

Just so you know! May 23, 2017

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Don't know what to say in or do with this spot. I'm trying some different format styles - haven't figured it all out yet. . . .

Village North Collectors Club - Duluth, MN/ Superior, WI

Club picnic - August 5, Kandi & Rod's cabin

Fund raising rummage sale - July 28, 29, Gail & Jeff's

Next meeting - September 20

National Council of 56 Clubs - Gatherings

Tempe, AZ - June 2017

Chicago, IL - September 2018

Cincinnati, OH - 2019

. . . 'Wenham Lake Ice Delivery' - I like this 2017 Dept. 56 NEV introduction. Growing up, many of our neighbors had home delivery via a horse drawn wagon (I remember four wheels). And, the man had a rubber 'pad' on his shoulder. By the way, I thought the name of the Wenham Lake intros began with 'New' i.e., New Wenham Lake Ice Company.' Looking close I noticed/think the 'New' is in dark blue, not black ink. Note: I realize this piece was recently mentioned (by me). Apparently I had more to say.



. . . I recently noticed the Dept. 56 New England Village 'Mason's Maple Syrup' and 'The First Tap.' I think Mason's is nicely detailed but don't think it will replace our 'Steen's Maple House.' I do plan to look for '**The First Tap**' to see if the accessory will fit in with the 'Tapping The Maples' accessory.

. . . Dept. 56 has a new mini-series in North Pole - '**Candy Crush.**' Many (younger) family members seem to know what it means. I looked it up on the Internet - still not sure. Note: Dept. 56 today posted the following on the NCC Facebook page. "While many of us are having fun playing the online video game, in 2017 Department 56 added the 'Candy Crush Factory' to our North Pole Village. And now we have just learned that starting July 9th Candy Crush will become a prime time game show on CBS." Now I know a little more.

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... Nantucket Gardens, Dept. 56 NEV– what is it? I’m going to have to check. The sign on the accessory ‘**Taste of Spring**’ includes the word “Marigold’s.” We have marigolds in flower pots, deer don’t like them, we have (unwanted) deer, sooo. Note: The plants the gardeners assistant is putting in a pot don’t look like the plants I potted today.



... Village D–Tails, 4th Edition - still nothing received from Pioneer Communications.

... I mentioned that we had at least twenty-six sitting elves. I was wrong! We have at least **twenty-nine** (all Dept. 56). Do we need two elves playing checkers (on a bench), a young girl elf with colorful packages and elf napping on a bench? I say yes, we do, need them. The new five elf accessory is called ‘Sitting In The North Pole.’



... Linda and I are down to about six ‘box covers’ of village stuff. That’s what we have left to put away. Mostly people (with a few accessories). Some need repairs. All need a home – the correct box to store them.

... It looks like I’m trying to write maybe one of these ‘columns’ a week. I hope that’s OK with you.

... NCC Tempe AZ gathering pin. We ordered one as a souvenir of the event.



... The new **Vision Jet** by Cirrus has been cleared for flight in the U.S. and Europe. The Cirrus Vision SF50 is a single-engine, low-wing, seven-seat, very light jet aircraft designed and produced by Cirrus Aircraft. They are made in Duluth, MN (where we live). We have a very, very, very small version. Usually in/over our display.

... Dept. 56 'Village Friends.' Part of joining the new group is receipt of a '**Village Town Tree.**' It would be used in a town square. We did our own town square this year (with a tree we already had). Didn't know Dept. 56 was going to offer the new centerpiece. Did you notice the three Red Hat Ladies?



... I recently found out Jackie Geiger is now Jackie Dull. She is still the Village Brand Manager, Dept. 56 – just so you know! Oh yes, that means she married Mr. Dull.

... If the Dept. 56 North Pole '**Selfie #Happy Gnome**' is anywhere near a good size, I may find an addition to our garden. I'll bet no one else will have a self- portrait taking Gnome in their yard.

... An image of those present at our May Village North Collectors Club meeting. The smiling lady (with the blue arrow) was our guest Kathy Balfanz from Dept. 56. John McGraw, thanks for the picture.



... Remember the meaning of Memorial Day.

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