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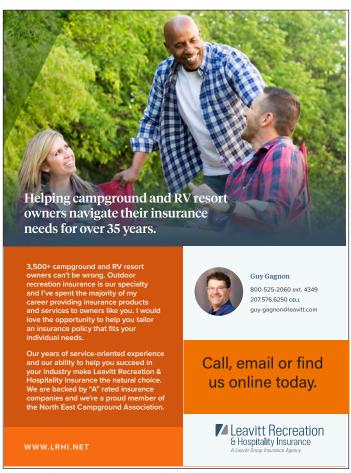
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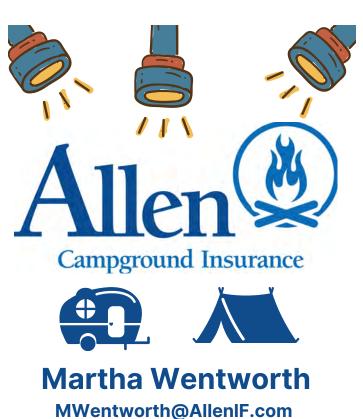
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## From the NCA President's Pencil...

#### Who's Your Community?

When I was seven, our campground opened, and little did I know then how crucial that campground community would become in my life. As I grew older, most of my friendships were formed there, and many of them were often deeper and more meaningful than those I had in school. That's when my sense of community truly began.

Recently, I had the privilege of spending a few days with a group of peers who have become some of my closest friends. The OHI Past Chair meeting, established 14 years ago by Chairman DL Berg, brings together a group of like-minded individuals for a day of strategic thinking, guided by the national association. The years represented in this group stretch back to the NCOA and The Great Insurance Crisis of the 1980s. The members of this community, including the OHI Executive Committee, came together to listen, discuss, debate, and reflect on the past, present, and future of OHI. I can say with certainty that this community is deeply passionate about the Outdoor Hospitality Industry, and I'm honored to be a part of it.

WHO'S IN YOUR COMMUNITY?

The NCA Conference on Camping, We Are Memory Makers, is celebrating its 59th year. This community of passionate, savvy business leaders will gather from March 19-21 to share new ideas, explore the latest technologies, and learn best practices to ensure a prosperous 2025 season. The NCA Book Club, now in its second year, will be reading Radical LEAP by Steve Farber. In this fable, leadership is defined by the acronym LEAP: Love, Energy, Audacity, and Proof. We will discuss how these concepts apply to leadership and managing our communities. The core of this conference is community—learning from each other, especially during meals and breaks, and seeing what our suppliers have to offer to enhance our campers' experiences. Attendees will also have the opportunity to participate in a community service project for the Bridge of Faith Youth Center in Southbridge, MA. This non-profit supports the social, academic, and spiritual development of youth in a safe and supervised environment. We're grateful for the sponsorships that help us give back to this community.

So, who's in your community? Who do you depend on, reach out to, trust, and rely on? Whether it's your family, friends, or campground community, they all have one thing in common—they're there for you. Be the best version of yourself in your community, and continue to learn, grow, and contribute to those around you.

See you at the conference!

Best,
Marcia

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**THURSDAY** 

9 - 9:45 AM

WHAT YOU SAY & HOW YOU SAY IT MATTERS with MaKayla Wells

ACTIVITIES & NEW THEMES with Fresh Ideas
A+ CUSTOMER SERVICE with Kitty Winship

#### 10 - 10:45 AM

8 THINGS TO DO IN AN AFTERNOON TO ENHANCE YOUR BUSINESS with Travis Henriod AI SUPPORTING CAMPGROUNDS with Brian Searl ASK THE EXPERTS: WHAT DO CAMPERS WANT? with Bob Zagami & John DePietro

#### 11 - 11:45 AM

NCA BOOKCLUB ON **RADICAL LEAP**QUESTIONS YOU SHOULD ASK AN ATTORNEY
with Christine Taylor
REVENUE MANAGEMENT with Mike Harrison

## **FRIDAY**

1:30 LIVING ON HIGH ALERT: SECURITY 2:30 YOUR MARKETING IN 2025 4:00 CORRECTING THE MISSED PROBLEM \*sessions may be altered as necessary

## ON WEDNESDAY...

BRIDGE OF FAITH SERVICE PROJECT @ 1 NCA SCHOLARSHIP MEETING @ 3 NCA ANNUAL MEETING @ 4 EVENING CRACKERBARREL @ 7:30

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NCA TRADE SHOW

FRIDAY, 3/21: 9 AM TO NOON





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# THE NCA TRADE SHOW 2025

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# AROUND THE STATES

#### **Connecticut Campground Owners Association**

(CCOA) www.campconn.com Jim Whitney, President/CEO



As the 2024 season came to a close, we continued to have a number of goals and objectives for 2025 as well as some interesting developments.

Membership - Our 2025 membership remained at 47, the same as 2024. One member was lost due to a change in ownership for the campground. The good news is that we added one new member for 2025 which helped off set the loss and keep our membership stable. We enter 2025 with the possibility of two more new members in the near future. Currently, 94% of Connecticut campgrounds are members. With continued efforts, our goal is that virtually all of Connecticut's private campgrounds will be members.

Three of our campgrounds were sold in 2024...Lone Oak Campsites sold to Modern America Campgrounds based in Massachusetts; Ross Hill Park sold to The Freedom Group based in Tennessee and White Pines Campsites sold to a private investor group. There are some indications that one or two more may sell in 2025. If that happens close to 25% of our campgrounds will be corporation owned vs. family owned. The challenge for us will be to engage the new owners and corporations to show them the value and importance of their continued involvement and support of CCOA.

We were very successful at coordinating an effective program keeping membership engaged in dealing with the ongoing challenges posed by various groups of Irish campers. Our members were quick to share any pertinent information and experiences with us which we, in turn, shared with the entire membership. We also were fortunate to receive input from several other states thanks to NCA distributing our various alerts. There was one extremely positive result of this effort. A group of Irish campers were staying at one of our campgrounds and using it as a base as they went out to the local community to run various scams. In this specific situation, they had scammed an elderly gentleman out of \$16,000. With the ultimate support and efforts of our membership and the police, the two men were located at another of our member campgrounds and were promptly arrested. We are so proud of our members for their sharing and their commitment to each other that contributed to this arrest.

Marketing – Our 2025 campground guide was available for the first time at the Northeast Camping & RV show in Hartford on January 31 – February 2, 2025. Additionally, we created a special membership flyer (4,000 pieces) for use at the Tampa show in collaboration with NCA. We will also be distributing guides through NCA at the Boston show the beginning of March. In addition to distributing material in Tampa, Boston and Hartford, we will distribute guides at the Springfield RV show in February and theMohegan Sun RV show in March. We continue to distribute to the Connecticut Welcome Centers, Easter Canada, the BIG E, several Triple A offices, multiple RV Dealers & Service Centers and direct mail response. We are always reviewing and considering different marketing options as they present themselves.

Research - We continue to conduct an ongoing research program. Our most active and ongoing survey is the Economic Impact of Connecticut Campgrounds. This survey is updated each year. The results of our 2024 survey will be completed in the very near future and will be distributed and made available to our membership. These research projects are particularly critical for our legislative efforts and to show how significant our industry is to the state of Connecticut.

Legislative - Inherent Risk - We have put significant effort over the last couple of years into the passage of inherent risk legislation. We worked closely with the Connecticut Trial Lawyers Association, and we were able to come up with language that we felt met our needs and language that they could support. This partnership is critical to successfully get this legislation passed. Last session, we managed to get passed unanimously by the Judiciary Committee and the House of Representatives. While in the Senate, we came within minutes of successful passage only to die with over 400 other bills at the end of the session as time ran out. The 2025 session has just begun. This year the good news is that the Judiciary Committee has decided to take our proposed legislation and present it as a committee bill. By doing this they will make the process much smoother and greatly improves our potential for early success in the session. We are looking for to working with the committee to ensure final passage sooner rather than later.

We are also looking at fine tuning our guest removal regulations. We have always embraced and recommended usage of the regulation language found in NFPA 1194 Standard for Recreational Vehicle Parks and Campgrounds (also adopted

by OHI) which has also been adopted verbatim in the State of Connecticut statutes. We have encouraged our members to take that language and specifically incorporate it in their signed registration documents for each camper. Doing that will generally be enough for the police to act on behalf of the campground when a removal issue comes up. We are evaluating the possibility of creating a totally separate statute that codifies the existing NFPA language which perhaps might make the process even tighter.

As always, we will continue to look for other initiatives that we can take on for the benefit of our members and our industry.

#### **Maine Campground Owners Association**

(MECOA) www.campmaine.com Kathy Dyer, Executive Director



Hello my Friends and Happy February - the start of a new year! We are thrilled to report the 2025 Maine Camping Guide is now available online in its digital format and in print and it is ready for order! We printed 140,000 copies again this year.

MECOA is pleased to share the newest addition to Camp-Maine.com, a "Promos, Deals & More" page. Here, members will have the opportunity to provide a promotion, deal, event, seasonal opening, etc.; that they would like camping enthusiasts to see! This could be a promo or deal like "buy 2 get 1 free", "10% discount", "seasonal campsite opening", or even an event like "carnival weekend".

In addition, MECOA is building a NEW consumer email contact list to let all our camping enthusiasts know about this "Promos, Deals & More" page, updates, and more! We are sure our camping enthusiasts will enjoy receiving this information, updates, and more!

The 2025 show season is here! MECOA began the year participating at the Boston RV Show January 16-20, 2025. Then we are off to Hartford CT January 31-Feb 2, 2025, Springfield February 14-17, 2025, Montreal Canada March 5-9, 2025, New Hampshire March 14-16, 2025 then ending with our own Auburn Maine Show April 5-6, 2025.

We have limited open Booth Spaces available at our 2025 Vacationland RV & Camping Show, Please email Laura@CampMaine.com to sign up for a booth if you are interested in attending! We have six (6) RV dealers attending this year and all bulk space is sold. We are ex-

pecting a great show. Hoping our weather is better than last year – last year we encountered over a foot of heavy wet snow the day before the show.

We are also making plans for our 2025 Trade show and annual meeting of the association scheduled for Friday April 4, 2025 and held in conjunction with our Vacationland RV & Camping Show April 5-6, 2025 at the Norway Savings Bank Arena in Auburn Maine. We are expecting to see over 50 campground owners at the event. Know someone who would like to attend with a product or service they can offer our campgrounds? Send them our way.

The MECOA campground membership is 177 strong with over 50 business members affiliated with us as well. The new Resource Guide we have put together has been very well received. Campground sales are still ongoing and very challenging to keep track of.

Maine Legislature: The legislature continues to hold organizational meetings in the various committees and has met to go through their calendar and reference bills. Currently a slow start but expected to be a busy season. Our current adjournment date is June 16th.

So long for now my friends and enjoy this very cold winter. Wishing for some winter snow for our Maine Friends!



# AROUND THE STATES

#### **Maryland Association of Campgrounds**

(MAC) www.mdcamping.com Deb Carter, Executive Director



Snowy Happy 2025 greetings from Maryland! It's been bitterly cold in our normally weather moderate state. Temps in the teens at night, with wind chills even lower. I realize this isn't a big deal to most of our NCA partner states and not horrible for our Western Maryland campgrounds, but for the Eastern Shore, where I sit with a blanket over my legs as I type! It's a quiet time for camping. Time to think about the years behind us, the present, and the years ahead. What will make us successful? We ask ourselves, how do we stay in business? Keep our clients happy and safe, pay our staff and ourselves, support our local communities, improve our parks, modernize our aging infrastructure, comply with local, state and national regulations, pay our bills and taxes, keep adequate insurance in place, and so on. Ironically, most answers to that question, year after year, quickly turn to just one thing. Happy campers! Campers who spend their hard-earned money with us. Campers who trust their families to stay with us.

The phrase happy campers remains the same, but what about the definition? Per Merriam Webster, the phrase "happy camper" is a noun, meaning one is content. There's even a reference in a book from February 1883 where happy camper is mentioned. Do a google search for Happy Camper and you'll find magazines, a brand of bread, types of clothing, a toilet treatment product, restaurants and of course, campgrounds. Dare I mention pampered campers? We used the phrase, "we pamper our campers" prominently in all our ads and on our website, for decades at our campground. People loved

it. We had it on t-shirts and hats that our happy pampered campers purchased in our store. But then something changed. Was it a reaction to Covid? The pressures of everyday life? The increase of costs and/or decrease in income? I've asked myself if it had something to do with my staff, and more to the point, myself, dealing with the aging process. Whatever it was - our campers seemed less happy. We stopped using the "pampering" phrase, as they informed us, they didn't feel particularly pampered!

Let me quickly point out, that the "un-pampered" were in the minority. We have wonderful clients that I've had the pleasure of working with for just about half a century! I feel blessed when I now greet our fifth and sixth generation campers. I'm sure our MAC members would tell you the same - this is an amazing industry, where our businesses have continued to grow, expand and become leaders in the outdoor hospitality industry across our nation. So why mention it? I think some honest inward thoughts, that may touch on the tough stuff, makes us all better in many ways. Keeping current with our local, state and national membership organizations. Volunteering at community events. Promoting tourism with our local and state associations. Donating when we can to charitable organizations and encouraging our campers to do the same. As Mark Twain said, "It's never wrong to do the right thing."

Happy Camping!



#### **Massachusetts Association of Campground Owners**

(MACO) www.campmass.com Cynthia Zbierski, President/CEO



Having the advantage of getting to read all of the great articles written by my peers, I know that Massachusetts is not alone in being outstraight over the next few months distributing new 2025 camping guides and bouncing from one camping show to the next.

For those that have listened to me talk about camping shows in the past, you know just how valuable I feel they are to our campgrounds and our associations. Just like you make sure your front desk is a welcoming and friendly place for guests to ask questions and get information, so is a booth at a camping show.

People have questions and are eager for information and those two things are covered on the show floor. If you don't have your campground attending a show, do you have your brochures or rack cards somewhere outside of your campground for a visitor to pick up? If not, please consider. In Jeremy's New Hampshire update you will find a great list of brochure distribution options. \*And don't forget your own association may have a plan for its members - MACO will hand out materials at just \$100 for the full show program!!

In 2025, we look forward to working with our new webmaster, Design Principles, to keep CampMass up-to-date and user-friendly. (Karen Alves of Design Principles will have a session on Marketing at Conference on Friday, 3/21!) The implementation of a 4-month Google Search Campaign is an exciting first time endeavor for MACO and our members.

The Massachusetts Association of Campground Owners will host its Annual Meeting with elections during the Northeast Conference on March 20th in Southbridge. This opportunity will allow MACO to get more cases of guides to attending campgrounds to save on shipping for the association.

Until next time, be well and I look forward to seeing you at a camping show or Conference!





#### **Campground Owners of New York**

(CONY) www.campnewyork.com Emily Simmons, President & CEO



Greetings from New York and Happy New Year! Despite the cold temperatures and dreary days, we are looking ahead and getting very excited for the 2025 camping season. With more than 100,000 copies in distribution, the 2025 New York Campground & RV Park Guide features design updates and a transition back to our blue Camp New York logo. Once again we have partnered with Anderson's Brochure Distribution at 24 RV and consumer shows, and we continue our own distribution through various outlets across the state. We are looking forward to sharing a booth with our NCA friends at the upcoming Boston show! As we listen to the needs of our members, we are spending the winter months strategizing about targeted marketing campaigns to encourage campers to camp New York, as well as enhancing our social media and Camp New York website and app ahead of the season.

As we look further into 2025, our board and staff are working diligently to develop our events calendar with programming to support both campground members and supplier members, and we continue to offer our monthly membership calls, Campfire Connections. It has been great to share all of the new benefits for members through our partnership with Hospitality Connections and many campgrounds have already started taking advantage of the great cost-savings programs ahead of the season.

It seems to have been a busy winter for real estate as several NY parks were acquired by new owners and management firms. We look forward to connecting with them in the months to come, as well as prospecting new members, highlighting all of the great benefits of a state association membership and how we are here to help!

Lastly, the legislative session convened here in New York in January and we are paying close attention to several issues impacting our industry and small business, particularly regarding tourism funding and labor matters.

#### **New Hampshire Campground Owners' Association**

(NeHaCa) www.nhloverscampers.com Jeremy Sprince, Executive Director



#### **New Hampshire Camping Guide**

The 2025 New Hampshire Camping Guide has been delivered to our distribution points throughout New England and parts of Canada. The association printed 150,000 copies this year and expect we will see the normal supply and demand of previous years.

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- Northeast RV & Camping Show, CT January 31 February 1
- Springfield RV & Camping Show, MA February 14 17
- The Boston Outdoor Expo, MA March 1 & 2
- New Hampshire Camping & Recreational Vehicle Show, NH March 14 16, 2025
- The Outdoor Adventure Show, Montreal March 22 23
- Made in New Hampshire Show, NH Unknown
- Vacationland RV & Camping Show, ME April 5 6

#### New Hampshire Camping & Recreational Vehicle Show

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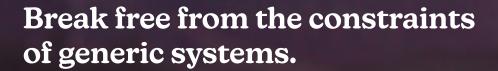
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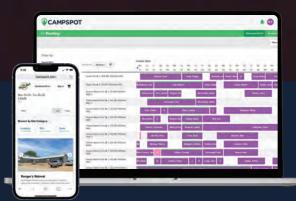


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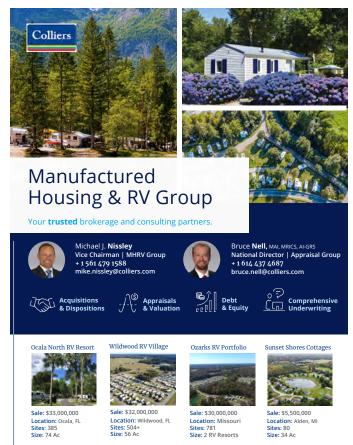
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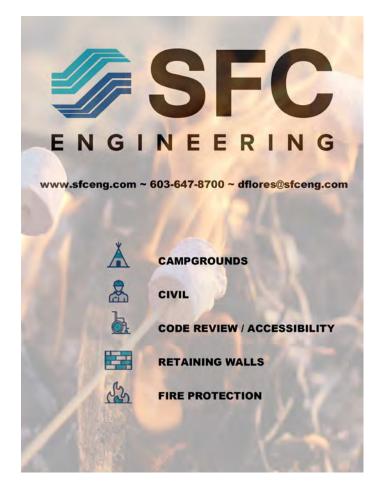


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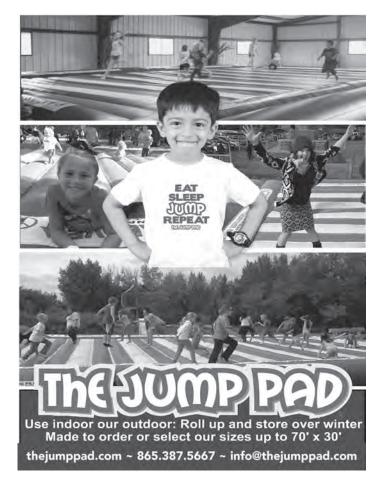




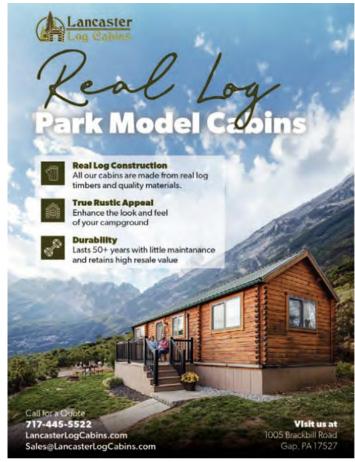
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#### **ELIGIBILITY**

- 1. Applicant must be a family member or a current employee of an NCA member in good standing.
- 2. Grade point average must be at least 3.0 if current high school or college student.
- 3. The award of this scholarship is not based on financial need. Campground owner may be contacted for verification.

#### **USE OF SCHOLARSHIP**

- 1. May be used at any accredited college, university, or trade school. Funds may be used toward attendance at the 2025 Northeast Conference on Camping for a person (1) meeting Eligibility Requirement #1 and (2) that did not previously attend the event.
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#### SELECTION GUIDELINES

- 1. Academic and employment record along with extra curricular activities and leadership roles.
- 2. Applicant's stated desire for a career or career advancement to include important lessons learned by being a part of a campground business as an employee or owner of an NCA campground.

#### **INSTRUCTIONS**

Application must be received by March 6, 2025 and include the following:

- 1. Completed application.
- 2. A hand-written or typed statement of not more than 400 words describing your career goals, important lessons learned as described in Selection Guidelines and the reasons you are deserving of this scholarship.
- 3. All materials submitted will be held in strict confidence by the committee and become the property of the Northeast Campground Association's Scholarship records. The decision of the NCA Scholarship Review Committee is final.

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