

From the Pres

Food for thought. Who is going to host the 2006 All-American Rally? This needs to be taken care of at the Membership Meeting this Labor Day Weekend at Bellevue Campground. The 03, 04 and 05 rallies have been hosted by members from the Bellevue area. It is a lot of extra work to be from the Bellevue area and take care of the details that are far from home. Hesperia area members need to get involved and take their turn! M.A.L members included.

Check out the Website at www.TTCM.org. The Website is still being edited and changes made to improve it. Any suggestions are welcome. Send them to Tom Westerhouse or Kork Wielinga in care of the Bellevue TTCM Campground. They will consider them and give them to the web master.

Don, 011

TTCM Newsletter Schedule

The planned schedule for our next newsletter is the issue for September 2005. The deadline for input for the newsletter will be the 5th of August. 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 were printed in June 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 mailed a few weeks ago.

ALL MEMBERS

By now you should have received your TTCM ballots in the mail. If you write in a candidate, you must make an X in the box next to the name you write in. A husband and wife each have their own ballot. There is an envelope marked "BALLOT" for each ballot. Seal each Ballot Envelope, and then enclose both in one large envelope. Then your voting is complete.

Mail them to: Inez Cummings, 223 E. Jackson St., Bellevue, MI 49021. I must receive them postmarked no later than August 15, 2005.

Voting is very important, so please vote!

Inez Cummings, M.A.L. President

Email Newsletter Available

Those that have signed up for the TTCM newsletter through their e-mail got a nice surprise last month. They received the full-color Rally Registration form a little earlier than the other members. Being able to click a button and send to many is just ONE of the advantages of receiving the newsletter electronically. This month's issue will be new and improved since it will also be available in .pdf format! Now the formatting and way it prints out will be the same for everyone! No more words running off the pages or lines not matching up!

To view the improved issues of the TTCM newsletter in .pdf format, go to <http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep.html> and download Adobe's Acrobat Reader 7.0 for FREE. If you already have Adobe on your computer, you're all set!

For those of you who are worried about privacy and viruses, I have started sending them in a way that no one but me can see your Email address and I promise to NEVER divulge without your permission. I also use several up-to-date antivirus/firewall programs on my computer, so I'm doing all I can to keep from passing you any viruses.

Finally, receiving the newsletter electronically will save TTCM money in printing and postage, not to mention a little time for folding, taping, labeling, etc. the editor has to do.

So, send me an email at lmodelski@sbcglobal.net today with your TTCM number and name and you'll be added to the distribution list. Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have regarding the electronic issue.

Lisa Modelski

In Memory

The newsletter has sad news that Member 2791 Patricia A. Anderson, wife of Charles, and a member of Blossomland Travelers died July 7, 2005. Pat was the daughter-in-law of former TTCM president Carl and the mother of Toni Mesecar.

Chapter News!

Blossomland Travelers

Blossomland had five units including guests Scott and Jeanette, Caleb and Andy Conklin at Bellevue Campground for the work weekend June 17-19. Some of us (Deb, Jeanne, Barb and Jo Ann) painted the front fence that included our hands, faces and other parts of our bodies with Nicole, Melissa and Chloe supervising and others (Danny, Tom, Gary and Bob) worked hard log splitting. Danny went up earlier in the week and did some mowing. The weather ended up perfect for work, not too hot.

Beside the work, we also had time for fun! Friday night we had a pizza party, with leftovers for lunch Saturday. We also went to the flea market at Turkeyville, a few miles south in Calhoun County. Chloe Mills' grandparents, Tom and Barb, got her a huge box of beanie babies, but with all of them, she still has her favorite. My father-in-law, Bob, got me a beautiful teapot with cup that was even more special since I bought one also and dropped mine.

A big thanks to Danny Gatchell and Gary Hardt for getting up on top of my trailer and rigging a vent cover until I can get a new one put on.

We had our usual potluck Saturday night with so much food!!! Our next rally is at Frankenmuth in July and Nub Lake, Niles, in August.

We all miss Pat Anderson. Keep her family in your prayers. Also, keep Dan Mills and his family in your prayers. Dan is serving in Iraq.

Until next moth,

Jo Ann Ingraham

Bellevue Campground News

We will start with the 4th of July weekend. We had a great turnout, 62 units. Everyone had a good time. We played Bingo twice. There were some big winners and some like Inez Cummings won't be allowed to play again for a while!! Needless to say, she was the big winner. A big thank you to the Duneland Winnies; they did a fantastic job. The food was great. Also, thanks to Ron Bootcheck for donating new cabinets for the new office and new archives room. Carpenters and painters for building and finishing the new office (called Cathy's Corner) were Gene Conklin, Dick Hamlin, Don Westphal, Bobby Perry, John Schultz, Kork Wielinga and Bob Blatt. The Schultz's trailer can get rid of all of the treasury-job stuff! The office is beautiful! If we have forgotten any of the helpers, please forgive us.

There will be a Bellevue Planning Committee meeting the weekend of the corn roast on Sunday August 14th, time to be determined that weekend.

We finally moved the light pole from the playground to the lower level. Thanks to John S. and his son-in-law Brad Atkins, Kork W. and Bobby P. Dick Hamlin started digging the trench for wires for the light, then the Double Dozen guys pitched in finished the job (Todd Azarias and son Zack, David Felimonik and son)! Then Dave F. hooked up the light, and it works (Dave is campground electrician). We are looking forward to another great turnout for the Sloppy Joes and Corn Roast.

We must give a big thank you to Bobby Perry for repairing and painting the bridge over the quiet river. Please also notice the white fence along the road and drive. Painters Paul and Marcy Perkins and Mary Critchlow repainted the fence; it looks great!

Hope to see you soon,

Cathy Schultz

Hesperia Campground News

We would like to thank all of the members that helped at the campground (wood cutting, property tending, up keep of the grounds). A special thanks to Ralph North who split and stacked most all of the wood we had piled out back with help from his boulder buddies and several M.A.L.'s.

We will have a wood cutting bee the weekend after shutdown. We will cut on Saturday only! Noon meal will be hotdogs, chips and drinks.

I have a list for property tenders and rallies in the clubhouse. Please sign up as soon as possible so we don't get more than two chapters on a weekend!

Thank you,

Jerry Settler

TTCM on the Internet

Although the TTCM has had an Internet website in the past, it hadn't been updated for some time. A new Webmaster was recently appointed. The executive board has selected MichiganWebs.Net to update our site and to perform future maintenance. In addition to our own website, TTCM will also receive publicity in the Webmaster's Michigan Backroads publications and website. See them at www.michiganbackroads.com.

To view our website, type into your on-line service <http://www.TTCM.org>. Eventually, just typing in TTCM.org will be sufficient. Go there and let your board know what you think!

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
- Church Service - John and Mary Critchlow
- Kids Games - Double Dozen
- Tank Prizes - River Raisin
- Kid & Adult Bingo - Blossomland
- Registration - Cathy Schultz
- Teen Games - Tina Mullins
- Brown Bag - Happy Campers
- Sound System Set-Up - Van Knust
- Toilet Seat Toss - Duneland Winnies

Harriet Conklin, Sherry Murrie and Melissa Murrie have volunteered to make arrangements for the flag-raising portion of the opening ceremony along with having representatives of Bellevue attend and say a few words.

Our entertainment plans are to have a square dance along with line dancing.

It was decided at the May officer's meeting that only the teens and children would be receiving tank prizes this year. **Each chapter** should donate two teen prizes and four children prizes (two for boys and two for girls). Each prize should be valued at \$5.00.

Each chapter should be donating at least ten items for the Cake Roulette. These items can be cakes, pies, cookies or brownies. **Please, no cream pies.**

Additional activities we have planned for the weekend are: Bull Roping, Hat Toss, Hillbilly Horseshoes, Greased Pig, Tug O'War, Seed Spitting and Hillbilly Euchre. There will also be a Petting Farm available for a couple of hours on Saturday along with a Moon Bounce and Roller Coaster for the younger children.

Chapters are invited to participate in a 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!

2005 Schedule

Bellevue Campground

August 5-7

Charlotteers – Circle &
Shelter / Aug. 7 Berkimer
Reunion, Rec Hall

August 12-14

“Snow to Sun” 9,10,11
Tues. to Thurs. and 12-13
Corn Roast, Hosts River Raisin

August 19-21

Volunteer Work Weekend

August 26-28

OPEN

September 3-5 Labor Day

TTCM All American Rally

Bellevue Campground

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

Need Hosts!

Haunted Forest by D.D.

October 7-9

Volunteer Work Weekend

October 14-16

Campground Closes

2005 Schedule

Hesperia Campground

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 Labor Day Weekend Bellevue

C.G.

TTCM All American Rally

(Hesperia CG 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 1-2

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.

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 season.

TTCM Membership Growing

TTCM Membership steadily growing! Slow but steady! Great! Membership is growing with Happy Wanderers, Restless Ones, Blossomland Travelers, Double Dozen and MAL!

2005 Bellevue Property Tenders

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

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 (suitable for both male and female) for teens 13 years old and up) (Four (2 male and 2 female) for children ages 0 to 12 years old) Hosts: River Raisin.

Wanted at Bellevue Shop-Vac Motor

Bellevue Campground uses a Shop-Vac motor on the "honey wagon" used to pump out camper holding tanks. Soon, the campground may need to replace the 5-horse motor Shop-Vac because of heavy use. Maybe a member has an "old" shop vacuum that they no longer need. Let Kork know. Thanks.

2005 TTCM BELLEVUE HALLOWEEN OUTING
Sept 30, Oct 1 and 2

FRIDAY NIGHT HOSPITALITY: Cider and doughnuts, registration, pickup schedule of events and pay camping fees of \$9.00 per member unit per night (\$14.00 for non-member units).

SATURDAY PROGRAMS:

- New on schedule this year: children's crafts
- Pumpkin carving for the children
- Children's games
- Costume judging
- Haunted Forest
- Tater Wagon
- Teen Dance

SATURDAY DINNER MENU WILL BE NEW THIS YEAR!

- will be served at **3:30pm**
- **A thru M**, bring a covered dish to pass.
- **N thru Z**, bring a dessert to pass.

HOSTS FOR THE WEEKEND ARE M.A.L.'s, DUNELAND WINNIES AND DOUBLE DOZEN.
We will need help! Any one person or groups are needed!

SUNDAY MORNING BREAKFAST: 8:30 am to 10:00 am

RALLY FEES DUE SEPTEMBER 25, 2005

Adults & Teens: \$4.00 each

Children 12 yrs and under: \$2.00 each if mailed **by September 25, 2005**

Late fee: \$2.00 per person

IMPORTANT INFO:

- Bring your own pumpkins for carving.
- Please, pre-register so we will have enough food for everyone and enough prizes for all children.
- Duneland Winnies will be selling tickets for their Famous Taters.
- Double Dozen would appreciate any suggestions for improvements for the Haunted Forest.

MAIL FORM AND MONEY TO:

TTCM Bellevue Campground
7418 Baseline Road
Bellevue, MI 49021 Telephone (269) 763-3551

2005 Halloween at Bellevue Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

TTCM No.: _____ Chapter Name _____ MAL _____

No. of Adults X \$4.00 _____ No. of Children X \$2.00 _____ No. of Teens _____

Amount of money enclosed \$ _____

Deadline for registration at regular fees is September 25th. The late fee is \$2.00 per person.

Make checks payable to TTCM Bellevue Campground

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Hesperia Campground

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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 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.

Remember, summertime (May thru August) address for the newsletter is:

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Bob Blatt cell phone (727) 742-2508
(No Email at Campground)

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