

## Two Points Of View

—Note to cabin visitors from a few years ago—  
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A paper wasp nest is under the roof overhang to the right of the shed door.

Pam spent an entire day painting the door without noticing or being bothered by the wasps. Helping her finish and clean up, I saw the nest. There's an older nest next to it that went unnoticed and two more to the right.

I decided not to remove the nest because paper wasps are not aggressive, and the colony will depart with cooler weather.

Yellow jackets and other hornets *are* aggressive and I destroyed two of their nests, one under the front seat of the rowboat and the other in the sawhorse used to hold the boat when it is stored. Mark alerted us to their presence. When I walked near the boat, I was stung on the calf. The spot was sore for about 12 hours.

Depending on how you look at our information-inundated existence, we owe a lot to paper wasps. We learned how to make paper from them.

Use some care going into and out of the shed and don't bang the door, and the wasps will not bother you.

Troy might visit the cabin over Memorial Day and I'd like the grandsons to see the nest.

Note: Pam thinks the nest should be destroyed.

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