



TRAVEL TRAILER CLUB OF THE MIDWEST

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From the Pres



Summer is under-way. We made it through the week and a half of rain. The only thing that benefited was the

grass.

We have signed up several new members. Please make them welcome.

I have been asked to mention the fees for the ALL AMERICAN RALLY as they are stated in the minutes of the

May officers meeting

IF A CHILD IS NOT A DEPENDENT AND DOES NOT LIVE AT HOME AND COMES TO THE RALLY THEY HAVE TO PAY THE RALLY FEE AND PARKING FEE FOR THEIR TENT. MORE THAN ONE FAMILY IN A UNIT COMING TO THE RALLY WILL HAVE TO PAY THE RALLY FEE.

We are fortunate to have 2 beautiful campgrounds to use. Don't let the gas prices stop you from camping.

Don 011

From the Treasurer



Things have transitioned nicely. I have one small request of all members.

When paying dues by mail, please include your TTCM member number, chapter, address, email address, and telephone number. I'm still trying to make sure I have all the correct information. I will update the newsletter Editor's list if I get all your information. Thanks for your help!

Christine May, Treasurer

Dearly Departed



Alice Harris, wife of Leon Harris of the MALs and sister of Inez Cummings, passed away May 31, 2006. Please keep the family in your

prayers.

Dave Gerke of Double Dozen lost his younger sister from complications of cancer when she had to be taken off life support on May 23rd. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family at this sudden loss.

Welcome!

A warm TTCM welcome is extended to the new members of our camping family:

- Gary Liles & Dee Viola
- Larry & Cynthia Ramos
- Alfred Ramos
- Bob & Linda Gregory
- Dick & Nancy Parent
- Dale Hoag
- Von Phillips
- David Young
- Bernard & Kay Outman
- Dan & Sharon Williams



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NEW! Rally Fees



It was decided at the May Officer's Meeting that if a child is not a dependent and does not live at home, both rally and parking fees must be paid for their tent. Further, if more than one family in one unit attends the rally, a rally fee will be charged or each family.

Dumping Fee

At the meeting, it was voted that there be a \$10 dumping fee for non-members effective immediately.



Rally Help Wanted

A fishing pond for the kids (using a provided wading pool) needs a volunteer to run it. Please contact the Rally Chairpersons if you are willing to man this station!



Newsletter Articles



Please submit newsletter articles for the TTCM newsletter by the 15th of the month prior to publication. You can mail them to Lisa Modelski at the address on the back of this newsletter or email them to:

lmodelski@sbcglobal.net

Chapters, we'd love to hear from you! Tell us what campgrounds you've been to, what activities you've enjoyed or any other information you'd like to share!

Moving?

Be sure to let your Chapter President, TTCM Treasurer and the TTCM Newsletter Editor aware of any address changes. This will ensure your TTCM News will find you in your new home!



Email List Growing!



Keep those email addresses coming in! We get more each month! Your email is not shared and is used for newsletter distribution purposes only. PLEASE email the TTCM Newsletter Editor at:

lmodelski@sbcglobal.net to be added to the [free] email list!

Thank you for doing your part to save TTCM money! Every little bit helps!

Lisa & Gayla, TTCM Editors

Treasury Tidbits



The garage sale made just over \$700, which is down from previous years. On a brighter note, the Pig Roast did well and exceeded last years' sales. Thanks to all the volunteers that worked hard to bring us these events!

Happy Independence Day!



TTCM on the Web!



Check us out on the web! You can find campground directions, pictures of events and copies of previous newsletters. Come see us at: www.ttcn.org

Chapter News

Happy Wanderers

The campground looks great this year, but we need campers. The gas prices have held some campers at bay, but bring your rig in and leave it in the corral and drive your car.

My earlier news must have been lost in the great P.O. in the sky, but here it is as I remember writing it a while ago.



In November, about 25 people enjoyed “all-you-can-eat” fish at the VFW in Montague. In January, about 40 enjoyed cards, games and finger foods. Our cooks haven’t lost their touch! In February, we enjoyed steak at the VFW in Montague with a smaller group since the snow birds left for warmer weather.

In March, we had our annual meeting at Sullivan Twp Hall with a potluck dinner before and cards and games after. About 40 attended as some were still away. The weather was ideal (no big snowstorm).

In April, the campground was open, but where were the campers? There were only 15 men and women for wood-cutting. Ole Ferguson and Milly Suchy prepared food and Carmen Rillema baked pies. On April 22nd, the campground was open for rallies. The Restless Ones hosted this rally with a small group.

On Mother’s Day weekend in May, there were few Happy Wanderers—only about 10 people. I was just flying in from Disneyworld with 14 of my children and grandchildren, so I missed that rally but we had a great Mother’s Day!

During Memorial Day weekend, we finally got a group together with 21 units (HW and MALs). It was a perfect weekend for a change. Thanks to the VanderVeldes and Coopers for great fun and food.

We need people to chair rallies this year. The same people are doing rallies, so please call Debbie Seawald and volunteer.

Let’s try to keep the campground full this year, even if you have to sacrifice (like a pack of cigarettes for a gallon of gas) or eating in instead of eating out, or renting a movie instead of going to the theater! You can do it—we can help!

Don’t forget the AA Rally at Hesperia. Start saving now! Help is still needed! Your registration form should be in this issue of TTCM news, so look for it and watch your mail for your raffle tickets.

Thanks to Jim VanderVelde for calling Bingo!

Well, see you at the campground(s). Don’t forget to smile!

New news next month!
Ruth Heimann 3412

MALs

Well for those that were able to come to the Pig Roast, we had a great meal and a wonderful weekend. I wish more MALs had made it; maybe next time. We had our first meeting and started to make plans for the All American Rally.



Mark your calendars! The MALs will be having a weekend outing at Hesperia from July 27-29. Hope to see as many as possible there.

Inez Cummings, MAL Pres

Double Dozen

By the time this issue is published, DD will have had its June Anniversary outing at Bellevue. First-time co-hosts are the Dexters—way to step up to the plate!



July will take us back to the Au Sable River for DD’s annual canoe outing. This year’s canoe outing will be hosted by the Gerkes. DD members have been teased with tiny hints and clues offered by the Smallwoods as to the location of the August Mystery outing. With a little help from their friends, the DeVores and the Carriveaus, this outing will also be hosted by new blood!

More to come later!
Lisa Modelski

Come Explore Indiana with Draggin' Train!

The DRAGGIN TRAIN would like to invite any member of TTCM and especially any MAL to join us on a week-long trip to explore the state of Indiana.

We will meet at our BELLEVUE CAMPGROUND on July 21st to plan a week of fun for all. If there is interest, we will attempt to get tickets for the dinner theater in TURKEYVILLE before we depart. The only thing that we have to do is spend Tuesday and Wednesday at the flea market at Shipshewana. Since there are over 1,100 booths to see, there is too much walking for just one day. Other than that, it will be up to those going on the trip as to what we see and do.

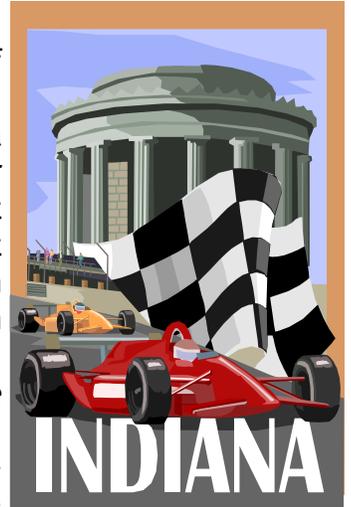
Activities could include some of the many museums of Auburn, the canal town of Metamora or the arts and craft center of Indiana Nashville. I am also looking into a dinner cruise on one of the many lakes of Indiana. Further, there are several Amish centers where we could eat ourselves to obesity. The participants of the trip will have the final say on what we do and where we go. We will call an end to this trip the following weekend.

All you have to do is show up. Our trips have only two rules:

1. Those that show up go, and those that don't, won't.
2. If we don't plan more than 15 minutes in advance we will never have to change our plans.

If you would like to talk about it, you can give me a call.

Dick Hamlin, DRAGGIN TRAIN (248) 877-6304



No More Jokes, Please



Several members, with good intentions, have included my email address on their address lists and have forwarded me their jokes, spam, chain mails, etc. Although it's easy to delete these unsolicited messages, it takes time to go through them to be sure that there's no relevant TTCM

correspondence. Please use my email address for TTCM correspondence only. However, feel free to share a joke with me in person as I would enjoy meeting many of you!

Most Respectfully,

Lisa Modelski, TTCM Editor

Correction!



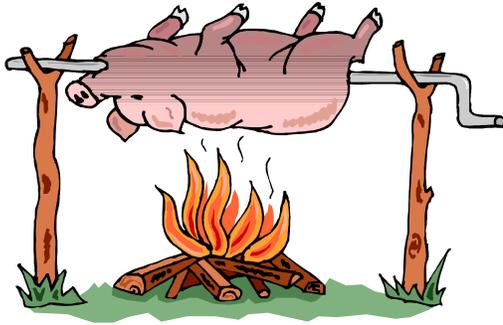
In the June 2006 issue, the bottom of the odd pages had the previous month's information. It should have read June 2006 Volume 2006 Number 6. The Editor regrets any inconvenience caused by this oversight.

ATTENTION TEENS!

The Rally Chairpersons are looking for a host Chapter. All this would involve would be taking putting up and taking down the tables and chairs when needed at the Rally. Please call Joyce at (231) 788-4556 if interested. Also, Jerry Settler gave the thumbs-up to a car wash fund-raiser so be sure to bring your soap, rags, towels, buckets and swimsuits!



Pig Roast a Huge Success!



A whopping 62 units and 174 people enjoyed a great weekend of fun and eating. The rec hall was filled with the aroma of food cooking.

Saturday morning, we awoke to the aroma of French toast and sausage cooking. Boy, was it good!!!

Thanks to Shawntel Westphal of Duneland Winnies, the kids had so much fun with the water balloons. The weather was just perfect for the fun of water and balloons. They had a

great time.

We could all smell the hams cooking for supper. Some of us even sat up and begged like puppy dogs for a sample. Our dinner consisted of plain and barbequed pork, cheesy potatoes, beans, apple sauce roll and butter. No one went away hungry. There was plenty of food left. With our tummies full, we looked forward to Bingo later in the evening. We won't talk about the big winner, will we Marie Dillenbeck????? No, we won't. We also won't talk about the big 50/50 winner either!!!!

Sunday we enjoyed the bean and split pea soup lunch. It smelled fantastic and tasted good too. Duneland Winnies did a fantastic job. The highlight of the day was dessert at 6:00. Everyone turned out with a great variety of desserts to share. There sure was enough for everyone to have seconds.

Sadly, a great weekend had to come to an end. We want to thank the Duneland Winnies for this great campout. It was superb. If you didn't get a chance to attend, try to next year. Bellevue is looking for a host Chapter next year to do this outing. This is what brings in funds to the campground to do the projects that are needed. All proceeds go directly to the campground.



Come out and support YOUR campgrounds. Take your shoes off and stay awhile.
Sharon Westerhouse

All American Rally 2006 Update

Joyce and committee still need help in the areas of Children's games and Host Chapter!!!

NOTE: Upon arrival, go to Registration, then park and then proceed immediately to the Property Tender to pay for parking. We don't want to chase you down to collect parking fees.

Registration will be from 3:00pm until 6:00pm on Thursday, and 9:00am until 9:00pm on Friday.

Opening ceremonies will begin promptly at 10:00am on Saturday morning.

Tank prizes will be different this year. If you want one, you bring one (\$5-\$10). Sharon Westerhouse and Sue Carney are handling the details.

Thanks so much for everyone's cooperation to make this AA Rally honoring our Military a great success!

Joyce & Ruth, AA Rally Chairpersons



Bellevue Campground

Rally Schedule:

Jun 30-Jul 3 Spaghetti Outing-Happy Hitchers
River Raisin-NCT Upper 5 units

Jul 7-9; 14-16 Available

Jul 21-23 Holiday Ramblers-Rec Hall

Jul 27-30 Available

Aug 4-6 Steak & Corn Roast-Duneland
Winnies/River Raisin

Aug 8-10 Snow to Sun-Upper Shelter

Aug 18-20 Woodcutting

Aug 25-27 Available

Sep 1-3 All American Rally in Hesperia

Sep 8-10 River Raisin

Sep 15-17 Restless Ones-Rec Hall

Sep 22-24 Woodcutting

Sep 29-Oct 1 Available

Oct 6-8 Halloween Outing-NEED HOSTS/
Double Dozen/River Raisin

Oct 13-15 Available

Oct 20-22 Campground closes

Property Tenders:**

**Wielinga/Schultz are currently Bellevue's only Property Tenders

Jun 25-Jul 2 Wielinga/Schultz

Jul 2-9 Available

Jul 9-16 Available

Jul 16-23 Available

Jul 23-30 Available

Jul 30-Aug 6 Wielinga/Schultz

Aug 6-13 Available

Aug 13-20 Available

Aug 20-27 Available

Aug 27-Sep 3 Available

Sep 3-10 Available

Sep 10-17 Available

Sep 24-Oct 1 Available

Oct 1-8 Wielinga/Schultz

Oct 8-15 Available

Oct 15-22 Closing/Wielinga



Contact Kork Wielinga to Property Tend

Work to be Done at Bellevue

1. Paint fence up front.
2. Install screen in upper shelter.
3. Replace outhouse vents.
4. Cut/split firewood.
5. Remove stove pipe and re-roof maintenance building.
6. Pound and replace nails in bridge and paint bridge.
7. Prune and trim trees.
8. Prune trees in woods.
9. Paint benches in woods an in front of the rec hall.
10. Fill holes with topsoil and seed.
11. Put casters on dumpsters.
12. Paint dumpsters.
13. Repair picnic tables.
14. If not completed, assist with pole barn fabrication.



Hesperia Campground

Rally Schedule:

Jun 30-Jul 2	Happy Wanderers
Jul 7-9	Available
Jul 14-16	Smart Rally/Happy Wanderers
Jul 21-23	Mobil Suite, Grand Valley, Happy Hitchers, Restless Ones
Jul 27-29	Garage Sale/MALs/Building unavailable for other groups
Jul 28-30	MALs
Aug 4-6	Happy Wanderers
Aug 11-13	Available
Aug 18-20	Grand Valley, Happy Wanderers, Restless Ones, Happy Hitchers
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—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/Water

Property Tenders

Name listed first is in charge of the campground in the absence of the Director; thanks to all who signed up!

Jun 25-Jul 2	Horn/Underwood
Jul 2-9	Horn/Underwood (4th of July)
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 (Labor Day)
Sep 3-10	Available
Sep 10-17	Earlam/McGahan
Sep 17-24	Carr/Smith
Sep 24-Oct 1	Available
Oct 1-8	Pulsifer
Oct 8-15	Bonter/Lakatos (Closing)
Oct 21-22	Settler (Wood/Water)



Contact Jerry Settler to Property Tend



T.T.C.M. 2006 ALL AMERICAN RALLY
IN HONOR OF OUR MILITARY
SEPTEMBER 1-4, 2006

Pre-registration Deadline is August 15, 2006

Come to Hesperia Campground for some great fun. There will be lots of things for all ages, including games and food.

RALLY FEE: \$25 per family—\$12.50 per single

FEE AFTER AUGUST 15TH, 2006 is \$30.00



Name: _____

Address: _____

TTCM #: _____ Chapter Name: _____ MAL: _____

Type of unit: _____ Length: _____ Number of slideouts: _____

Number in family: Adults _____ Youth _____ Teens _____

Please list names of youths and teens:

Name: _____ Age: _____ Name: _____ Age: _____

Name: _____ Age: _____ Name: _____ Age: _____

Name: _____ Age: _____ Name: _____ Age: _____

Handicap Area Needed: Yes _____ No _____

If yes, please indicate your needs: _____

Estimated Arrival Date: _____

Make checks payable to T.T.C.M. Mail registration form with payment to:

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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:

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