

Email Edition
June 2005 TTCM Newsletter

From the Pres

With the camping season under way, it is time to make a safety check of your rig! Fire extinguishers are at the top of the list. There are some new ones on the market. The new foam type is a great replacement for the old dry chemical type. If you have room, get a bigger extinguisher. Also, on the list are your tires. If they are five years old, it is time to give them a very close inspection. Mileage is not the only cause of tire failure; the sun can shorten the life of your tires. Next is the suspension on your travel trailer. The links between your springs may have cracks. Failure of these can leave you stranded. When you have completed our inspection and feel save, GO CAMPING AND ENJOY LIFE.

Don, 011

TTCM Newsletter Schedule

The planned schedule for our next newsletter is the issue for July 2005. The deadline for input for the newsletter will be the 5th of June. Information received after that date may have to be held to the next issue. Remember to send address changes to the Treasurer who prints labels for the newsletter. We hope to have the following nine issues in 2005: Jan/Feb, Mar/Apr, May, Jun, Jul, Aug, Sep, Oct and Nov/Dec. Beginning May 1 until September 1 each year please send all news to the editor in care of the Bellevue TTCM Campground.

Election for All Members

Remember, this is an election year. Résumés for President, Vice President, Hesperia Director and Bellevue Director are printed in this issue of the newsletter. There are no candidates for Treasurer or Secretary. Write-in votes for these two offices will be welcome for the ballots to be mailed later this summer.

Email Newsletter

Everyone interested in receiving the news electronically should send their Email address (and member number) to Lisa Modelski at the following: lmodelski@sbcglobal.net

We Get Letters

Well, we didn't get any letters this month. Seems to us that someone out there in TTCM land should have something important to say, ask or pass on! Maybe in the July issue?

ADDRESS CORRECTION

Your editor found that the ZIP Code for the TTCM Bellevue Campground has been wrong in several issues of the newsletter. The correct code is 49021.

In Memory

The newsletter has sad news that Member 1958 Ralph W. DeBoer, husband of Lorraine, and a member of Happy Wanderers died April 8, 2005.

Chapter News!

We are continuing the "new" feature in our News Letter, the Chapter News! Column. For this issue, we didn't receive any for individual chapters but we hope to in the near future!

July 4th Weekend Spaghetti At Bellevue Campground

The Duneland Winnies are excited about the 4th of July Weekend they have planned for us. Of course, they would like us to get our registration forms sent in as early as possible so they can get on with their planning. The form was in the May issue of the Newsletter.

Hesperia Campground News

From Ruth Heimann of Hesperia Campground – WOW! If you weren't camping the weekend of April 15, 2005, you might have missed the best weekend all summer (75-80 degrees with a low of 40). There were 16 units total. Not a bad turnout considering the early date in April. The snowbirds are just migrating back to the summer nests!

This was a working weekend (for the men) anyway. All the woodwork and doors are freshly stained and painted by George Ferguson (what a guy). I think Ole lent a hand, also. The picnic tables were all placed on the lots. There was plenty of action by the woods and the wood was being cut and stacked.

Since the building floor was refinished, all the tables, refrigerators, etc., had to be put back in the building. The floor is so shiny and smooth, it will knock your eyes out! A salamander some how got on the floor while it was drying and got stuck, so its adios, Mr. Salamander.

The workers were well fed this weekend. There were two breakfasts, Saturday and Sunday, a hot dog and soup lunch and a potluck Saturday evening. No one left hungry. Thanks to Grand Valley, M.A.L.s and Happy Wanderers for making this a successful weekend. Remember HW still needs chairmen for rallies in June and July. They don't have to be elaborate. Keep it simple, like just pancakes or French toast or just eggs and then a potluck. You can keep the cost down and still eat well. Think about it and call Joyce Pulsifer at (231) 788-4556. She'll be happy to sign you up.

Food for thought – What do you think about having a section in the campground called “Group Rally Section” for those who want their chapter all together? Think about it. It sounds logical.

Don't forget the Sewing Bee coming up in June. Nancy Hellman and company have a great week planned as you can see by the flyer notice in the newsletter.

Let's fill up the campground on the 4th of July weekend. It's four days of fun and fellowship and a great way to celebrate our independence. Let's pray our troops will all be back home soon.

See you at the campground and give some smiles away to someone who needs one.

Ruth

Bellevue Campground News

From Cathy Schultz of Bellevue Campground

Duneland Winnies is going to host the July 1-4 July 4th Weekend. River Raisin is going to host the August 12-13 Corn Roast.

We still need a chapter to host the Halloween outing. Double Dozen is going to do the Haunted Forest. We need a chapter to do the food, etc.

Kork has lined up projects for our volunteers for our new work weekends. Probably ought to bring some “old” clothes and some gloves!

ATTENTION LADIES

It's time for another fun Sewing Bee! This year it will be at the Hesperia Campground June 19th thru June 25th.

On Monday, we will have Nancy Connelly coming from Fanna's Mercantile to show us how to do paper piecing for a quilt square. All you ladies have to bring is two (2) fat quarters of your choice. Nancy Connelly will furnish the rest.

This year, we are not planning a large project for Wednesday. Everyone bring a small project or idea to share.

We will have some discount coupons from local merchants. We will also be giving away door prizes. The rally fee will be \$10.00. Lunches will be served on sewing days.

If you are planning to come, please contact Rose Perry at Hesperia or Jan Jones at Bellevue. Or, leave word at the campgrounds

Thank you,

Nancy Hellman

Happenings Around Hesperia Campground

June 10-11 – Asparagus Festival, Shelby, Parade on Saturday

June 10 – Chicken BBQ 11:30 am – 7 pm, Veteran's Park, Fremont

June 11 – Rotary 'Golf-O-Ree, Briar Hill Golf Course, White Cloud

June 18 – Rodeo, 7 pm, Newago Co. Fairground, Fremont

July 2 – Country Dairy Open House Tour, North of the corner of Old US-31 – M-20 until 4 pm, Free ice cream, games for the kids, usually costs \$5.00 for tour.

July 4th Weekend – Hesperia Fun Fest, Garage sales galore in town, plus arts and crafts

July 19-23 – Baby Food Festival, Downtown Fremont

July 28-30 – TTCM Garage Sale, Come camp and buy! Help the campground

August 7-14 – Newaygo Co. Fair, Fremont

August 12 – Tractor Pulls, Newaygo Fair Grounds, Fremont

August 24-27 – Oceana Co. Fair, Hart

Pentwater has a Homecoming, usually the 2nd or 3rd weekend, fireworks at Lake Michigan

September 2-5 – All American at Bellevue, Hesperia Campground Open

September 2-5 – Logging Festival, Brooks Park, Newago

October 14-16 – Campground Halloween Trick or Treat for the kids

All American Rally 2005

Bellevue Hillbillies

Double Dozen is hosting the 2005 All American Rally at the Bellevue Campground. The theme this year is Bellevue Hillbillies.

They have volunteers for the following:

Hospitality – Draggin Train

Sunday Lunch – M.A.L.

Parking – John Schultz

Adult 10-Cent Auction – Joyce Pulsifer

Coffee Pots – John Schultz

Cake Roulette – Restless Ones

Youth 10-Cent Auction – Marie Dillenbeck

Kids Games – Double Dozen

Tank Prizes – River Raisin

Kid & Adult Bingo – Blossomland

Registration – Cathy Schultz

Teen Games - Tina Mullins

Brown Bag – Harriet Conklin with Happy Campers

Volunteers are needed for the following:

Drive-In Movie (TV/VCR in the bed of a pickup truck)

Hayrides

Church Service

Table and Chair Set-Ups

Sound System Set-Up

The hosts would like to offer the opportunity to any scouts that might be interested in performing the flag-raising portion of the opening ceremony.

If you or your chapter would like to volunteer for any of the above items, please contact Kim O'Dell at (248) 615-7655 or ODELLS1982@SBCGLOBAL.NET

Entertainment plans are to have a square dance along with line dancing. Please contact Lisa Modelski at (810) 227-7574 or LMODELSKI@SBCGLOBAL.NET if you or someone you know might be interested in calling the square dance and/or providing line dance instruction.

Additional activities we have planned for the weekend are: Bull Roping, Hat Toss, Hillbilly Horseshoes, Toilet Seat Toss, Greased Pig, Tug O'War, Seed Spitting and Hillbilly Euchre. There will be a petting farm available for a couple hours on Saturday along with a moon bounce and roller coaster for the younger children!

They invite each chapter to participate in Progressive Campfire and "Trashy Trailer" Contest (PG rated). Please keep the theme in mind for both of these activities. Ballots to vote for the Trashy Trailer Contest will be distributed at registration and ballot boxes will be available Saturday and Sunday morning during breakfast.

The officers and chapter representatives are encouraged to dress the theme when they are introduced at the Saturday evening program.

Double Dozen is lookin' forward to a knee slappin' good time and hope you are, too!

Bellevue Garage Sale

We had a lot of men and women who came out to help set up the Annual Garage Sale. The same folks helped during the sale and after. We grossed about \$1,000. We want to thank one and all for their help. I also want to give a big thank you to Inez Cummings for keeping the work crew fed everyday!

Cathy Schultz, Bellevue Campground Treasurer

2005 Schedule

Bellevue Campground

June 3-5 Woodcutting Bee

June 10-12 Holiday Ramblers, Rec Hall

June 17-19 Volunteer Work Weekend

June 24-26 NCT – 6 Units, Circle & Shelter

July 1-4 July 4th Weekend hosted by Duneland Winnies

July 8-10 Volunteer Work Weekend

July 15-17 Restless Ones, Rec Hall

July 22-24 Christmas in July (Need Hosts)

July 29-31 Volunteer Work Weekend

August 5-7 Charlotteers – Circle & Shelter

Aug. 7 Berkimer Reunion, Rec Hall

August 12-14 "Snow to Sun" 9,10,11 Tues. to Thurs.

August 12-13 Corn Roast hosted by River Raisin

August 19-21 Volunteer Work Weekend

August 26-28 OPEN

September 3-5 TTCM All American Rally Bellevue hosted by Double Dozen

September 9-11 Volunteer Weekend

September 16-18 Restless Ones, Rec Hall

September 22-24 Woodcutting Bee

September 30/October 2 Halloween Outing; Haunted Forest by Double Dozen (Need Hosts)

October 7-9 Volunteer Work Weekend

October 14-16 Campground Closes

2005 Schedule

Hesperia Campground

June 3-5 OPEN

June 10-12 Happy Wanderers

June 17-19 Restless Ones/Happy Wanderers

June 20-26 Sewing Bee

July 1-4 Happy Wanderers (Usually)

July 8-10 Holiday Ramblers

July 15-17 Bounders, Happy Wanderers

July 22-24 Grand Valley

July 28-30 Garage Sale

August 5-7 Happy Wanderers

August 12-14 OPEN

August 19-21 Members-At-Large (MAL)/Happy Wanderers

August 26-28 OPEN

September 3-5 All American @ Bellevue; Hesperia open.

September 7-8-9 MID-WEEK GoldenAgers

September 9-11 OPEN

September 16-18 GM and Grand Valley/Roving Rounders/Happy Hitchers/Happy Wanderers

September 23-25 Family Campers – Allegra

September 30-October 2 Happy Wanderers

October 7-9 Carefree Sams/Travel Supremes

October 14-16 Halloween Rally, All Groups/All Members

October 17 Closing. Woodcutting and Leaf Raking Bee, call Jerry Settler to help.

All American Brown Bag Reminder

The “Brown Bag Auction” needs your item in a brown bag, sealed and the price of the item put on the bag.

The Happy Campers will auction these bags off sometime during the Labor Day Weekend at the All-American Rally at the Bellevue Campground.

Let’s have fun with this auction, so please, no distasteful items!

You may drop your bags off at Harriet and Gene Conklin’s trailer (#783) before auction time.

CARAVAN TRIP TO SEE SANTA CLAUSE and Tour Workhorse Plant

Join in for a caravan to visit Nashville, Metamora and New Harmony, Indiana. Also play at Indiana Beach! Travel July 22nd to July 31st . Contact Dick Hamlin (#006) by phone at (248) 877-6304.

Campground Reservations

The Bellevue and Hesperia TTCM Campgrounds are available for chapter campouts for all weekends where the schedules show OPEN. Families or small groups can usually camp on the days or weekends where the schedules show that chapters have reserved parts of the campgrounds. Reservations can be made by calling the campground directors at their home telephone numbers until the camping season starts. Please call the campground telephone numbers during the camping seasons.

Help Wanted

To sign up for Property Tending in Hesperia, call Jerry Settler at his home or at the Hesperia Campground.

To sign up for Property Tending in Bellevue, call Kork Wielinga at his home or at the Bellevue Campground.

2005 Bellevue Property Tenders

May 29-June 4

June 5-11

June 12-18

June 19-25

June 26-July 2

July 3-9

July 10-16

July 17-23

July 24-30

July 31-August 6

August 7-13

August 14-20

August 21-27

August 28-September 3

September 4-10

September 11-17

September 18-24

September 25-October 1

October 2-8

October 9-15

October 16 Closing: *Wielinga*

2005 Hesperia Property Tenders

May 29-June 4

June 5-11

June 12-18

June 19-25: *Carr, Miller*

June 26-July 2

July 3-9

July 10-16: *Schwartz*

July 17-23: *Soller, O'Hare*

July 24-30: *F. Smith*

July 31-August 6: *Schwartz*

August 7-13: *O'Hare, Soller*

August 14-20: *Tupper*

August 21-27: *Annis, Baker*

August 28-September 3: *McGahan, Robbins*

September 4-10

September 11-17

September 18-24: *Carr*

September 25-October 1

October 2-8: *McGahan, Robbins*

October 9-15: *Bonner, Lakatos*

October 16 Closing: *Settler*

ATTENTION CHAPTER PRESIDENTS

Regarding the All-American Rally, each chapter should plan to contribute items to help make the Labor Day Weekend rally a success!

Needed from each chapter:

10-Cent Auction items (Youth and Adult items, need lots!). Hosts Marie Dillenbeck for Youth and Joyce Pulsifer for Adults.

Brown Bag Auction items Hosts Harriet and Gene Conklin and Happy Campers

Cakes / Pies / Cookies for Cake Roulette (Goal of ten items per chapter) Hosts Restless Ones

Tank Prizes (Two prizes for teens 13 years old and up; four prizes for children ages 0 to 12 years old, two prizes for boys and two prizes for girls) Hosts River Raisin.

May 2005 Board of Director's Meeting

The minutes of the May meeting at Hesperia Campground have been condensed for the newsletter. All chapters will receive the unabridged minutes.

TTCM board members were led by President Don Westphal and included all elected officers except for the Secretary who was away because of a prior commitment. Acting Secretary Sharon Westerhouse kept the minutes.

Minutes of the September 2004 meeting were read and accepted after the correction of By-Law changes. Treasurer Jack Connell went over the treasurer's report, which was accepted. He reported that membership stands at 329.

Director Jerry Settler read Hesperia Campground budget and report. Oceana County will not allow further campsites to be developed. There are now 80 sites. With little money in the improvement fund, Dick Hamlin moved that improvements be made only as money comes in, with no negative spending. The motion passed and the budget and report were accepted.

Director Kork Wielinga read the Bellevue Campground budget and report. An office for archives, etc., is being built at the back of the Rec Building. Audio system for the entire campground will be completed,

updates will be made for campsites at the front of the campground and in teen area and gravel for roads in the campground are the items for work this year. The report and budget were accepted. M.A.L. representative Inez Cummings reported on the upcoming election. There are three candidates for President, one for Vice-President, and one each for Director of each of the two campgrounds. No candidates for Treasurer or Secretary. Write in votes will be accepted. (Note – Résumés for candidates appear in this newsletter.)

There were discussions on the large number of M.A.L.'s. E.g., Can some of them join chapters? Why can't they get together and make up new chapters? Dick Hamlin moved to have them have two representatives, one from each campground and to charge them to come up with a better solution to this problem and report back to the officer's meeting in May of 2006. The motion was passed.

There was no Teen Report.

A discussion for the campground/planning committee concerned the amount of mileage paid for campground business travel. Treasurer Jack Connell suggested that the IRS guideline recommendation be followed each year. A motion was made and accepted.

Senior Advisor Harold Hemry stated that the website needs to be updated with camping fees and that the TTCM application needs to be updated, also. This discussion resulted in Dick Hamlin becoming chairperson of a new membership promotion committee to make recommendations and improvements with a \$500 expense limit to take effect immediately. This was made into a motion by Vice-President Marie Dillenbeck that was then approved.

Linda Vella gave a report for the annual All-American Rally to be held Labor Day Weekend at Bellevue Campground. Additional volunteers were asked for to cover some outstanding tasks. An article in the newsletter provides some of the details.

Chapter comments were called for by roll call. Comments were varied.

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From Hesperia, head 3.5 miles west on M20. From White Cloud, go west 16.5 miles on M20. The campground is located on the south side of M20.

Bellevue Campground

7418 West Baseline Highway
Bellevue, MI 49021
(269) 763-3551

From I-69/I-94, go north on I-69 to Exit #48. Go west 0.7 miles on M78 to Babcock Rd then south 1 mile to W. Baseline Rd then west 0.5 mile. Babcock and Baseline Roads are gravel. For a paved road, go west on M78 about 2 miles to Ionia Rd. Go south on Ionia Rd to W. Baseline Rd then east to 16th

and stop sign. Turn left (north) and follow road about 1/4-mile around curve to campground. (Short stretch is gravel.)

Try to visit our Associate Members

M & M Camping Center, Inc.
2960 West Jefferson, Trenton, MI 48183
(734) 676-2383

Caswell & Company
260 South Dexter St., Ionia, MI 48846
(616) 527-9050

Ask your dealer or RV supplier, insurer, financier, etc., about becoming an Associate Member and having their address listed here.

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Resumes for TTCM Officer Election

These candidates are for the Summer 2005 election for a term of office, 2006 through 2008.

For President, we have:

Don Westphal

I am a candidate for re-election as President of TTCM.

For qualifications, I have been a member of TTCM for 27 years, served as vice-president for three years and currently serve as president. I have spent a lot of time working on the installation of water and electric, repairing equipment and doing other maintenance at Bellevue Campground.

For my work history, I worked for National Steel Corp. for 31 years as a machinist. Prior to retirement, I was supervisor of the machine shop.

My education includes high school graduation, four years in the U.S. Air Force as a photo interpreter specialist, then at US Steel as a journeyman machinist.

Don Westphal, Member 011, Duneland Winnies

Richard Hamlin

I am a candidate for election as President of TTCM.

This is an office that I held many years ago, but I had to give it up because of work and family obligations. Now that I am retired, for the last time, I feel that I can be a help and service to my many friends in TTCM.

With my varied experience in construction project management, as well as holding many positions in building management, I have the experience that the position of your president requires. Many of the programs that were put in place while I was the president of TTCM, are still being used today.

While serving as your president, I was involved with the planning and development of our Bellevue Campground. I feel that both of our campgrounds are excellent and assets to our organization and should be used to increase our membership.

There are several things that need to be addressed in our organization and I am asking for you to give me your support and help to deal with each of them.

If you have any questions or concerns prior to voting, I will be happy to talk with you. Reach me on my cell phone at 248-877-6304, or Email Double0636@aol.com

Thank you in advance for considering me as the most qualified to serve as your next president.

Richard Hamlin, Member 006 Draggin Train

Marie Dillenbeck

My name is Marie Dillenbeck and I approve this message.

I am running for the office of TTCM President. I am now your current Vice-President, and as such, I have seen and heard many things these past three years. I will come into this office with an open mind, but I will need your help. This isn't a one-person job. I will try to spend equal time at each campground and be willing to set down with everyone and listen to our ideas and concerns.

My aim is to promote peace and harmony between members and campgrounds, to get more of our members out enjoying our campgrounds and to attract new members.

TTCM is one big family, so please, take the time to smile and say hello as you walk around the campgrounds. Our campgrounds and TTCM are something to be proud of so let's be proud.

Yes, I would like your vote, but remember the most important thing is to vote.

Marie Dillenbeck, Member 3723 Draggin' Train

For Vice-President, we have:

Jim Osterman

I am a candidate for Vice-President of TTCM.

A summary of my qualifications is: Manufacturing professional with over thirty years of experience in Plant Supervision, Materials Management and Office Administration. I am currently managing a retirement housing complex in Michigan City, Indiana. I have served on many different boards in various capacities, at my local church. I am current president of the Duneland Winnies, having served in that capacity for the last three years.

My education includes a Bachelors Degree in General Studies from Indiana University Northwest.

My wife Debbie and I have four children and four grandchildren.

Jim Osterman, Member 4456 Duneland Winnies

For Campground Director, we have:

Jerry Settler

I am a candidate for Director of the Hesperia Campground.

I have served as Hesperia Campground Director since being appointed in the fall of 2004.

My employment includes: a chemical plant in Muskegon for 13 years, 1965-1976; City of Whitehall on a CETA program in 1978; Howmet Corp. in Whitehall for 25 years from 1979 until retirement in 2004; Navy from 1961-1965 as a Petty Officer 3rd Class; Michigan National Guard from 1979 until retirement in 1998 as a Staff Sargent.

I graduated from high school.

Jerry Settler, Member 4276, Member-at-Large

Kork Wielinga

I am a candidate for re-election as Director of the Bellevue Campground.

I have served as Director of the camp-ground for three years and property tender since 1990. I am very familiar with the utilities, mechanical, electrical operations and the administrative duties.

I enjoy being the director and would like to have your support in the election.

Kork Wielinga, Member 4055, Double Dozen

Editorial

Open Letter to All TTCM Members

From:

Don Westphal

TTCM President

TTCM 011

Tom Westerhouse
Dick Hamlin

TTCM Past President
TTCM Past President

TTCM 007
TTCM 006

We just spent the weekend at our Bellevue Campground for the Garage Sale and at times we were very proud of our membership and the rest of the time, we were deeply concerned. We have a major concern that if something is not done real soon, TTCM will be heading for big trouble.

This RV club was built by members helping and doing what ever had to be done. We had a real good garage sale and made over \$1,000, however, all of the work was done by ten or eleven and less than 25 members helped by bringing stuff to sell. We had a chapter on the grounds and the members helped by buying a lot of stuff to stock up for their next garage sale. The ladies from the chapter helped to pack up after the sale and we want to thank them for their help. While the sale was going on, Gene Conklin and Dick Hamlin were working on the new office and storeroom addition to the rec. building. They were told that the ladies working the sale were asked several times, "How much is the campground paying them to build the addition?" Of course, the answer was NOTHING! Gene and Dick were donating their time and talent to the campground. This is the way that both campgrounds were built and are maintained. The office and storeroom project was approved and is in the budget; the funds to pay for it are in the bank. The project will be completed prior to the Labor Day All-American Rally.

But, it seems that too many want to camp cheap and do nothing in return. We have been told that, "I paid my dues and that is enough." Are you aware that neither of our two campgrounds have had the necessary Property Tenders sign up for all of the weeks of this camping season? Do you know that it takes one person three days to mow the Bellevue campground or it can be done in one day by three people and, after that, a day to get the mowers ready for the next time? No matter how hard we try to get help for the work, it is done bay the same members every week.

Also, chapters who want to have a potluck dinner go all over the campground and move all of the picnic tables to one place. Then, when they are done, they go off and just leave them for someone else to move them back to each campsite for some other member to enjoy. No matter how hard the campground Director tries to do what they think is right, it seems that someone has something to complain about. Last year, someone backed into a post that was put up to protect the power and water. One side of it was broken off by his trailer. Kork was given \$10.00 and told to get it fixed. This year, when he came back and found it wasn't fixed yet, he accused Kork of keeping the money and of not doing the work. In reality, the \$10.00 will just buy the post but will not cover the time to notch it out, stain it, dig out he old one, to assemble the new part and to reinstall it. Work in the campgrounds is done in the order of need and this one was not high on the list and someone need not be accused of stealing. If we had someone who would be willing to help, it would have been done. We have two thoughts. If a member breaks something, they should fix it. To accuse someone of stealing \$10.00 when they handle hundreds of dollars each week and do such a good job is asinine.

This weekend seemed to be picking on the Director's week. They were sitting outside of the building and smoking and they were told that they should have moved because a member at the other end of the rec. hall could smell smoke. Then, someone walked into the rec. hall when the oven was cleaning. Cathy was accused of smoking in the building. Later, the same person came back and was extremely disrespectful of John and Cathy because of smoking. He threatened them with a lawsuit and claimed that he would own both campgrounds before he was done. Then he implied that John and Cathy were just like people on welfare because they smoked. They were told that they should build their own building to smoke in. He was asked if he would help and he said he could not work because he was disabled. However, he could climb up six steps into his new \$300,000 motor home or come to find someone to reset the circuit breakers when he overloaded the circuit. Another member was in the rec. hall while this man was carrying on and we can't write what her opinion of him was, but we can say that she thought he was a "pompous hind end."

If a member, who pays \$25.00 in dues, thinks that they can treat another member in this way, we should not accept dues from them next year or ever again, and an apology is in order. If this kind of treatment of our Directors continues, we will lose all four of the team who do most of the work and then we will have to close our campgrounds until replacements are found. And everyone will say, "Not me."

Whoever is chosen to be our next President is going to have their hands full because so many seem to want to do nothing but bitch and complain about everything but themselves.

The self-appointed smoking police are going to ruin it for everyone. It also seems to us that everyone wants to be waited on and to let someone else plan the rallies, serve the meals and to clean up their mess while the same few do all of the work over and over.

It seems to us that there is almost an effort being undertaken to build a wall between the East and West. We think that each of you should plan to be at the 2005 annual meeting Labor Day Weekend because, if members keep insisting on being waited on and complaining about what others do when they are doing nothing, something will have to be changed.

We wanted all members to be aware of a few of the things that happened this weekend to help in the control of rumors that always seem to come up from the west.

Respectfully submitted in the hope of the betterment of TTCM,

Don, Tom and Dick