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From the Pres

Hope everyone had a great holiday season! Before the camping season gets in full swing, I wanted to address a few items.

1. First, if you haven't already paid your TTCM dues, you'll need to send \$35 (this amount includes the \$25 membership fee plus a \$10 reinstatement fee) to interim TTCM Treasurer, Kerry DeVore. New members pay an initial registration fee of \$50 the first year and then \$25 each additional year. Checks payable to TTCM can be mailed to:

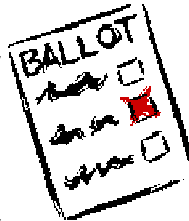
Kerry DeVore
45308 Thornhill
Canton, MI 48188

2. Second, please forward your new Board of Directors/Officers to me ASAP. Please send your list of Officers and include your Chapter name to me at:

Don Westphal
439 Johnson Rd
Michigan City, IN 46360

3. The Annual Officers Meeting will be held at Bellevue

May 6, 2006 at 10am sharp. This meeting is OPEN to ALL members. As members you may voice your opinions, but are only able to vote through your President. It's up to you to be sure your Chapter has representation!



4. Chapter Presidents: If you are unable to make the meeting, you need to submit a letter to me designating a 'proxy' representative. This will insure that your Chapter is given a vote.

5. This year's All American Rally will be at Hesperia and has a military theme. Please contact Margaret VanderVelde, Ruth Heimann or Joyce Pulsifer to volunteer. A lot of help is needed to make this a success!

There are many outings planned for both campgrounds. If your Chapter has not signed up to sponsor an

outing, contact the appropriate Campground Director to sign up. As always, I look forward to seeing you all in the upcoming camping season.

Hang in there! Winter will not last forever! See you in the Spring,
Don Westphal, 011

In Memory of Pat

Thanks to the generous donation from the family of Pat Anderson, Bellevue Campground has a new popcorn machine. Many thanks to Joe Anderson, Toni Mesecar and family!

*Kork Wielinga,
Bellevue Director*



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Chapter News

Double Dozen

Double Dozen is very proud of the growth it has seen recently. New members are joining, hosting and have even volunteered for 3 of the 6 elected positions! What a great group we have! If any of the MALs are looking for a young-at-heart, active and dynamic group, we welcome you to camp with us at any time! We are always open to fresh ideas and new members.

A big thanks to Gary and Lori Pearlman for opening their home for the January Pizza party. The teens spent the evening in the basement game room where they played darts, pool, ping-pong and air hockey. The adults visited and chatted in the spacious upstairs.

March brings us to our annual Adults Night Out. Debbie Botts and Jim Collins have set up an evening of comedy at Novi's Second City - Andiamo followed by no-tap bowling and karaoke.

Most 2006 outings have hosts and plans are underway for a fun and busy camping season. With our new Teen Advisor, Debbie Steenbergh, and Teen President son Shane Steenbergh, we should see activities and events geared toward our teenagers.

We are looking forward to this year's All-American Rally. We were happy to hand over

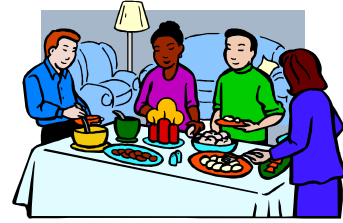


the reins to such a competent group of people that volunteered to host. You can't go wrong with Joyce, Margaret, and Ruth behind the cart! However, we know how hard it is to pull off such a large and successful event. Please consider volunteering for some of the activities that have not yet been assigned. At the very least, be sure to let Ruth and Joyce know if you would like to see an Arts & Crafts display, a car wash or anything else. Some great ideas are never realized if you don't make them known.

Looking forward to another great season in TTCM!
Lisa Modelski #4293

Duneland Winnies

WOW, another year gone and a new one begins. In November we gathered at the Normandy Village Club House for a pot-luck dinner and election of officers for 2006. Newly elected officers are: President Pat Beach, VP Don Phillips, Secretary/Treasurer Harold Crosby, and Reporter Jim Osterman. In December we had our annual Christmas party also at the Normandy Village Club House. We had our usual pot-luck dinner (you can tell we LOVE to eat!!), followed by a spirited Yankee gift exchange. February we will be gathered at the Don Westphal home for the Super



Bowl, and yes, pot-luck dinner! We will

be discussing our 2006 camping plans and also begin to plan the annual Memorial Day Outing at Bellevue Campground. Duneland Winnies will be hosting the event this year. Double Dozen has done such a fantastic job the last few years, that they will be a tough act to follow. We will also be looking at additional ways we can be of further service to TTCM during the coming year. We look forward to seeing you all soon!

Jim Osterman #4456

Hesperia Sewing Bee June 19-24, 2006

Any ladies that are planning to come please send your name and address to:

Nancy Hellman
4963 Winesap Dr.

Muskegon, MI. 49442

Nancy will send you the information for the week's events and what materials are needed. The Rally Fee for this event will be \$10.



All-American Rally Update

News from the North

ATTENTION EVERYONE! This is your Captain, Joyce Pulsifer, speaking. I would like to fill you in with all that will be going on in Hesperia for the All-American. This year's theme is "The Military." We would like pictures of you when you were in the Military. There will be a contest, so put your name on the back of the picture rather than the front. This will also ensure that they are returned to you. These pictures will be put on a Board so we can see how many you can guess. There will be a prize awarded. Also, if you have your uniform yet, wear it or just bring it along. Please send any photos ASAP to:

Joyce Pulsifer
525 Courtland Ln
Muskegon, MI 49442-2905

The church service and entertainment are already planned and they are from outside the TTCM. Don't miss this!!!

We still need help, but the following people have already volunteered:

- ☞ Pre-Registration: Happy Campers
- ☞ Registration: Ruth Heimann, Olie Ferguson, Carol Cooper & Harriet Cooper
- ☞ Food Coordinator: Olie Ferguson
- ☞ Treasurer: Margaret Van der Velde
- ☞ Secretary: Ruth Heimann
- ☞ Layout of Campground: Dan Spira, Jerry Settler & Dick Pulsifer
- ☞ Opening Ceremony: Dan Spira & Ruth Heimann
- ☞ "Big Raffle:" Laurie Millis—look for the Huntington logo on the envelope
- ☞ Master of Ceremonies at President's March: Bob Pulsifer
- ☞ "Brig:" River Raisin
- ☞ Hospitality: Draggin' Train
- ☞ Sunday Lunch: MALs
- ☞ 10-Cent Auction: Olie Ferguson
- ☞ Brown Bag Auction: Double Dozen's Linda Vella
- ☞ Teen Games: Double Dozen's Tina Mullins & Debbie Steenbergh

- ☞ Breakfasts: Saturday-Carol Cooper; Sunday-Dan Cooper
- ☞ Bingo: Tom Strzyzkowski & Happy Campers
- ☞ Cribbage: Rose Perry
- ☞ Euchre: Gordon Dennis
- ☞ Golf Shoot Game: Terry Hellman
- ☞ Cake Walk**: Nancy Hellman (both)
**PLEASE BRING cakes and pies (NO cream) for the adults and cookies, cupcakes and brownies for the kids. Thank you!

Thanks again to all that have volunteered, but we still need help in the following areas:

- ☞ Host Chapter: Could the Teens possibly do this?
- ☞ Toilet Seat Toss
- ☞ Kids Games
- ☞ Pre-Teen Games
- ☞ Parking
- ☞ Tank Prizes: We would like each Chapter to donate 2 adult, 2 teen and 2 children's prizes valued at \$5 each. Thank you!

The Mess Hall will be serving full breakfasts on Saturday & Sunday and donut holes on Monday morning.

Registration will be \$25.00 per unit, \$12.50 per single and \$30.00 for late registrations. These fees are subject to change.

Would the teens like to have a car wash? Would TTCM members like to have an Arts & Crafts show? There will be no judging; we'd just like to see what you've been doing.

If you have other memorabilia that you would like to show, please feel free to bring it. NO GUNS, PLEASE.

If you have a bugle, would you loan it to us???

That's all for now. If you have any questions, call Joyce Pulsifer at (231) 788-4556.

COMPANY DISMISSED! FALL OUT and relax for a while and enjoy the upcoming camping season!!

Joyce Pulsifer & Ruth Heimann

Iraq Bomb Wounds One of our Own

Long-time TTCM members, Brad and Robin Atkins along with sons Matt & Steve and grandparents John and Cathy Schultz, would like you to know that their son, brother and grandson, Marine Corporal Justin Atkins was severely wounded on Jan. 22, 2006 when his Humvee was attacked by enemy fire while stationed in Iraq.



has a long road to a full recovery. Marine Corporal Justin Atkins came back to us a Hero.

Let's show him our support! You can send cards and correspondence to him at:

Portsmouth Naval Hospital
620 John Paul Jones Circle
Portsmouth, VA 23708

c/o Corporal Justin Atkins, Ward 4 G

Justin is back in the United States recovering. Both legs were severely injured in the bomb blast. Although keeping a positive outlook, he

The family appreciates your prayers and thanks you.

Dearly Departed

Chester Jensen



Chester Jensen has passed away January 25, 2006. Chester was 102 years old and an active member of TTCM. Some time ago, Chester received a plaque for 25 years of service to TTCM. He was a great Property Tender in his day and everyone enjoyed talking to him when he and Marian came camping.

Chester is survived by his wife, Marian, and our condolences go out to her at this difficult time.

Paul Cadman

Paul Cadman, long time member and past president of Draggin Train, passed away December 7, 2005.

Paul was very active in TTCM. He participated in most rallies, the construction of the lower picnic shelter, building of picnic tables, and many other club activities.

Paul enjoyed camping and traveling and will be missed by his many friends.



Betty Heistand

Happy Wanderers has lost another member. Elizabeth L. "Betty" Heistand, widow of Orvil Heistand, died on December 7, 2005. Betty was given a Christian burial on December 12th.

Connie Hinds

Connie Hinds, sister of Linda Wielinga and mother of Dennis and Misty Hinds, passed away December 9, 2005. Our condolences go out to the family.

Seeking Treasurer!

Kerry DeVore is TEMPORARILY filling in for the position of TTCM Treasurer until a more qualified candidate can take over. If this is YOU, please contact Don Westphal.

Officer's Meeting

The Annual Officer's Meeting will be held at Bellevue on May 6, 2006 at 10am sharp. All are welcome, but ONLY Chapter Presidents OR their 'proxy' will be permitted to vote. Show up and be heard!

Save TTCM \$\$\$

Less than 20 members subscribe to the newsletter electronically. Each issue costs \$350+ to publish. PLEASE email the TTCM Editor at lmodelski@sbcglobal.net to be added to the [free] email list!

Hesperia Campground

Rally Schedule:

Apr 14-16 Wood Cutting Saturday Only/Opening

Apr 21-23 Restless Ones/Hosts for Opening Rally-All Groups

Apr 28-30 Grand Valley

May 5-7 Carefree Sams

May 12-14 Happy Wanderers

May 19-21 Grand Valley

May 26-28 Happy Wanderers

Jun 2-4 Available

Jun 9-11 Happy Wanderers

Jun 16-18 Grand Valley

Jun 19-25 Sewing Bee all week & weekend/Building unavailable

Jun 30-Jul 2 Happy Wanderers

Jul 7-9 Available

Jul 14-16 Smart Military-Joe Schwartz/Happy Wanderers

Jul 21-23 Mobil Suite-Grand Valley, Happy Hitchers, Restless Ones

Jul 27-29 Garage Sale

Jul 28-30 MALs

Aug 4-6 Happy Wanderers

Aug 11-13 Available

Aug 18-20 Grand Valley, Happy Wanderers, Restless Ones

Aug 25-27 Allegra Group-Wed thru Sun

Sep 1-3 All American Rally: The Military

Sep 8-10 Available

Sep 15-17 Grand Valley

Sep 22-24 GM-Sun thru Wed, Roving Rounders

Sep 29-Oct 1 Happy Wanderers

Oct 6-8 Carefree Sams

Oct 13-15 Happy Wanderers/Halloween/All Groups/Closing

Oct 20-22 Wood Cutting



Property Tenders:

Apr 14-16 Wood Cutting Sat Only/No Rally Settler/Perry

Apr 16-23 Available

Apr 23-30 Hilderbrandt

Apr 30-May 7 Anis/Baker

May 7-14 Available

May 14-21 Available

May 21-28 Earlam

May 28-Jun 4 Robbins/McGahan

Jun 4-11 Carpenter/Rillema

Jun 11-18 Available

Jun 18-25 Carr/Spira Building Unavailable

Jun 25-Jul 2 Horn/Underwood

Jul 2-9 Horn/Underwood

Jul 9-16 Schwartz/Spira

Jul 16-23 Spira/Schwartz

Jul 23-30 Baker/Annis

Jul 30-Aug 6 McGahan/Robbins

Aug 6-13 Schwartz/Spira

Aug 13-20 Spira/Schwartz

Aug 20-27 Rillema/Carpenter

Aug 27-Sep 3 Available

Sep 3-10 Available

Sep 10-17 Earlam/McGahan

Sep 24-Oct 1 Available

Oct 1-8 Available

Oct 8-15 Bonter/Lakatos

Oct 15-22 Closing/Settler

Anyone wishing to Property tend contact:

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Hesperia Campground:

6777 M-20
Hesperia, MI 49421
(231) 854-9913
From Hesperia, head 3.5 mi west on M-20
From White Cloud, west 16.5 miles on M-20.
Campground is on the south side.

Bellevue Campground:

7418 W Baseline Hwy
Bellevue, MI 49021
(269) 763-3551
From I-69/I-94, North on I-69. Exit #48. Go west on M-78
approx 2 miles. South on Ionia Rd to W Baseline Rd. East
to 16th. Turn left at stop sign and follow 1/4 mile.

Please visit our Associate Members:

M & M Camping Center Inc
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Trenton, MI 48183
(734) 676-2383

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260 S Dexter St
Ionia, MI 48846
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