFCA Delegate's Report: Dale reported the 104 families are going to the NAFCAREE. PV8 paid for Sat. PM band entertainment. For those going, Howe Cavern is cool and jackets are suggested. Also bring a bag lunch. Attendees will also need to pack a lunch if they are going on the Duck Tours. The Lake George Cruise is 2 hours with no food served. Parking is limited around the area. There are lots of restaurants. At the campground, adults will need to watch kids in the pool.

The Fall Council will be a Crow's Nest, Newport, NH, Sept 29 – Oct 1.

Dale urged campers to support Sustaining Members and mention NAFCA when camping there.

The Show Committee needs a chair. There are mistakes in the NAFCA Handbook. Dale has corrections.

There are 6 proposals for the 2007 NAFCAREE. The decision will be made at July Full Board Meeting. Ron added that the Canadian proposals are for Canadian money. Ted invited the chapter to make their preferences known during this meeting. We have two votes on the Board (Ron and Leona) and we need to inform them of chapter preference, 18 preferred Niagara Falls, 5 preferred the Poconos.

Linda added that none of the trips for NAFCAREE are sold out. Deadline is June 10th to pay balance due. The Quahaug Chapter is the largest group. Chapters will be parked together as much as possible.

President's Report: Campouts: June, Oak Embers, RI, \$27.00/night, Fencers; July 14-16, Chamberlain Lake, CT, Kelly's and Fischer's, Pot Luck Dinner and Kids activities; Aug. 18-20, Bowdish Lake, RI, Waterman's and LeBlanc's; RI Fall Frolic, Aug. 25-27, Ross Hill, CT; Sept. 22-24, @ MA Fall Frolic, Spencer Fairgrounds, need wagon master; Camp-o-rama, Sept. 6-9, Sachuset Beach; Oct. 13-15, Hickory Ridge, Villiard's and Corti's.

Old Business: Dale offered to any interested party a camping jacket and vest with many patches. The vest went to Leona.

Norma reported on Camp-O-Rama. She reminded the members to sign up early.

New Business: Stanley Gould and Bill Hay would like to organize a hiking trip for kids and adults. The trail is 20 minutes away and 3-4 hours hiking time. Chris Hay has kindly offered to take on the job of Quahaug webmaster. She is interested in gathering names of anyone who might prefer their Woodchips via email. Ron thanked the chapter for loan of the Yellow Bird for this weekend. Lou asked for volunteers to wagon master the Sept Campout. There were no offers.

Linda reported on the NAFCA Conference. There were 5 Quahaug families. Everyone had a good time. Stanley praised the information he learned and the ability to meet others from all over. Kids took part in seminars which was new. Kids really enjoyed the activities.

Meeting was adjourned. This is the final meeting until October.

Next Meeting: Oct.

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Fencer, Secretary (notes taken by Paula Bradley)