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Welcome NEW TTCM Editor!

A HUGE THANK YOU to Krystine Cole for stepping up to the plate and volunteering to be the NEW TTCM Newsletter Editor!!!

Beginning with the July 2007 issue, Krystine will be supplying you with your TTCM News. She asks that ANY news for the month of JULY 2007 be turned in to her NO LATER THAN June 1, 2007. She wants to be sure she has plenty of time to get all her ducks in a row for her first issue. Please send any correspondence to be printed in the July 2007 issue to her at:



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You will most likely receive one more issue (June 07) from me. Therefore, if you have news to go in June's issue, pass it along to Lisa Modelski by May 25th.

Special thanks to Bruce & Gayla Alm for ALL their hard work in copying, assembling, stuffing, posting and mailing each issue. Thank you ALL for your encouragement, your positive feedback and your kind words during my term. It truly has been a pleasure serving you.

Lisa Modelski

Before you say NO...

It's Up To You

You are the one who has to decide,
Whether you will do it or toss it aside.
You are the one who makes up your mind,
Whether you will lead or linger behind.
Whether you will strive for the goal that's afar,
Or be content to stay where you are.
Take it or leave it, there's something to do;
Just think it over; it's all up to you.

Anonymous



Thanks to Ruth Heimann, 3412 for sending! Won't you consider these words the next time your Club is looking for officers or volunteers?!

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Prayer for Campers

Bless our little trailer, Lord
And us who sleep within it
Please watch and keep us from all harm
Through every mile and minute.

Oh, guide the hands of him who drives
And help him keep alert.
Let no disturbance come along,
And accidents avert.

And when we reach a camping place
We know we'll find Thee there.
Thy spirit is within us, Lord,
Thy love is everywhere.

If other campers we should meet
We'll show them courtesy,
And ask no gain if they need help
We'll do it unto Thee.

The walls are close in this small room
And closer drawn are we
To eat and sleep and play and pray
Wherever we may be.

Our mode of living is relaxed,
But grace is asked the same,
Lord, Bless our food and those who eat,
We ask in Jesus' name.

There we observe Thy handiwork
Earth's beauty all around;
Our thoughts are lofty as the clouds,
Our feet upon the ground,

And when the time has come to leave
And we must homeward travel,
We've added t the memories
That one day we'll unravel.

So bless our little trailer, Lord
And fill it with Thy peace
That when we enter in its door
Our cares and worries cease.
Amen.



Contributed by Geo Lakatos, 2509

MAL Rally at Hesperia

Saturday July 7, 2007

MAL Rally (ALL Clubs Welcome)

Rally Fee is \$5.00

Bring a dish to pass and any meat you
would like to grill (or have grilled).

Jerry Settler, Hesperia Director



Welcome New Members!!

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

Grant & Ruth Anderson

John & Drema Barber

Amos & Joanne Daniels

Mike & Alicia Davidson

Dick & Dea Knopf

Gene & Kay Kowatch

Troy Parent

Jerry & Carol Parsons

Bob & Carol Rostian

Richard & Darlene Wells

Donald & Shannon Williams



Bellevue Garage Sale



Perry and Westerhouse are the chairpersons for the Garage Sale at Bellevue. The dates have been changed to June 14, 15 and 16th.

We will start accepting items at Bellevue any time in May. We are hoping that by changing the date we will have better weather and better attendance. We are looking forward to a great sale; so clean out your closets and basements and let's make this a prosperous sale.

Come and join us and have some fun in the process of making money for the campground.

Chairpersons Westerhouse and Perry

Chapter News

Double Dozen

Well, we had 18 people for our first outing; 10 people had to cancel. On Friday night, we had one main attraction that after taking back roads to get here, making a wrong turn and backing up all the way down a dirt road in the dark, finally arrived. I won't say her name though, but soon after arriving she slipped and fell down her steps and hurt her rear end.

On Saturday morning, it was biscuits and gravy for breakfast. Afterwards, the Lone Ranger grabbed some of the teens and went off to town. Now somehow, one person came back with a bread-yeast infection??

In the afternoon, most of us went to the indoor pool for a swim. We had a lot of fun playing pool volleyball. It got a little wild and Christine May got hit in the eye with a frisbee. Soon after, Jenny Botts was hit in the eye with a softball—she had quite a shiner!

Later, we had our pot luck and meeting in the pool building since it was nice and warm as the weather got a little chilly towards evening. As usual, we had our traditional bonfire and one Lone Ranger had a little more than her share to drink and thought there was a competition on bruises so some got to see several. Even the moon was black and blue!



Two of our lost sheep were found this weekend. Welcome back Dan & Michelle Losher!

Just when we thought the fun was over, there was another adventure awaiting those following Chuck & Carol Smallwood back to Bellevue. It seems Chuck made a wrong turn and decided to discuss the directions with those following him since he was without map or written instructions. The decision to stop 3 travel trailers on a curved road with a double-solid yellow line didn't appear to be too popular with those vehicles that were behind the last trailer. Some people just have no sense of humor! With only a slight detour, those fearless campers made it to Bellevue without further delay.

In closing, I think good times were enjoyed by all. I enjoyed hosting and thanks to all that came. See you in May!

Linda Vella, 4331

Restless Ones

The Restless Ones had a large turnout for our first camp at Hesperia. There were 21 campers and 2 more joined us for the potluck on Saturday night. We combined our breakfast on Saturday and Sunday with Grand Valley and Happy Wanderers and also our potluck. Everyone had a wonderful time catching up on the winter news and enjoying the



warm sunshine. The evenings were so nice we had bonfires both evenings.

We will be having a special campout at the Tulip Festival in Holland the second weekend of May. Our regular May campout is at Bellevue the third weekend.

Our schedule is set for the season as follows:

June 15-17: Hesperia

July 20-22: Hesperia

August ???: Sauder Village, Ohio

August 17-19: Hesperia

Sept 21-23: Bellevue

Oct 12-14: Hesperia

Nov 3: Annual Meeting-Sheridan

Dec 9: Christmas Party-Sheridan

The Restless Ones are happy to welcome Gene & Kay Kowatch from Ionia as new members. Any Members at Large that would like to join us are welcome.

Mary Jaeschke, 4448

Winter Texans

The TTCM get-together of the Winter Texans was held 2-27-07 at "King's Chinese Buffet" at 1:30pm in Mission, Texas. Those in attendance

were: Marshall &

Ruth Putney;

Ralph & Pat

North; Dave &

Sue Meyers; Bob

& Keva Simone; and

Don & Gloria Negus.

As always, it was precious time spent with TTCM members.

Our next Winter Texas get-together will be at the same place and time on 2-26-08.

Thank you and Happy Trails,
Marshall W Putney, 3975





2007 All American Rally
Labor Day Weekend Bellevue, Michigan
 Rally Theme is “Days Gone By” hosted by Duneland Winnies



We have set an ambitious agenda for the weekend with the hope of rekindling some of the memories of past rallies and campouts that has shaped TTCM into the fine organization that it is today. We cannot accomplish this without the help of our fellow campers. Following is a list of ideas we are considering. If you have anything to add or have expertise in any of the described events, please let us hear from you.

Friday August 31st

- Welcome to Bellevue, a ticket booth reminiscent of a 60s style drive-in theater will be placed by the main gate. Each arriving unit will receive the weekend’s itinerary along with a goodie bag. Registration will be in the building.
- A community-style bonfire and fireworks show.

Saturday September 1st

- Flag-raising Ceremony followed by the start of the classic car and camper show.
- The auction will take place as in the past and several games have been suggested, including Mud Volleyball, Mud Tug of War, Nearest-to-the-Pin Golf Challenge and the very popular Washer Game as presented by the Double Dozen. Other activities suggested include a Texas Hold ‘Em Tournament, Cake Roulette, and for the kids, a Magic Show.
- Live music on an open air stage; music from all eras will be the evening’s entertainment

Sunday September 2nd

- Progressive Breakfast
- The annual meeting will be held this day.
- Continuation of the previous day’s games, the evening brings an outdoor theater to Bellevue with concessions and rides for the kids.

Monday September 3rd

- Closing Ceremony

As mentioned, this is an ambitious schedule and we would like to hear your comments as to what your favorite events may have been from DAYS GONE BY such as a band that circulates the campground in the back of a pickup, or the pixie King and Queen competition or maybe you enjoyed the all-night volleyball games or the checkers tournament. Whatever it may be let’s all get involved. If you know of a former member, this may be a good opportunity to at least get them back out to the campground and share some memories. Also bring along any old pictures and related memorabilia to share with members old and new. Committee members from the Duneland Winnies will be available for discussion at the May Officers’ Meeting and looking for all the help we can get. BRING YOUR IDEAS!

“Remember it’s hard to know where you are going if you don’t remember where you have been.”

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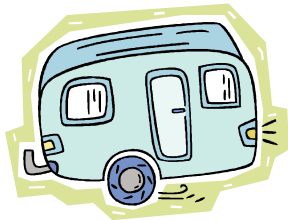
Jim Osterman, Event Treasurer



Bellevue Campground

Rally Schedule:

May 11-12 OPEN
 May 18-19 Roving Rounders/Restless Ones
 May 25-28 11th Annual Pig Roast
 Jun 1-2 OPEN
 Jun 8-9 GS setup/DD lower & Kitchen
 Jun 14-16 Garage Sale & HH
 Jun 22-23 OPEN
 Jun 30-Jul 1 Spaghetti Outing-NEED HOSTS!
 Jul 6-7 OPEN
 Jul 13-14 OPEN
 Jul 20-21 OPEN
 Jul 27-28 OPEN
 Jul 28-30 MALs
 Aug 3-4 Steak & Corn Roast-NEED HOSTS!
 Aug 7-9 Snow to Sun (Circle)
 Aug 10-11 Family Campers-Circle & Shelter
 Aug 17-18 40 units: Hill on down & Rec hall
 Aug 24-25 OPEN
 Aug 31-Sep 3 'Days Gone By' AA Rally @ Bellevue-Duneland Winnies
 Sep 7-8 OPEN
 Sep 14-15 OPEN
 Sep 22-23 MichOBounders 15 units lower level/Restless Ones
 Sep 28-29 OPEN
 Oct 6-7 Halloween Outing-NEED HELP! Food-RR and Forest-DD
 Oct 9-10 OPEN
 Oct 19-20 Bellevue Campground closes



Property Tenders:**

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

May 11-12 AVAILABLE
 May 18-19 AVAILABLE
 May 25-28
 Jun 1-2 AVAILABLE
 Jun 8-9 AVAILABLE
 Jun 15-16 AVAILABLE
 Jun 22-23 AVAILABLE
 Jun 30-Jul 1 AVAILABLE
 Jul 6-7 AVAILABLE
 Jul 13-14 AVAILABLE
 Jul 20-21 AVAILABLE
 Jul 27-28 AVAILABLE
 Jul 28-30 AVAILABLE
 Aug 3-4 AVAILABLE
 Aug 10-11 AVAILABLE
 Aug 17-18 AVAILABLE
 Aug 24-25 AVAILABLE
 Aug 31-Sep 3
 Sep 7-8 AVAILABLE
 Sep 14-15 AVAILABLE
 Sep 22-23 AVAILABLE
 Sep 28-29 AVAILABLE
 Oct 6-7
 Oct 15-22 Closing/Wielinga



Anyone wishing to Property tend contact:

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Hesperia Campground

Rally Schedule:

Note: NO Garage Sale at Hesperia this year!

May 11-13	Happy Wanderers
May 18-20	Grand Valley
May 25-27	Happy Wanderers
Jun 1-3	
Jun 8-10	Happy Wanderers
Jun 15-17	Grand Valley, Restless Ones
Jun 17-24	Sewing Bee all week & weekend/ Building unavailable to members
Jun 29-Jul 1	Happy Wanderers
Jul 6-8	MAL Rally on 7th, Carefree SAMs
Jul 13-15	Smart-20 units/Happy Wanderers
Jul 20-22	Grand Valley
Jul 27-29	Mobil Suites
Aug 3-5	Happy Wanderers
Aug 10-12	
Aug 17-19	Grand Valley, Happy Wanderers, Restless Ones
Aug 24-26	Allegro Group
Aug 31-Sep 2	
Sep 7-9	Smart (Military) 65+ Units; Building unavailable to members
Sep 14-16	GM Roving Rounders Sept 16-20 Sun-Thur
Sep 21-23	Grand Valley, Draggin Wagon
Sep 28-30	Happy Wanderers
Oct 5-7	Carefree Sams
Oct 12-14	GV, HW, RO, MALs (Halloween)
Oct 19-20	Woodcutting Saturday Only



Property Tenders

Name listed first is in charge of the campground in the absence of the Director; name listed second is the Assistant

May 13-20	McGahan/Rollenhagen
May 20-27	Soller/O'Hare
May 27-Jun 3	Hellman/Rollenhagen
Jun 3-10	Earlam/Rollenhagen
Jun 10-17	D. Pulsifer/B. Pulsifer
Jun 17-24	Schwartz/Carr
Jun 24-Jul 1	Bonter/Bonter
Jul 1-8	Horn/Underwood
Jul 8-15	Schwartz/Seawald
Jul 15-22	Horn/Underwood
Jul 22-29	D. Pulsifer/B. Pulsifer
Jul 29-Aug 5	Annis/Baker
Aug 5-12	McGahan/Robbins
Aug 12-19	McGahan/Robbins
Aug 19-26	Schwartz/Smith
Aug 26-Sep 2	Rollenhagen
Sep 2-9	Schwartz
Sep 9-16	Baker/Annis
Sep 16-23	McGahan/Earlam
Sep 23-30	Schwartz/Spira
Sep 30-Oct 7	Carr/Wells
Oct 7-14	Bonter/Lakatos
Oct 19-21	Settler/Hellman (Wood/Water)

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From White Cloud, west 16.5 miles on M-20.
Campground is on the south side.

Bellevue Campground:

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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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