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FROM THE PRESIDENT...

The summer is here in full force. Along with that, the mosquitoes are looking for a meal so use good repellent.

We are fortunate to have two volunteers, Krystine Cole - editor of the newsletter, and Kathleen Rolenhagan - TTCM treasurer. Thanks to both of them for helping this organization. Bonding of the treasurer was discussed at the May meeting. I am pleased to announce that this has been accomplished. All of the board and both campground directors are now covered. The bonding insurance is with the same company that insures both campgrounds. Steven Whiting is the agent and he also is an associate member of TTCM.

Things to think about for 2008. We need a chapter or person to take on the All American Rally for 2008. We need people to run for TTCM offices. 2008 is election year for TTCM.

Keep on camping....See you at the 2007 All American Rally!

Don 011

Rally Update...

Things are moving along for the 2007 All American Rally with lots of help. Over 30 registrations have come in, so don't delay with yours. Ideas for the progressive breakfast have been coming in as well, what will your chapter do? We have secured a stage for the band, and a large circus style tent for many of the activities which will include the All American Picnic Saturday afternoon. T-shirts are printed, and the TTCM chairs will be a hit. The Duneland Winnies are looking forward to seeing fellow campers at this years Rally. Any questions or comments, contact me via e-mail at dwestphal222@yahoo.com.

Daryl Westphal, Event Chairman

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WELCOME...

We would like to welcome the following new and returning members to TTCM:

James and Donna Carriveau (MAL #4529)

James and Mary Ellen Dexter (MAL #4615)

John Freeland (MAL #4248)

Deral and Sherry Murrie, Jr. (HC #3021)

Pat and Gay Story (BL #4544)

Daniel and Margy Westphal (DW #4613)

Dwayne and Nickey Westphal (DW #4614)



FROM THE EDITOR...

Well we are half way through summer. Hopefully everyone is enjoying the campgrounds. Don't forget that the All American Rally is coming. If you haven't mailed in your registration form, you better get to it. Make sure your there to enjoy the fun and games.

Since the last newsletter, I have had 15 members changed the way they receive the newsletter. They now receive the newsletter by e-mail. Don't be left out...it's the perfect way to stay informed monthly regarding TTCM events. Every member willing to receive the newsletter by e-mail will save money for the club. This will allow TTCM to have more events and continue improvements at the campground.

Please contact me at krystinecole@hotmail.com to sign up to receive the newsletter by e-mail. There are many websites that you can sign up with for a FREE e-mail address. All it takes is a few moments.

For the September's Newsletter, please have all articles to me by August 20. Any articles received after August 20 will not be placed in the September Newsletter.

Krystine Cole
Editor

REMEMBER WHEN???

April 1968: a down payment of \$500.00 for Hesperia was taken.

In 1969, TTCM had 752 members plus 620 MALs for a total of 1,372 paid members.

April 12, 1969: Strongs Corners in the U.P. and the property in Gladwin are now paid. The charge for use of the property to members was a minimum of 50 cents per each member for a weekend was defeated at the offices meeting. Everything is on the honor system.

November 1, 1969: Treasurers report with a balance of \$672.80. The Land Fund had a balance of \$378.79.

February 20, 1970: Report was given on TTCM property. U.P. Strongs Corners total cost of 80 acres was \$800.00 with improvements totaling \$1,220.93. The Gladwin property cost \$1,500.00 with improvements of \$1,458.93 bringing the total amount to \$2,958.93. Hesperia's total purchase of \$8,500.00 with 6% interest on the unpaid balance. Report was accepted.

April 3, 1970: Harvey Clark made a motion to sell the U.P. Strongs Corner and the Gladwin property. Motion was seconded by Andy Carruth. Money is to be returned to the general fund and held until a decision is made by the Board as to how the money is to be used.

Mid 1970's: TTCM has 460 members with 168 MAL's for a total of 628 paid members. There is a loss of 744 members as of this date.

Sharon Westerhouse
Bellevue Reporter

BUSY BEES IN HESPERIA...

During the Week of June 17th, the ladies had a sewing bee in Hesperia. While the ladies were sewing, three men re-roofed the clubhouse. Great job to Leo Fitzpatrick, Ron Page, and David Rogers (the gofer). All are members of the Restless Ones. They sure did rest their backs afterward.



Officers Meeting At Hesperia**May 5, 2007 at 10:00 a.m.**

Officers meeting was called to order by President Don Westphal. Invocation was given by Jim Carney, MAL. Roll call was taken with 15 officers present and 3 Chapters absent, Blossom Land, Happy Campers, and Happy Hitchers.

Correspondence was read. A letter from Christine, Treasurer, to President Don Westphal, containing concerns and questions from members and her concern on late fees. Items are to be discussed under her report.

Secretary's report was read. Two items that were tabled in September need to be discussed under old business. Motion was made by Phyllis Perry, River Raisin, to accept as read. Seconded by Harold Henry. Passed.

Treasurer's report was handed out along with the membership list to all officers. As of April 2007, we have 295 members and 2 associate members.

General fund checking is **\$1,974.55**

Hesperia checking account is **\$3,513.05**

Bellevue checking account is **\$7,089.57**

TTCM general fund assets (saving) including all reserved funds is **\$82,504.95**. Total of all accounts is **\$94,820.66**.

Question was raised as to what is spend able money. Spend able money is the reserve account that is used for emergency such as Hesperia used for electric a few years ago. Children's games, teen account, etc. could some money go back in the reserve fund? The money could be tied up in a CD that we can't touch for awhile.

Harold Henry made a motion to take 15% of the \$68,820.66 net income of both TTCM and the two campgrounds and move it to the reserve fund. Seconded by Inez Cummings. Discussion followed. Why can't we give some of the money to the campgrounds instead? With this motion we would be taking about **\$9,300.00** out of the **68,820** to draw interest in the bank. Christine stated that she felt that it is not advisable at this time to do this. We wouldn't get a higher rate of interest. There was a call for the vote. Roll call vote was taken. 8 no votes, 5 yes votes, and 1 obtaining, President didn't vote. Question was raised as to how low our accounts can go. Christine stated that we can't go lower than \$30,000 for example. As is now, we have 5% going on our general fund account with a limit of \$50,000. Christine recommended that we leave this alone.

Discussion developed concerning issuing cards to members when paying membership dues. Directors stated that the property tenders would know if people coming in are members or not and know what to charge for camping.

Harold Henry moved to issue everyone a membership card when paying dues. Seconded by Jim VanderVelde. Motion passed. Question was asked as to who did our income tax? Christine stated that she hired Jack Connell for \$300.00. Question was asked on free parking statistic's listed on Hesperia report, it's not accurate. Corrections will be made and given to the Executive Board.

President called for a motion to accept the treasurer's report with all corrections. Jim Osterman moved to accept with Linda Vela, DD, seconding the motion. Motion passed.

Officers Meeting Cont....

Bellevue Report: Kork presented his budget and wish list for the year. 2 used golf carts, one for Director and one for property tender, new roof on maintenance building, used tractor mowing, windows with screens in upper shelter, roof over patio behind hall, electric and water 4 new sites in front of maintenance building, 2 new electric and water sites in circle, 100 new chairs and improve exhaust fan in the kitchen for a total of **\$15,250.**

Golf carts, chairs, roof on patio behind hall we approved last year. Question was asked as to how much is needed to make improvements now. All items were voted upon separately. All passed except the roof over the patio. Total needed is **\$13,250.00.** Approved by all. What ever doesn't get finished, needs to be reapproved and money allotted that project comes back to the TTCM treasury. The treasurer will issue a check for each item as needed.

Hesperia Report: Jerry gave his projected expenses of **\$25,180.00** for the year. Nothing is earmarked. We need a tractor with a bucket and a brush hog, need roof on the building and pump house. We will need **\$12,700.00** for these projects. Jim Osterman moved to accept this report. Harold Henry seconded the motion. The motion passed. The Board stated that Jerry will need to come back to the Board if the tractor is more.

MAL Report: Inez stated that their first meeting will be at Bellevue on Memorial weekend. We would like to serve lunch at the ALL AMERICAN. Ken Baker is the MAL representative for Hesperia. When the rally is up here, he has the vote. When it's at Bellevue, Inez has the vote. But they converse together on the item to be voted on.

Break for lunch. Meeting resumed at 12:30 PM.

Teen Report: None

Standing Committee Reports: All American Rally report was given by Daryl Westphal. The theme for the rally is "Rally Days Gone By." There will be a ticket booth at the entrance when the units come in with registration at the building. Some of the high lights are: outdoor movies, 10 cent auction, cake walk, bon fire, progressive breakfast, games, meeting on Sunday, and much more. They will need help from all Chapters. Motion was made to give the rally treasurer, Jim Osterman, \$5,000.00 for seed money. Anything not used will be returned. Seconded by Linda Bella, DD. Motion was passed.

Old Business: Tabled items to be discussed are camping fees and a 3 for one cost for those who stay at the campgrounds all summer. Camping fees were discussed as to increase or decrease the nightly rate. All agreed to leave the camping fee as is. Kork then presented a proposal to have a lower rate for those members who come to camp for 2 to 3 months at a time. Would like to have them pay for 3 consecutive weeks and get the 4th week free. This would generate more usage of the campgrounds. After much discussion, Dick Hamlin, DT, moved to put this into a motion. Seconded by Phyllis Perry, RR. A roll call vote was taken. 5 yes votes and 9 no votes. The motion failed. There was discussion on winter storage and moving units in the spring at Bellevue. Kork stated that he decides when to move the units from the front according to ground conditions. Question on what can be stored as some members have more than one item in storage. Summer storage is free. This is our campground so there shouldn't be a problem.

Another concern by members from Christine's letter was why some members have no units to camp in and are still members. They pay \$25.00 in dues and have the right to keep up with TTCM in their elderly years. The by-laws state that a unit is needed to join TTCM only.

Officers Meeting Cont....

There was much discussion about members leaving their units on site, plugged in and not paying the \$2.00 a night rate Sunday through Thursday and \$10.00 night on Friday and Saturday. This is in the campground rules. For those who get free camping, this is when they are camping. When not in use those members should adhere to the campground rules like everyone else. This rule is for everyone, all our members.

New Business: We have a new editor for our paper. Krystine Cole will take over starting in July. More members need to get their newsletter by e-mail if possible. It costs about \$400.00 for the newsletter each month. Please give her your support. Watch for her deadline in the July issue.

Chapter Comments:

Blossom Land - absent

Double Dozen - Thank you to Lisa for doing the newsletter, work weekend should be published in the newsletter. We all need a positive attitude.

Draggin Train - Send thank you note to Lisa for doing a great job. Newsletter editor should have a seat to this meeting so she can be more informed first hand. We need to have a bonding for our officers. Christine stated that she was at work but probably not for TTCM. All officers need to be bonded.

Dune Land Winnies – help us with the All American Rally, get members to come.

Grand Valley - Camping is fun, come and enjoy it.

Happy Campers - absent

Happy Wanders - Great campgrounds, we have seen a lot of changes over the years and they have been good.

Happy Hitchers - absent

MALs - Question of units on lot not used, should pay for electric, members not paying dumping fees, should share clubhouse with other Chapters and need to clean up after yourselves. We need help on opening weekend to clean and great ready for season. Chapters need to help as it's the same people getting it ready for your use.

Restless Ones - Got a lot of information today and our Chapter will help at All American.

River Raisin - Thanks to the ladies for lunch. Thanks for not tabling topics and getting things done.

Senior Advisor - Has Christine's name been put on all accounts and has all names been taken off that were decided by the Executive Board in August at their meeting? Both campgrounds together can make **\$15,000.00** a year after expenses on outside campers. It is very important to get the correct figures recorded. I would like to see all reports and agendas sent out 30 days in advance so officers can look over them before the meeting.

Vice President - Thanks to Happy Wanders for breakfast. It's a good meeting today, we got a lot accomplished. If members have a problem, please get it resolved and don't bring it to the meeting. These meetings should not be personality conflicts - take care of it before hand. This meeting is for business.

Treasurer - I have badges here to pass out and any corrections on the membership list should be corrected at this time. Come see me now, please.

Secretary - I have been here at Hesperia since the opening and have met some new friends. I have enjoyed it very much.

Officers Meeting Cont....

Hesperia Director - Thanks to those who helped with the wood.

Bellevue Director - No comments.

President - If you are going to use the equipment, please go to the director or the property tender and get instructions on how to use it. We are having equipment damaged because members are not careful or don't know how to use the equipment.

Open Floor - Phyllis Perry, RR, made a motion that any member that is called to active duty will have their dues waved. Motion seconded by Jerry Setzler. Motion passed. Rumor control folks, it was said that Bellevue has no property tenders. They do have property tenders but are not scheduled a year at a time.

Nancy Hellman asked if anyone from Hesperia comes down to Bellevue, can they property tend? The answer was YES!!!!

Dick Hamlin stated that the Draggin Train Chapter would like to park behind the building up here, it's beautiful.

Liz VerPlank stated that she feels that many of us still need the newsletter by mail.

Terry Hellman asked if property tenders are being paid. Yes, they always have been. They are paid \$25.00 a week plus free camping. It has to be listed on the monthly report as an honorarium.

With no other business, President called for adjournment. Motion was made by River Raisin and seconded by Draggin Train. Meeting adjourned at 1:50.

*Respectfully Submitted by Sharon Westerhouse
TTCM Secretary*

GARAGE SALE A HUGE SUCCESS!!!

We had wonderful items and great weather for the Bellevue Garage Sale. We grossed \$1,118.07 during the 3-day sale. Thanks to all our members that donated items to the sale.

We started setting up Tuesday after Memorial Day by hanging clothes and emptying boxes and bags for sorting. The next week tables went up and sorting began. Everyone on grounds pitched in to help. We had lots of help. We didn't have big items this year like furniture and such, but we sold all the old chairs that we had stacked in the backroom. Wow, did that ever make a difference. What we had left over, we took to Hospice of Charlotte. They took everything! They have a second hand store and were very appreciative to receive our donation. We want to thank ALL of you that helped in anyway. There were those that made signs, helped set up, sell, refold the tables, move items around, priced, bagged items, and packed up when the sale was done. The campground had lunch everyday for the workers which helped so much. Thanks to you all...you know who you are. It couldn't have been done without your help.

Changing to June was a big success. Our customers commented on how they liked the change. So, whoever the chairman is for next year, keep that in mind.

Once again, thanks to all who volunteered their time and effort. It's your dedication that keeps TTCM going.

Chairpersons: Tom & Sharon Westerhouse and Bob & Phyllis Perry

CHAPTER NEWS...

QUITE 4TH OF JULY WEEK...

It was a quiet week at Bellevue. We had 15 units gather the last weekend of June to spend the holiday at the campground. The weather was fantastic, just right. Some went off to Turkeyville to the flea market, while some went to the Casino. Then there were others that just sat and did nothing.

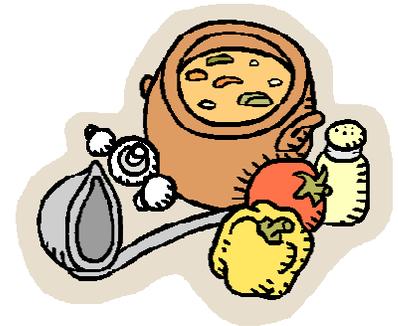
The gals decided to make goulash and have a potluck. Now let me tell ya something, the deserts were wonderful. We had salads, a great taco salad, fresh fruit, bread rolls, garlic bread, and those scrumptious deserts besides the goulash. Just goes to show that a few people had a good time with great food while supporting the campground.

The kids had their little wading pools, rode their bikes, and enjoyed the BIG sand pile at the playground. Some of us enjoyed sitting and watching the little gophers scrambling around getting bolder and bolder before disappearing down their holes. They sure are unique little ones and fun to watch.

It's great to have a campground to go to for \$10.00 a night where you know that you and your children will be safe. You don't have to lock your doors and can enjoy your fellow campers as we all know each other. What a great feeling. I sure hope your holiday as lazy as ours was.

Hey, got to go....LEFT OVERS, GREAT!!!!!!

*Sharon Westerhouse
Bellevue Reporter*



DOUBLE DOZEN ANNIVERSARY OUTING...

We had our anniversary outing June 9-10. In all, 11 trailers were set up around the lower picnic shelter. 26 members and 3 guests participated. Friday night we celebrated with cake. Everybody ate our breakfast of egg casserole on Saturday morning. At the "what's in your trailer?" scavenger hunt, The Azaria's and the Carriaveau's took the prizes. Burgers & hot dogs were served for dinner on Saturday, and everyone brought a passing dish. In all it was chintzy, but everyone had fun.

Submitted by: Myles & Dani Dexter



CHAPTER NEWS...

MALS...

I went to Hesperia July 7th for the MALS weekend. We cooked (or the guys cooked) our meat, and with passing dishes, the meal was great. There was a rally fee that was turned over to the campground to buy one of the new Lifetime white fold-up picnic tables, along with purchasing boards and paint to fix existing tables.

The MALS will host another weekend (Sept 28-30). There will be a big pot of Chili. Everyone is asked to bring a dessert. All TTCM MEMBERS ARE WELCOMED to come. There will be a rally fee of \$10.00 per couple and \$5.00 per single.

Ken Baker, Hesperia's MALS Representative is recovering from a heart surgery in June. Ken and Betty joined us for dinner. Our thoughts and prayers are with him during his recovery. We had a short meeting after dinner. It's good to see so many MALS. They are a very busy and hard working group that camps at Hesperia.

In September, come eat some Chili and have fun weekend with the group.

Inez Cummings
MALS President

PICTURES FROM HESPERIA...



RIVER RAISIN...

We are doing the children and adult auctions at the All American Rally. We need donations for both auctions. PLEASE dig deep for items to donate as all the money earned will go back to TTCM.

We would like to thank Dave Morse and Ray Adams for making the ten picnic tables, and Bob Perry and John Schultz for the finishing touches to paint and seal the tables.....good job guys!!!

Phyllis Perry
RR President



Bellevue Campground

Rally Schedule:

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
 Forest—DD
 Oct 9-10 OPEN
 Oct 19-20 Bellevue Campground Closes!!!

Property Tenders:**

Aug 3-4 AVAILABLE
 Aug 10-11 AVAILABLE
 Aug 17-18 AVAILABLE
 Aug 24-25 AVAILABLE

Sep 7-8 AVAILABLE
 Sep 14-15 AVAILABLE
 Sep 22-23 AVAILABLE
 Sep 28-29 AVAILABLE

Oct 15-22 Closing/Wielinga

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

Anyone wishing to Property tend contact:

Kork Wielinga
3517 Madison
Kalamazoo, MI 49008
(269) 349-5193



Hesperia Campground

Rally Schedule:

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 3 "Days Gone By" AA Rally @ Bellevue
 - Duneland Winnies

Sep 7-9 Smart (Military) 65+ Units; Building
 Unavailable to members

Sep 14-16 GM Roving Rounders Sep 16-20
 Sun-Thurs

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:**

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)

NOTE: NO Garage Sale at Hesperia this year!!!

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

Anyone wishing to Property tend contact:

Jerry Settler
5376 W Webster Rd
Montague, MI 49437
(231) 894-5764





“DAYS GONE BY”
TTCM 2007 ALL AMERICAN RALLY
LABOR DAY WEEKEND
 Hosted by The Duneland Winnies
Registration Deadline is Saturday, August 25, 2007



Rally fee is \$25.00 per unit and \$12.50 for single (Late fee at the gate is \$5.00 additional).

****In order to better plan for this event, we are offering an incentive for early registration****

For any unit that sends in their registration on or before July 30, you will receive 20 chances to win a custom TTCM camping chair. This chair has a value of \$24.00, and we will be including 3 chairs in this drawing. The first 25 early registrations will also receive one t-shirt sized up to XL. For any unit sending in their registration between July 31 - August 14, you will receive 10 chances on the chair. For any unit sending in their registration after August 14 before August 25 (deadline), you will receive 5 chances on the chair.

****Below, you can vote for the first movie of the evening at the TTCM Outdoor Theater.****

Please join us for fun, food, music, and games. Watch our website for updates. Look for pictures of the chairs, t-shirt designs, and profiles of the entertainment.

Name _____ TTCM# _____ #Adults _____ #Kids _____

Vote for your favorite movie (Circle One)

1. “RV” - Robin Williams
2. American Graffiti
3. Blues Brothers
4. Spiderman
5. Gone With The Wind
6. Titanic

Chapter _____

Handicap Parking _____

You can purchase Rally T-shirts for an additional \$10.00-\$13.00 per shirt (Check sizes below)

MED _____ Large _____ X-Large _____ XX-Large _____ Kid Size _____

Make Checks payable to TTCM

Send Reservations to: **Jim Osterman**
427 Cole Ct.

TOTAL ENCLOSED: _____

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

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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 Road to West Baseline Road. East to 16th. Turn left at
stop sign and follow for 1/4 mile.

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