

# Copenhaver Cousins' News

## GREETINGS COUSINS!

Announcing the 2010 Annual Copenhaver Reunion in Marion, Virginia! This is the 282<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the Copenhaver's in America (1728-2010).

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

Hey there Copenhaver cousins! We hope everyone made it through the blizzards and is ready for the summer! It's starting to be that time of year when we can go outside and enjoy warm weather again. It also means the reunion is quickly approaching. Let's hope for the same beautiful weather we had last year!

The 2010 reunion will start off with the Welcome Reception at the Magnuson Hotel (formerly the Best Western Hotel) on Friday evening, August 6<sup>th</sup> starting around 8:00. On Saturday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, the reunion will begin at 10:00 a.m. and run throughout the day. We have reserved Shelter #2 for the whole day. Our lunch will be catered by a different caterer this year. In the evening, we will gather at the shelter again; we ask that you bring your own supper and s'more fixings for that evening.

We want to take this opportunity to thank Karen Copenhaver for finding the caterer and making the arrangements. We also want to thank Anne Siebold for taking the leap to learn the ropes of being a webmaster for the family website.

We are very pleased to serve as President and Vice President this year and we hope to help make this year's reunion as successful and fun as in previous years, especially with more involvement of the younger generations. We hope you can all make it! If you have any questions or suggestions, please email us at [craiglelia@verizon.net](mailto:craiglelia@verizon.net)

See you in August,  
Lelia Broderick, President  
(Daughter of Martha Copenhaver Bates and the granddaughter of Mildred and Robert Madison Copenhaver)

Meg Broderick, Vice President  
(Daughter of Lelia Bates Broderick and the granddaughter of Martha Copenhaver Bates)

## 2010 COPENHAVER REUNION

Mark Saturday, August 7, 2010 on your calendar! The 2010 Copenhaver reunion will be held

at Shelter 2 at Hungry Mother State Park. Again, our lunch will be catered. Lunch will be \$10 for adults and \$6 for children. To cover both lunch and other reunion costs, extra donations are requested as those are able. We could use \$2 per person to cover the cost of the shelter.

The schedule for the reunion weekend follows. Details about reunion activities can be obtained at the registration table Saturday morning.

### Friday, August 6, 2010:

8:00 pm Welcome Reception at the Magnuson Hotel, Marion, VA  
(This will be held in the room of one of the family members who are staying there. You may ask at the desk for the number of the room where it is being held.)

### Saturday, August 7, 2010

10:00 am Registration at Shelter 2 at Hungry Mother State Park  
11:30 am Program and awards  
12:15 pm Lunch  
2:00 pm Tour of Copenhaver homesteads (Leaves promptly at 2:00 pm from the picnic shelter)  
3 - 10 pm Shelter 2 at Hungry Mother Park reserved for Copenhavers. Plans are to fellowship and eat dinner together about 6-ish (Bring your own supper, s'mores fixings and a roasting stick).

## DIRECTIONS TO THE REUNION

To get to the park, take I-81 to Exit 47. Go left into town. Follow signs to McDonald's. Turn right at the light. Follow Route 16 to the park. Tell the gate attendant that you are with the Copenhaver reunion and he or she can direct you to Shelter 2

## OVERNIGHT ROOMS

We have a block of rooms set aside at the Magnuson Hotel, Marion, VA (formerly Best Western) (telephone: 276-378-0481). The cost is \$64.95 per night, plus tax. The hotel has a pool and a hot breakfast buffet is also included. When reserving a room at the Magnuson Hotel, just mention it is for the Copenhaver reunion and request to hold a room at the above listed rate. There is no deadline to call, however, if rooms are available, you can call up to August 5<sup>th</sup> and reserve this rate.

Also, some folks have stayed at the cabins or campground at Hungry Mother State Park. Call 800-933-7275 for more information or you can reserve and get information online at [www.dcr.state.va.us](http://www.dcr.state.va.us). You also can e-mail the park at [hungrymother@dcr.state.va.us](mailto:hungrymother@dcr.state.va.us).

## NEWSLETTER VIA E-MAIL

About ninety of our families are receiving this newsletter by e-mail. This is a savings for us. If you are getting it by snail mail and have an e-mail address please e-mail that information to [kkcopenhaver@live.com](mailto:kkcopenhaver@live.com) - Thank you for helping.

Kathy Copenhaver  
Newsletter Coordinator

## NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

Please let me know if you have family information to share; if you are looking for family information; if you have something you want to write for the newsletter; if you have interesting tidbits of information about Copenhavers; if you have ideas on how to improve the reunion; if you have ideas on how to improve this newsletter. All input is welcome.

Donations to cover the cost of the newsletter would be welcomed. Please make the check to Copenhaver Family Reunion and mail to Mrs. Anne Siebold, 510 Winter Span Court, Bel Air, MD 21015.

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## WEBSITE

We have a family website. The Webmaster is Anne Siebold. The site is hosted by Smythnet, owned by Michael Perdue, stepson of Joe Copenhaver. For information any time during the year on the Copenhaver family you may visit the website by logging on to:

[www.copenhaver.org](http://www.copenhaver.org)

## LIBRARY COMMITTEE

The Frederick and Eve Copenhaver Library Committee and Trustees of the Frederick and Eve Copenhaver Library Fund serve to preserve family heritage and provide genealogical research sources. We actively seek avenues of mutual benefit to be in service to the Smyth-Bland regional Library where the Heritage Room is housed. Each year hundreds of people from all over the U.S. and abroad to do research in the room. The next meeting of the committee and trustees will be at 9:30 am, August 7, before the family reunion at the reunion site. For more information or to nominate a member contact me at 423-581-9557 or [Davidson@musfiber.com](mailto:Davidson@musfiber.com).

Katy Copenhaver Davidson

## Library Donations:

In memory of Dr. Nat H. Copenhaver – given by Nat Copenhaver and his wife.

Family of Glenn Trigg Copenhaver – given by Warren Copenhaver

Ralph William (Bill) Henderlong, Jr. – given by Karla Henderlong from the Betsy Copenhaver Wolfe Family

In honor of Mrs. F. Joe (Karen) Copenhaver, Jr. – given by Katy Copenhaver Davidson

## MINUTES COPENHAVER FAMILY REUNION, August 8, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Lelia Broderick and the following remarks were made :

- We need to be careful of privacy when publishing pictures
- Anyone who would like to donate money for the continuation of the family reunion may do so.
- Special thanks should be given to Mike Perdue, son of Karen Copenhaver, who pays for our website through Smythnet. Karen and Joe Copenhaver can be contacted if you have information you would like to include.

This year, the youngest child introduced the members of their extended family. An exception was made for Spencer Davidson, who was just 11 months old. We were also introduced to Grady Stinson with pictures taken of him just after he was born the night before the reunion. Grady is the son of Shelley and Franklin Stinson, grandson of Ed and Lucile Stinson, great grandson of Francis and Martha Copenhaver.

An announcement was made by Karla Henderlong that she is still alive. Last year it was reported that she had died. There had been much concern since she had discovered, only one year before, that she was a member of our family and had attended the reunion traveling from California. We were all glad to see that she was still alive and was able to attend the reunion this year. It was her father who had died, not Karla. Apologies were made for the mistake.

Word has been received that the following family members have passed away :

Ralph William « Bill » Henderlong, Charles T. Copenhaver, Don Copenhaver, Camilla Copenhaver, Nadine Echols, Frances E. Dynes, Glenn Martin, Duane Volze, Lawrence Copenhaver, Beulah M. Copenhaver, and Valerie Perdue's mother.

William Bates offered a prayer for those who have died.

Ann Siebold, Treasurer, reported that we are still solven, thanks to some very generous donations this weekend.

Katy Davidson, Chairperson of the Board of Trustees and the Ad Hoc Committee of the Heritage Room at the Marion Library, explained that the function of these two groups is to enhance the work of the Heritage Room.

Veterans or those presently serving in the military were honored.

The Jefferson Cups were distributed :

- Farthest – Martha Copenhaver Rocco, 2005 miles, Arizona
- Youngest – Spencer Copenhaver Davidson, 11 months, son of Katy and Mike Davidson, grandson of Karen and Joe Copenhaver, great grandson of Francis and Martha Copenhaver.
- Oldest – Nat Copenhaver, 76 years old. Ruby Shockley had won the Jefferson Cup in 2006, as the oldest, so could not receive it again. However, she was honored as the oldest in attendance.

When nominations for officers were asked for, Karen Copenhaver suggested that we keep the present officers for another year. This was seconded and passed. It was also suggested that the office of Vice President be reestablished and that Megan Broderick be elected to that position. This was also seconded and passed. Officers are Lelia Broderick, President ; Megan Broderick, Vice President ; Martha Bates and Lelia Siebold, Secretaries ; Anne Siebold, Treasurer ; Karen Copenhaver, Publicity.

Ruby Shockley related a story about being a USO representative. While sitting at a desk at a USO affair, a young man in the Air Force signed his name and said that he was from southwest Virginia. Ruby said she could tell and told him, « I know you're a cousin. » Stories were also told by Ruby and Libby Porter Kendrick about

the life of Carrie Mae Copenhaver. She had been a nurse-missionary in China and had fled on the top of a boxcar. Carrie Mae died at the age of 101.

The meeting was then adjourned to have a group picture taken and to enjoy lunch.

Lelia C. Siebold  
Secretary

## FAMILY TIDBITS

Ben Copenhaver is now the owner of Bellacino's, 2900 Paulena Drive, Bristol, VA (exit 7). They specialize in pizza and grinders – if you're in the area – try it – it's great.

Glenn Trigg Copenhaver III, a 2d year cadet at Virginia Military Institute, was recognized this year by an outside independent panel of judges for his original poetry work.

Not everyone has email, but has something to share. Have a tidbit for next year's newsletter? Send it to Kathy Copenhaver, 6108 Iverleigh Circle, Fayetteville, NC or email to : [kkcopenhaver@live.com](mailto:kkcopenhaver@live.com).

## 2009 REUNION PHOTO



**Come to the 2010 Reunion  
and be in the picture!**

Hope to see everyone there!

Safe Travels and God Bless!