

November 2007

Greetings from Albacore Park,

Fall has arrived in New England and we are enjoying all the visitors that have come from near and far to enjoy the beautiful foliage. It has been another great season for the park. Many of our visitors have continued to complement the audio tour personalized by the crew. Our guests enjoy hearing the history from the crew that lived it.

In the spring, the State of New Hampshire repaired the lawn damage caused by the closure of the bypass connector. The Albacore enjoyed a group of volunteers from Liberty Mutual Insurance. They spent the day cleaning and gardening as part of the United Way's Day of Caring.

At the end of May, we held our annual Memorial Day service organized by the Thresher Base of the U.S. Submarine Veterans Inc. that was very well attended. The service included the dedication of the memorial to the USS Capelin SS 289 provided by the Sub Vets of WWII. May also saw a lot of new paving thanks to Richard Sullivan and the crew from Bayside Paving. At the end of May, we hired our summer help Stephanie Render. She is in Portsmouth while her husband's boat, the USS Louisville, is in the shipyard. Stephanie has been such a great addition to the park that we are going to keep her until the Louisville leaves hopefully in 2010.

In July we loaned half of our parking lot to the visiting Tall Ships. The Albacore enjoyed the visitors that left the tall ships and wished to visit a different part of maritime history.

September brought us a new group for the United Way's Day of Caring. This time we had an energetic group of volunteers from Heinemann Educational Books who got to do lots of things they don't get to do in their normal job.

In October, the walkway in the memorial garden was replaced and a memorial to the Albacore SS 218, which was lost toward the end of WWII, was installed. Also this month, a bench dedicated to Joe Sawtelle was installed. Both memorials were provided by the Friends of Albacore. A date for the dedication has yet to be determined. At the end of the month, the crew from Green Acres Lawn and Landscape prepared the park for the upcoming winter.

Thanks for another year of great support and we hope this finds you and your family in good health.

Have a safe holiday season,
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