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From the Pres



Can you believe how fast summer is going? Almost as fast as the price of fuel.

Something to think about... When was the last time you checked your break-away switch on your RV or tow vehicle? I just checked mine on the car and found it bad. The replacement cost \$10.00. That is cheap considering the outcome of a break-away.

FYI...if you or your spouse is put in the hospital for observation, Medicare does not pay for drugs you take while in the hospital. You can take your prescription drugs with you in the original containers. If you are admitted, Medicare pays for the drugs given to you in the hospital. Check it out...

It has been suggested that two chapters combine their efforts on big weekend activities such as THE ALL AMERICAN RALLY, HOG ROASTS, and HALLOWEEN. One chapter could do the breakfast and the other do the dinner if these meals are called for.

RUMORS

- R--RUNNING
- U--UNUSUAL OR UNSUBSTANTIATED
- M--MESSAGES
- O--ON
- R--RIDICULOUS
- S--STUFF

Rumors might be started just for the fun of it, but the result can backfire on you or anyone else they are directed at. Consider it and don't be the source....

Don 011

From the Treasurer



I will be collecting 2007 TTCM dues in front of my trailer at the All-American rally. Watch for posted signs for times I will be available.

Also, it's helpful when renewing dues by mail to include a self-addressed envelope (without a stamp). This is a great way for the TTCM Treasurer to update our records and/or determine if any information has changed (address, name, etc.).

Christine May, Treasurer

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Rally Volunteers Still Needed!!!!



The All-American Rally still needs volunteers for Chapter Host and to run Children's games! Please contact Rally Chairpersons if interested!!!

Welcome!

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

Jerry & Sarah DeWolf
Eugene & Joyce Davidson
Rick & Deb Ronning
Matthew Carney



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!



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!

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

Dearly Departed



Long-time member Alfred Sorrell passed away July 25, 2006. The Sorrell family joined TTCM in 1965. Born July 11, 1920 he is survived by his wife Betty.

Chapter News

Happy Wanderers June 9-11

Wow! For the ninth of June, it sure was on the cold side. Where the heck is summer?

About 16 units saved up their quarters and dimes for gas and made it to the rally.

This is going to be a tough year.

It seemed good to smell the campfires again but you know the old saying—Roast your face, Freeze your—hmmm, can't write



that!

Boy, you know you're getting old when you sit around in a group and the topic is burials and cremations! Wow! Do your nails really grow after or does your skin shrink? I suggested we turn to a lighter subject.

Carol Cooper, Jim & Harriet Cooper put on a great rally with breakfast casserole, fruit, cinnamon rolls, juice and coffee on Saturday, then on Saturday evening it was baked potatoes, chicken cordon bleu, veggie, salad, rolls, pie squares and birthday cake (your reporter's 78th birthday). Am I that old? (That's what

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Happy Wanderers-Continued

Jake asked.) Now is that nice? Oh, well!

There were willing workers to help with the rally including Ruth, Leona Hershberger, Dick & Joyce Pulsifer and Edith Ronning. Carol made the pies and cinnamon rolls. What a great organizer! She's in charge of one of the All-American breakfasts, too!

Hey, teens, Jerry Settler gave thumbs-up to a car wash [as mentioned last month] at the AA so get your soap and rags and pails together (and your swimsuits or wetsuits).

Speaking of teens—would you like to be Host Chapter to just put up and take down tables and chairs? What great use of your muscles and minds. Please call Joyce at (231) 788-4556.

Bingo was enjoyed Saturday evening thanks to Jim VanderVelde calling. He just kept missing me by one number! It was close, but that only counts in horseshoes.

It was great to see Jake and Hazel back at the campground after a 3-year absence. Hazel is up and about after her surgery. Welcome back.

Guess who has a new toy at Hesperia? You can see Jerry Settler whizzing by on his very own golf cart. Go Jerry!

Well, that's all for now. I hope to see you at the campground soon.

Hesperia

Flags were flying everywhere as we drove into Hesperia campground. There were 42 units onsite, although not everyone participated in the Rally due to the activities in town. There are still some members that we haven't seen yet this year—maybe due to illness or the high cost of gas.

Friday was a beautiful hot and sunny day, but Saturday was a mixed bag with sun, clouds and rain. Mother Nature even threw in plenty of thunder and lightning. It sure settled the dust in a hurry.

The committee served us two breakfasts and a baked ham dinner. We all brought a dish to pass. On Saturday, we had egg, cheese and sausage mcmuffins with juice and coffee. On Sunday, we were served pancakes, sausage, ham, eggs and juice. We stuffed ourselves as usual. Thanks to the Kerstings, Seawalds, and the VanderVeldes for going the extra mile.

The campground really looked good getting ready for the All-American. Some decorations were tried out that could be used for both the 4th of July and the All-American. The picnic tables, benches and toilets have



been painted. Next are the split-rail fences. Thanks to all who donated their time for this worthy cause! We heard that they were going to paint the ladies' johns a nice, hot pink, but changed their minds. Darn!



Hey, did we have a nice crowd for bingo! Lots of kids. That's what makes it so much fun, especially when they win. Jim VanderVelde is our expert caller. I say that because I won two games and the jackpot. Way to go, Jim, and thank you!!! We had other multiple winners, such as Ole Ferguson, Harriet Cooper, and George Lakatos finally won a game after belonging to the Happy Wanderers for thirty years! I think he broke the ice!!! We thank all the contributors also.

We had a good do-be sweeping the wet leaves away from the doorway Sunday morning so everyone wouldn't track leaves into the building onto our nice floor. George Burgtorf, from the Restless Ones, did his good deed for the day.

Here are some did-you-knows.... We had five Georges at this rally and someone told

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Happy Wanderers

me they all sat at the same table. Did you know that there is a box in the building for receipts from Ed's Grocery Store? Turn them in for charity. Did you know that 'Bounce' dryer sheets are good to keep the skeeters and the bees away if you rub them on your arms, legs and neck? Tuck one in your shirt pocket also! Thanks to Evelyn Burgtorf for those tidbits. If you have any helpful hints, pass them our way so we can all enjoy them.

Don't forget to send in your registration for the All-American Rally.



Please think about volunteering for Host Chapter and the Kids Games. If no one volunteers, it won't happen. We still need more pictures of service men and women for our contest and if you want a tank prize, you must bring one (\$5-\$10).

Please remember all those less fortunate than yourself and pray for our troops that are trying to keep the peace. God Bless America!

So long for now and God-willing, I'll see you at the campground.

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MALs

I hope all of you made it through our recent heat wave. Mother Nature sure can send us all kinds of weather.



Sounds like our All American Rally will be a good time this year. This year we, the MALs, are serving Sunday lunch so we need as many as possible there to help. Hope to see you there, and don't forget to bring cakes, pies, and or cookies. Let's help make this a GREAT RALLY.

Inez Cummings, MAL Pres

Happy Wanderers

HELLO from Happy Hitcher Country! We Hitchers are thriving, alive and reporting after a lengthy absence from TTCM News.

The Annual Bellevue July 4th Weekend found 27 Hitchers ambitiously serving up a WOW Spaghetti Dinner plus a Breakfast-Brightener on Sunday. There were some 83 campers enjoying the meals and all seemed well-fed and ready to celebrate the Holiday. NOW, place your hands together and applause for the great efforts of our "experienced members" who patiently trained those of us novices at food feasts!! YEA

and THANKS to all!!

It is gratifying to see real team effort and "A Plan That Came Together" so flawlessly. The proceeds, after expenses, were presented to the Bellevue Campground. The 50/50 Drawing was held along with the ever-popular, BINGO. Congrats to Happy Hitcher, BARB KEDDLE on her big BINGO win!



The Hesperia Campground will be our July 21-23 destination. Along with a visit to that 'must see' HESPERIA VARIETY STORE, there will be turkeys deep-frying and a bountiful array of side dishes to tempt our taste buds. Yet to be enjoyed this summer will be Port Huron KOA in August; Waffle Farms in September; and closing our season will be Pine Ridge in Frankenmuth for October.

Memories, laughter, and friendships constantly reinforce the pleasure we receive being members of TTCM and a camping group.

Bonnie Sanders, Reporter

Double Dozen

The weather was a little warm, but definitely pleasant. Not a drop of rain was to be seen for the entire weekend. In all, 13 trailers and about 40 people participated.

Friday night, as dusk approached, ice cream was served

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Double Dozen

in the rec. hall. As usual, folks huddled around the lower picnic shelter ring later that night, keeping good company.



Saturday morning, pancakes and bacon were served. Mid morning, Lisa Modelski brought out

some outdoor cooking projects ranging from muffins cooked in orange rinds, to salmon cooked (well, does half-cooked/half-burned count as being cooked? J) on a plank of wood, to Ziploc ice cream. The Dutch oven dump cake made everybody's afternoon!! After that, tie dyed shirts were made by many, and sewing projects took place in the rec. hall.

Just before dinner, we had a 10-cent auction, which made many a kids' (and kid-at-hearts') day, and brought in \$43 to the chapter. Dinner was a potluck, with lasagna served as the main dish.

After dinner, some adventurous folks enjoyed a few games of



hillbilly euchre. The day was finished with a drive-in movie featuring Nanny McPhee. In all, everybody had a blast.

Miles Dexter Co-Host 4570

Duneland Winnies

Memorial Day weekend found us at Bellevue Campground hosting the annual Pig Roast. Friday found the early bird's cooking the hams on the outdoor grill. They were



finally done Friday evening about 10.00 p.m. There were a lot of watering mouths in the clubhouse when they were brought in.

Saturday found us cooking French toast and sausage for all the hungry campers. Saturday evening started out with the dinner meal and the pork was excellent along with the cheese potatoes etc. Saturday evening we played bingo, and a few lucky people left with all the money!

Sunday morning, the golfers met in Nashville for our annual golf



scramble. Fun was had by all!! Sunday afternoon we served leftovers, Bean & Pea soups. Sunday evening we held our first ever Texas Hold 'Em Poker Tournament. It was a huge success as 16 players battled it out down to the last woman. Our new TTCM treasurer Christine May came away with all the funds!! All our profits were earmarked for the proposed disc golf course being sponsored by the Dune-

land Winnies. I can see this as a popular event at many outings in the future.

There were over 50 units with more than 270 people in attendance over the weekend. Almost all our members were present and worked very hard to make this Holiday a memorable one. We will be raising money until we have enough for our project. We hope to have enough by year end.

Thanks to Kerry Devore and Harold & Shirley Crosby for their generous donations of \$50 each to the disc golf project!! Kerry Devore also held a fifty-fifty drawing and donated the proceeds to a new fund to purchase new folding chairs and rolling racks for the clubhouse. Our current chairs are getting very shabby and are a real pain to set up and tear down. Thank You Kerry for starting this. It would be nice to see all the chapters as well as individuals get behind this project!!

The Duneland Winnies also invite everyone to the annual corn roast the first weekend in August. We look forward to having a good time with all our camping friends.

Our fellow member, Dave Sobecki, is recovering well from knee surgery before the Memorial Day weekend. We look forward to seeing Dave and Sandy up here very soon.

Regards,

Jim Osterman

Bellevue Campground

Rally Schedule:

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

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



Hesperia Campground

Rally Schedule:

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!

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 (Reprinted)

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:

Margaret VanderVelde
7715 Munger Rd
Ravenna, MI 49451

2006 TTCM BELLEVUE HALLOWEEN OUTING

OCTOBER 6-8, 2006

FRIDAY NIGHT HOSPITALITY: Cider and doughnuts, registration, pickup and pay camping fees of \$10.00 per member unit per night (\$15.00 for non-member units).

SATURDAY PROGRAMS:

- Pumpkin carving for the children: **Bring your own pumpkin & carving utensils!**
- Costume judging
- Haunted Forest
- Tater Wagon



HOSTS NEEDED!!!

No hosts have volunteered. Contact Don Westphal at (219) 872-9219 to volunteer!

HOT DOGS AND CHIPS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR LUNCH

There will be **NO** Saturday Dinner this year due to NO HOST!
There will be **NO** Sunday morning Breakfast this year due to NO HOST!

RALLY FEES DUE SEPTEMBER 29, 2006

Adults & Teens: \$3.00 each

Children 12 yrs and under: \$1.00 each if mailed **by September 29, 2006**

Late fee: \$1.00 per person

IMPORTANT INFO:

- Bring enough candy for approximately 150 children.
- Please pre-register so we will have enough hot dogs for everyone.
- 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

2006 Bellevue Halloween Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

TTCM No.: _____ Chapter Name _____ MAL _____

No. of Adults X \$3.00 _____ No. of Children X \$1.00 _____ No. of Teens X \$3.00 _____

Amount of money enclosed \$ _____

Deadline for registration at regular fees is September 29th. The late fee is \$1.00 per person.

Make checks payable to TTCM Bellevue Campground



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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.

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