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From the Pres



The ALL AMERICAN RALLY is over. It went well and I believe everyone had a good time. The attendance was down from last year, maybe due to fuel prices, but to our surprise gas was \$2.489 in Hesperia.

Thanks to all the people that helped put the rally on. Thanks also to the Blossomland group for the goodie bags they made up and delivered to every unit.

I hope everyone under-

stands how the Treasurer will invest TTCM money. The more money she has to invest during the winter months for us means more interest on it. It's like free money.

Our next big events at both campgrounds will be the Halloween outings. This is a good time for all. The youngsters can enjoy themselves and not worry about anything except eating too much candy...

THANKS TO ALL VOLUNTEERS!!

Don 011

NEWSFLASH!!

Draggin' Train has volunteered to cook breakfast at the Halloween Outing for all you ghouls and guys!

Pumpkin-free pancakes and spooky sausage will be served for \$2.00 a unit.

You can pay Friday evening at the campground and receive a ticket.

Witch hats off to Draggin' Train!



Pole Barn Nearly Finished!



The photo shows the progress of the new pole barn at our Bellevue Campground. We would like to thank the members of the following Chapters for their help and support:

Blossomland; Double Dozen & many Guests; Draggin'

Train; Duneland Winnies; Happy Campers; Happy Hitchers; MALs; and River Raisin.

Because of their help, there has been no money spent for labor or other construction costs with the exception of pop and ice for the water cooler. THANK YOU ALL!!!

Cathy Schultz, Secretary Bellevue TTCM Campground

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A Note from the Treasurer

Wow, what a great All American Rally. The Flag raising was very moving. The decorations were outstanding and the entertainment was fantastic! Thanks so much to our wonderful hosts, you did a great job!



I want to thank all the members that attended the meeting. Your support of the new accounting and financial structure was rewarding. The executive board is working very well together. Our goal is the betterment of the club and we are on our way!

I think everyone at the

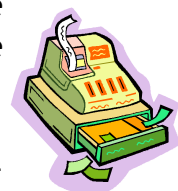
meeting agreed that we are tired of the Hesperia/Bellevue rivalry and we pretty much put all that to rest. We should be proud of ourselves. A lot of rumors that pitted campground against campground were cleared up.

As one club with two outstanding campgrounds, we know operations and improvements are as different as the grounds themselves. Both campgrounds have different needs and not everything can be equal all the time. We must meet the needs as they arise. If any member has any questions about the finances of the club, I encourage you to call or write me. I will answer you directly or get you the answer. This is

your club and you should know anything and everything you want to know. Go right to the horse's mouth!

RENEW NOW! AVOID THE LATE FEE AFTER DECEMBER 31. Send your 2007 dues with your name, member number, chapter, address, phone number, and email address to the Treasurer's address on the back of the newsletter.

REMEMBER! If you have misplaced your badge, year sticker, rally sticker, or need years past I can get them for you. Just call or write for info.
Christine May



Many Thanks!



I would like to thank all of the people that helped at the campground getting it ready for the All American. They painted all the tables, outhouses, and fences. There were many that helped and I will not name them as I don't want to leave anyone out. Thanks again!

Jerry Settler, TTCM Hesperia Campground Director

Send Your 2007 Dues TODAY!

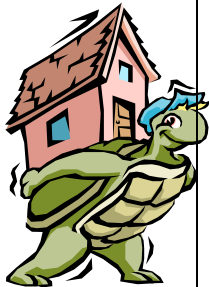


Avoid the late fee and mail your 2007 TTCM dues today!

Send your \$25 dues to:
Christine May, TTCM Treasurer
29632 Newport Dr
Warren, MI 48088

Winter Address?

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!



Next Issue

The next issue of the TTCM news won't be until February 2007. Enjoy the holidays!

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 Shirley Seegert passed away August 29, 2006. Shirley is the wife of James Seegert Sr. and the mother of TTCM members Steve and Bill Seegert. Shirley will be dearly missed by all her River Raisin family. Our prayers and love go out to the Seegert family.

Submitted by Darlene Owens, River Raisin Secretary #0194

Chapter News

Double Dozen

How the summer has flown by! July took us to Lewiston for our canoe outing that was hosted by Dave & Denise Gerke. It was good to be back on the Au Sable River again!



In the spirit of our 'Mystery' outing, we were given clues for 3 months prior to the August outing. What a great time we had at the Lakeside Resort Campground in Ionia. There were so many things for our

kids, teens and adults to do. The man-made lake offered refreshment for the hot weekend. Some members rented paddleboats and inner tubes while others just swam.

First-time hosts Carriveaus and Smallwoods did a fantastic job and the roasted corn they treated us to was delicious!

Double Dozen also welcomed new guests Linda & Bob Gregory. We are so grateful to see our Chapter growing when so many others are struggling.

November will bring us to our Wagonmaster Ball. We welcome ANY TTCM member over 21

Chapter News (continued)

years of age to join us. The cost is around \$40/person and includes dinner, drinks and prizes. This year's event will be at the Wayne Ford Civic League on November 11th. Contact Linda Vella at (517) 522-6642 with questions or to order a ticket.

December will then take us to Christine & Russ May's

home. A 'Chilly Nights' theme means chili dogs and all the fixin's that go along with them. Members are also asked to bring a canned food to donate to the local Food Bank.

January brings our annual Pizza Party. We keep February open for the TTCM Chili Outing and then March will take us on our annual Adult's Night

out.

We wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season. Keep those prayers going for our soldiers and the continued recuperation of Sergeant Justin Atkins. Safe travels to our beloved snowbirds!

Lisa Modelski



Hesperia Campground News



Wow! I can't believe another year has passed by so quickly. The Fifth Annual Sewing Bee was held June 19th thru June 25th. We had twelve ladies present this year; Evelyn Burgtorf, Cheryl Dennis, Mary Jaeschke, Virginia Smalley, LaDeanna Smalley, Dee McGahan, Clione Carr, Cheryl Horn, Nancy Hellman, Jan Jones, Betty Baker and Clione's sister Evelyn. (Sorry, I didn't get her last name.) Several of these ladies were new to our group. We missed Nancy Pell and Judy Hale this year. They always had great ideas for new projects. Bobbi Miller, we missed you too, but know you were busy with your new job. We did enjoy seeing you for the one afternoon you were able to get away. We hope everyone will return in

June 2007, and that Nancy, Judy and Bobbi can make it too.

Previous to our sewing bee, Terry & Nancy Hellman visited the businesses in Hesperia and asked if they would like to donate a door prize for the TTCM Sewing Bee. The businesses providing door prizes were Quick Stop, Hesperia House Restaurant, True Value Hardware, Fat Boy's, Daniel's Restaurant and TTCM Campground in Hesperia. Additionally, Hesperia Variety and Fanna's Mercantile provided us with a coupon for a percentage off from the fabric & craft department for all week. We would like to thank all of these businesses for their donations. We really, really appreciate them.

On Monday, June 19, 2006 Nancy Hellman brought the group of ladies to order by reading a speech she had

written so that she wouldn't talk so long. As everyone knows Nancy likes to talk. When she made that remark of making a shorter speech, Cheryl Dennis made some funny remark and of course I didn't write it down and can't remember what it was but everyone had a good laugh over it. I will have to pay better attention next year and take more notes.

After Nancy's speech, Nancy Connelly from Fanna's Mercantile in Hesperia came and taught us how to make quilted place-mats from 3 coordinating fat quarters. They were beautiful. She had also brought door prizes for us. This was Nancy's 3rd year of attending our sewing bee with a project for us to do. Thanks a lot Nancy, and



Hesperia Campground News (continued)

we hope you will be back again next year. This is a good time of exchanging ideas as she goes back with lots of new ideas from us too. Lunch was served afterwards and everyone had a good time doing their placemats.

Lunch was furnished for everyone on Monday & Wednesday and leftovers on the other days. Debbie Seewald helped prepare the food and has volunteered to do this for us next year. Delicious!!!!

Tuesday, Nancy Hellman showed the new ones how to make pillow cases. This has been a popular item. We do these every year, thanks to Nancy Pell and Judy Hale showing us the project one year.

Wednesday, Cheryl Dennis showed us how to do spider weaving. This was very interesting and beautiful when done. It wasn't as hard as we thought it was going to be. We also gave away the door prizes that were donated by several businesses in Hesperia. The lucky winners are as follows: Evelyn Burgtorf-\$10.00 gift certificate from Orchard's Foods, LaDeanna Smalley-a weekend of free camping from TTCM-Hesperia, Virginia Smalley- gift certificate for a 12 inch pizza from Fat Boy's, Nancy Hellman-\$10.00 gift certificate from

Daniel's Restaurant, Mary Jaeschke- nautical-themed figurine from Quick Stop, Cheryl Horn- gift certificate from Hesperia House Restaurant for Buy 1 Dinner, Get 1 Free, and last but not least Dee McGahan and Clione Carr-extended 3-pc. Garden tool set from True Value Hardware.

After each winner was announced we kept hearing the funniest noises, I can't even explain them or how to put them down in words but it was the idea that ended up being like oh no, I didn't win again!! Everyone was in stitches every time she did this. This was provided by our clown or entertainer of the group, at least that's what I like to call her. She wants everyone to know that this is 2 years in a row she hasn't won anything. Does anyone know who I'm talking about? I'm sure many of you have probably guessed, Cheryl Dennis. She's quite the card and we love her dearly. She's not a morning person; the only day she came in on time was when she had to do the class on spider weaving. We were going to take bets one day as to what time she would come in—maybe next year we will actually do that.

Another day Clione Carr showed us how to make butterflies out of pop bottles and

mobiles out of cd's. The spare time was spent shopping with our discount coupons, going out to eat and sewing on our own projects.

This is a week we all look forward to more and more each year (I know I do). We always enjoy each other's friendship and new ideas we learn from all who attend. For a fun time, please put this sewing bee on your calendar for next year. It will be June 18th, 2007 thru June 25th, 2007. Information for next year will follow in a later newsletter.



I would like to thank Nancy & Terry for all their hard work putting this sewing bee together. I'm sure we all appreciated it very much.

I would also like to apologize for getting this in the newsletter so late. My youngest sister was diagnosed with terminal breast cancer just before this last Christmas and she passed away in July. The family was busy taking care of her etc. and afterwards things have been so busy. But, as they say, better late than never. I finally got the article done. Hope to see all of you again next year and hopefully some new ones again. Thanks.
*Mrs. Jan Jones, Member #5000
The Restless Ones*

Bellevue Campground News

Well, the Halloween outing is getting real close—October 6th & 7th. As you noticed from the registration form, there is no Host chapter. Us old folks at Bellevue will try to make sure you have a good time. Double Dozen is making improvements to the Haunted Forest. We can always count on Double Dozen to help out. We will have cider and donuts Friday, and will serve them Saturday and Sunday morning if there's any left. Hot dogs and chips will be provided on Saturday afternoon. Bring lots of candy as I'm sure the children will be here with their bags to fill up. Bring a pumpkin [and carving utensils]



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for your child to carve.

At Bellevue, we have an outing once a month except for June. We have no Chapters or even 2 or 3 couples (who work well together) signed up to host any outing for next year. It has been suggested that even 2 chapters (or couples) host one outing together. One would be in charge of dinner and one would be in charge of breakfast. Talk this over with your Chapters and see if you could take charge of one outing for next year:

- Pig Roast (May 25-27)
- Spaghetti Dinner (June 29-30)
- Steak & Corn Roast (Aug 3-4)
- All-American Rally (Aug 31-Sep 3)
- Halloween (Oct 5-6)

Thanks for taking this to your meetings.

The finishing touches are being done to the pole barn. We have had a lot of help and wish to thank everyone that has helped. We really appreciate ALL of you. Thanks to John & Cathy's daughters (Robin Atkins and Pam Ensing) for planting day lilies all over the campground at Bellevue during Labor Day weekend. Now we have to wait until Spring to see how beautiful I'm sure they will make the campground!



*Cathy Schultz, Secretary
Bellevue TCM Campground
Kork Wielinga, Bellevue
Campground Director*

Bellevue Campground Schedule

Rally Schedule:

- Oct 6-8 Halloween Outing-NEED HOSTS/
Double Dozen/River Raisin
- Oct 13-15 Available
- Oct 20-22 Campground closes

Property Tenders:

- Sep 24-Oct 1 Available
- Oct 1-8 Wielinga/Schultz
- Oct 8-15 Available
- Oct 15-22 Closing/Wielinga

Hesperia Campground Schedule

Rally Schedule:

- 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!

- Sep 24-Oct 1 Available
- Oct 1-8 Pulsifer
- Oct 8-15 Bonter/Lakatos (Closing)
- Oct 21-22 Settler (Wood/Water)

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: _____

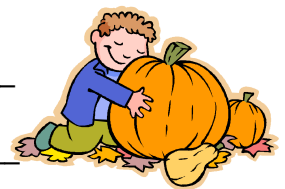
TTCM No.: _____ Chapter Name _____ MAL _____

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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(734) 676-2383

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