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PROBLEMS WITH THE NEWSLETTER....

For the past two newsletters, there have been issues with the newsletter. One issue pertains to mailing/emailing addresses. It has come to my attention that some members are not receiving the newsletter either by mail or email. I am sending newsletters to the mailing/emailing addresses that I have been given. If you have not been receiving the newsletter, I do apologize; however, it is each and every members duty to make sure that all TTCM officials have your current information. If you have a change in your mailing/emailing address, please send me a message at **krystinecole@hotmail.com** or phone me at **(313) 492-4320**. Please keep in mind if you choose to phone me, please leave a message on my answering machine. There is a strong chance that I will not respond back to your phone message do to my hectic schedule. Please be assured that I am receiving your phone/email messages, and I will make all proper changes.

The second issue pertains to the way the newsletters are being received after being mailed through the postal service. Unfortunately, I have no control on the condition of the newsletter after I have mailed it. I do apologize to all members who have received damaged and/or partial newsletters. I will be speaking about this matter at the next meeting along with possible solutions.

Again, I apologize to all members for any problems that each person has encountered with the newsletter. Please keep in mind that this will be my third newsletter to produce, and it will take a bit more time in order to "get out the bugs." Thank you for your patience.

Krystine Cole
Editor

WELCOME NEW AND RETURNING MEMBERS...

Keith & Linda Allen
David & April Baker
Bill & Barb Degroot
Charles & Mary Dickinson
Ray & Vonda Hall
David & Debra Iams
James & Lenore English

Mike & Sandy Knott
John & Chris Loviska
Hazel Martin
Winfield & Ruth Mitteer III
Robert & Linda Rogalski
Dale & Dianna Wiggers
Jeff & Linda Joling
Rodney & Tracey Moskum

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We are glad that you have joined our camping family. We hope that you enjoy the campgrounds and the fellowship you'll find there.

Sharon Westerhouse
Secretary



BELLEVUE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING 2007

JULY 14, 2007

Meeting was called to order by campground director Kork Wielinga, at 10:00am. Three members present. Draggin Train dick Hamlin. MAL Inez Cummings. Double Dozen John Schultz. We were sorry more members were not interested enough to show up. Discussed Rally needing golf cars at the rally. Maybe they should check into renting some for rally. Mosquito Control was discussed, best stuff is Dunk, Kork will get some. Storage for the Summer will stay the same as always, FREE. Presidents and past Presidents, have lifetime free camping, much discussion. Rally needs electric at basketball court, Dick Hamlin said he will do that. Discussed how to quiet the exhaust fan in the kitchen. Nothing was resolved. Todd Azarias is checking on getting metal roll-up covers for the big windows in the back of the rec hall. He will let us know soon. Kork has checked on windows for the upper shelter, replacement windows will be to expensive. We were allowed \$1,000 for windows, so it was decided to make the frames and put plexiglass in the Frames. Pond improvement was discussed, Dick Hamlin suggested putting it in the budget for next year. (2008) \$3,500 need a drain. We need to buy one roll of 5ft. Fence to repair the fence in front of campground. CUSTOM ELECTRIC fixed the electric in the circle. There was one fried wire, which lowered the voltage in the upper part of the campground. Fixed for \$220.00 instead of \$2,000. Dick Hamlin put a new 30-50 plug out of the maintenance bldg., which will help with parking in front. Some members are complaining about paying \$3.00 to use the honey wagon, then hook your trailer up and take it to the dump station. That's free, except for your gas and having to level your trailer again. The campground puts gas in the tractor, furnishes the sewer hose, and the motor on the tank. MEMBERS DO NOT RUN THE CAMPGROUND, THE CAMPGROUND DIRECTOR IS IN CHARGE.

1. All equipment.
2. Fee's for using honey wagon.
3. Has the authority to determine if someone is qualified, or is healthy enough to be property tender.

We need \$2,000 a month to run this campground, and this summer we are not getting it. We need to live within our income. Included in the budget for one month: electricity, phone, refuse, gasoline, equipment repairs, in July summer taxes also.

Discussed putting a ground cement floor in the pole barn, cost about \$200.00 for a four inch floor. The electric must be run from maintenance bldg. to pole barn first. All agreed.

Kork received a letter from GENE CONKLIN, he is resigning from this planning committee, because of poor health. We are ALL sorry to hear such sad news. But we understand. We all thank you Gene for all the years of devoted service. The lord knows the pay left much to be desired, JOKE, RIGHT!!! WE all know it was because you loved this campground, and TTCM. All of your work will not ever be forgotten. THANK YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF OUR HEARTS.

Motion was made by Dick Hamlin to adjourn the meeting at 11:10am. 2nd by Inez Cummings.

If there is any mistakes in this report, I take full responsibility.

CATHY SCHULTZ
BELLEVUE TREASURER AND SECRETARY



NEWS FROM THE NORTH...

Yep, we're still here!!! No excuses from this reporter. You don't want them anyway. I'll reflect a little as I say that the camping season started off with a bang, or should I say with a pile of snow and some really cold weather. Dick Pulsifer, Jerry Settler, and Terry Hellman had the right idea about getting the water samples that first week of April, but old mother nature intervened and they all went home where it was a bit warmer. I'm not sure how many tanks of propane Dick went through to keep his unit from freezing, but I'm sure it was plenty!!!

When the weather finally broke, the water samples were taken and we were off and running for another great camping season. The gas prices took a big bit out of our wallets, but we just gave up a few things somewhere else. I sure wish someone would define the word "gouging" to me. I think that's what it's all about.

Well, after the woodcutting was over, we gathered for the first rally. Restless Ones, Grand Valley, and Happy Wanderers shared the building for food, fun, and friendship. There was a lot of talk about what you did all winter, where you went, and what your plans were for the summer. Some of our friends were absent for one reason or another. Our condolences to those families who had loved ones pass on, and our get well wishes to those on our prayer list.

Looking on the brighter side, Hesperia is really looking good...thanks to all those willing workers.

The TTCM May meeting was held in Hesperia, and I'm sure you all read about it in the newsletter. Lunch was served by Sharon, Sue, and Ruth. The meeting continued into the afternoon following with a potluck dinner in the evening.

Happy Wanderers met again over Memorial Day weekend. It was a smaller turnout, but with gas prices soaring, who could blame you for staying home. It was a simple schedule with two potlucks, breakfasts, and a service at the flagpole conducted by yours truly, assisted by Liz Verplank, Dick Pulsifer, and Ole Ferguson. Bob Pulsifer provided the sound system and music. Thanks to everyone who participated and those who came to honor those who gave their lives for our freedom.

In June, Happy Wanderers, members of other chapters, and guests enjoyed a Swiss Steak dinner cooked by Russ and Edith Ronning. Happy Wanderers committee provided mashed potatoes, gravy, veggies, slaw, and rolls with butter. Dessert was assorted cakes. Of course, everyone got in the chow line for breakfast for scrambled eggs (some were green?), hash browns, toast, juice, and coffee. We had a great committee of Ronnings, Fran and Chuck Irwin, Leona Hershberger, Bob Pulsifer, Joyce and Dick Pulsifer, and myself. George Lakatos was supposed to help, but he was in a car accident and broke his wrist. He would have made a good boss with a cast on.

Dewey Verplank had some truck problems this weekend, but between him and Bob Pulsifer and their many trips to Fremont, they decided that Dewey should just get some jugs and fill them with water and radiator fluid and drive home. Dick Pulsifer had just tossed some jugs in the dumpster, so Dewey got a hook (his awning hook) and went fishing in the dumpster. After bagging his limit, he trudged back to his unit, well pleased and as far as I know, he made it home without a hitch (wrong word)!!!

Since July 4th fell on a Wednesday, Happy Wanderers did the weekend before. Thanks to Merle and Mary Bonter and Dick and Carol Bonter for hosting this rally, serving breakfast of French toast, sausage, juices, and coffee. A potluck was held Saturday evening. If you stayed through the weekend, you were able to enjoy the arts and crafts fair and the parade in town. Next year is leap year, so the 4th will fall on a Friday.

Did you hear about the sewing bee at Hesperia? Wow! Maximum registration. Way to go Nancy Hellman. Next year it'll be 2 different weeks. So ladies - oil your machines, get ready, get set, and sew.

News from the North (cont)...

I hope that I'm up-to-date on my writings. Happy Wanderers have a prayer list. Dave and Beth Norwicks twin son has been diagnosed with cancer and has been treated at Devos Hospital. Jim Vandervelde is back on the road again after hip surgery and a heart attack. Bill Carpenter is back after surgery. Your reporter is slowly recovering from a sigmoid resection (ouch). My body is slow to recover, but I hope to see you at the All American. Milly Suchy is having some problems with her new prosthesis. She's allergic to latex. Good luck Milly. If you know of anyone who needs a card or a prayer, call Rose Perry. She is the new flower/card lady, replacing Cheryl Horn. Thanks Cheryl!!!

I'd like to thank all the guys for getting my rig on the lot a couple of weeks ago. Thanks to Joe for flushing out my black-water tank, and thanks to Dan for putting my rig back in the corral.

I would like to hear from some of our members and know what's going on in their lives. I need things to write about. Sometimes I send a really sheet to former members to let them know what we're doing and I put an extra little message there for them and so far this year we had three renewals. I know it cost money, but how about sending a "newsletter" once in a while to some former members and encourage them to join again. Give it a try!!!

Hesperia has a new tractor and I hear that it's a duesy. We have that great new sound system and are working on getting a water-proof box on that pole so we can run a wire down to the flagpole so we can have a mike down there. Thanks to Bob Pulsifer for his donation for the sound system and thanks to those who helped install it. If you see picnic tables upside down, it's because the legs are being painted to prevent them from rusting. A few have already rusted. There's a new roof on the building that was put on by our volunteers. The only cost was the shingles and nails. Good job!!! Hesperia has two new wheelbarrows. The two wheels will make it easier for the women to wheel them. I can't believe I said that, but that's what I heard. Thanks Jerry for the good idea, but our men are so gallant, they do all the wheeling-n-dealing.

I heard that there might be a romance going on in the campground. If anyone know about it, let me know and I promise not to let it go any farther than this newsletter.

Welcome to our new TTCM editor, Krystine Cole, and to our new TTCM treasurer, Kathy Rollenhagen. Well, that's all for now. Always remember that the tea kettle, even though it's up to it's neck in hot water, it continues to sing.

*Ruth Heimann
Reporter*



FROM THE PRES...

The end of the camping season is getting near. There are two activities before the campgrounds close of the season. The All American Rally is one of the most important. Not only for the fun, but the membership meeting gives the members a chance to say what is on their mind. As I write this, the reservations received are less than 60. That's poor showing of the membership! The last activity is Halloween. This is a great and safe activity for the kids.

These activities involve a lot of time and work planning and getting set up so everyone can enjoy. It seems more and more of the help is fading and the criticism is growing. Our campgrounds are as good as you make them. Don't count on the other guy to do it for you!

Don 011

REMEMBER WHEN???

July 11, 1970: The Shiawassee Valley Vagabonds Trailer Club voted to withdraw from TTCM.

August 1970: The Oakland Lakes Travel Club requested to withdraw from TTCM.

January 16, 1971: Meeting in Coldwater, Michigan with 15 officers present was held to discuss membership etc. Treasurers report was given by Bob Hickman. Balance of \$1,209.77 in general fund and \$369.12 in land fund. It was moved and seconded that black “year stickers” for trailers be printed and given to each member with their dues card to show their paid membership. Approved.

May 1, 1971: Executive Council meeting at Ionia, Michigan. A letter from the lawyer was read concerning the IRS stating that we had received our Letter of Determination from the IRS and that we will be considered a non-profit club and will not have to pay taxes. A bill of \$1250.00 for services rendered was presented from the lawyer. Moved and seconded to pay the fees.

January 8, 1972: The board meeting was called to order by President Carl Anderson. Hesperia property fund report was given with a balance of \$6300.20. All American Rally will be at Monroe Fairgrounds. Motion to elect Fred Page as the new assistant treasurer.

May 6, 1972: Meeting was held in Coldwater. A newly formed teen club was announced. TTCM gave the teen club \$200.00 to start and will have to report all monies to the club.

January 13, 1973: Board of Directors meeting was held at Sveden House in Lansing. Balance owed on the Hesperia property is \$5,699.20 with 60 sites with electric and water at this time. The All American Rally will be held at Centerville Fairgrounds. The rally fee will be \$5.00. TTCM joined the Michigan Congress of Camping Clubs for a fee of \$20.00.

May 5, 1973: The meeting was held at Centerville. A motion was made by Al Anderson that we sell the Hesperia property was supported. The vote was taken by roll call with 58 no votes and 17 yes votes. Motion defeated.

*Sharon Westerhouse
Secretary*

HELP WANTED!!!

As you know the Haunted Forest at Bellevue takes a lot of work, a lot of hands, a lot of imagination, and a lot of...POWER! Double Dozen is looking for the following:

- Generators
- Ideas for Forest Displays



We really need generators and not just “promises” of generators. Won’t you consider loaning us yours for the Haunted Forest? You can bring it to Bellevue the weekend before on Sept 28-30th (and join us for our SOUPer Potluck on Saturday). Please contact Debbie Steenbergh (dsteenbergh@aol.com or (248) 541-5542) if you have any questions or will need to bring it the Oct 5-7th weekend of the Halloween Rally.

Thank you for your help!!!

Double Dozen Haunted Committee



FAREWELL AND BEST OF LUCK!!!

I'm not sure the idea that Kerry and Alyce DeVore moving all the way to TEXAS sand in for many members until many of us telephoned him from the campfire during our recent Mystery Outing. The DeVores have been such a strong influence in our camping experiences that it's hard to believe they moved so far away! I will always remember when Alyce gave me my first set of outdoor, hard-plastic tableware, or the time she bounced my toddler daughter (now 14!!) on her lap to calm her down. I remember when Kerry (aka Mother Hen) was President of TTCM and would buy the kids ice cream and sparklers. Mother Hen is certainly an apt moniker for Kerry - he has always tried his best to watch over and guide us...sometimes right down tot eh bottom of a beer bottle!

Needless to say, the campfire felt a little empty last weekend. Farewell, Kerry and Alyce! Don't forget to visit during camping season. You are missed. For those members wishing to correspond with the DeVores in their new digs, you can do so at:

Kerry and Alyce DeVore
615 S. Mount Mariah Road
Montgomery, TX 77316
kgdevore@yahoo.com



Lisa Modelski

TIME TO PAY 2008 DUES....

I will be taking the 2008 dues while our new treasurer, Kathleen, gets acquainted with her position. It's not according to the bylaws, but we are trying to get all the accounts changed over and things up to par. The Board felt this will help while we are in transition.

You will need to send your 2008 TTCM dues to me:

Sharon Westerhouse
PO Box 336
Olivet, MI 49076

I will be taking 2008 dues starting this month. You have until January 1, 2008 before you will be delinquent. If you will be going south or west for the winter, now is the time to pay those dues so you don't forget.

Please do not send your dues or new membership applications to the campgrounds as this delays the recording of your dues in the database and for the newsletter. Please send them to me.

New membership fees: \$75.00; Yearly renewal: \$25.00; Reinstatement: \$10.00 plus \$25.00 for dues.

I appreciate your cooperation and look forward to hearing from you. Thanks.

Sharon Westerhouse
Secretary

NEWS FROM THE RESTLESS ONES....

In July, we had a wonderful rally at Hesperia. It was like Thanksgiving in July. We had a delicious turkey dinner with all the fixings. The weather was beautiful, and we enjoyed sitting around and relaxing.

August found eight units camping at Hesperia. We had an old fashion picnic with a few raindrops; however, no ants or flies. We had two evenings of campfires and then a rainy night of playing cards in the building. Next weekend, seven units from Restless Ones are heading to Archibald, Ohio and Sauder Village.

BLOSSOMLAND TRAVELERS....

Since I have not written anything all summer I am catching up with this issue. On Memorial weekend, we had five units that camped at Bellevue and enjoyed a wonderful wet weekend to start out the season. Nicole and Dan Mills bought a new trailer, and Dan was able to get most of the weekend off to actually camp with us and enjoy his new trailer! Deb and Dan Gatchell, Gary and Jeanne Hardt, and I all went into Olivet on Friday night and had pizza. Barb and Tom Strzyzkowski came up on Saturday and spend the afternoon and part of the evening. Joe Anderson had a little problem with a deer in Pennsylvania earlier in the month (I don't think the deer survived), and he found out over that weekend that the deer put a hole in one of his gas tanks.

In July, we went to Drews campground in Holland. Some of us were going to the music fountains in Grand Haven on Saturday night, but ended up in a bean bag tournament that went until we could no longer see the bean bags (I mean because it was too dark!!). I don't know if we ever declared a winner. We had seven units join us for the weekend including some guests and had wonderful sunny weather. We were able to enjoy the pool the whole weekend.

Our August rally was on the wettest weekend of the summer. We went to Nub Lake in Niles so people could go tubing down the Dowagiac River. Some of them were able to go on Friday night and that was it. Of course, with all the rain the mosquitoes came out in force and even some of us diehards that sat out in the rain by the campfire had to call it quits for the night because of the mosquitoes. Little Bradley Mills got bit by something, and his eye swelled up. By Sunday morning, Tom and Barb Strzyzkowski had their own little moat around their motor home, and Deb and Dan Gatchell had to go through a lake that formed overnight to get out of their spot. It was more rain than Memorial weekend!

We are looking forward to the All American Rally again this year. It looks like for the first time, in a long time, all members of Blossomland are going to be at this rally. We even have a guest coming for the weekend which brings us up to nine units!!! We always have such a good time, and we try not to get into much trouble. I'm sure this year will not be any different.

Jo Ann Ingraham
Secretary



CALLING ALL SWEETS....

Double Dozen will be doing the cake roulette for both children and adults. So don't forget your favorite cake or goodies. Let's see how many homemade items we can come up with - after all, in "days gone by" everything was homemade. Let's make this the sweetest event ever.

Thanks in advance!!!

Linda
DD President



Bellevue Campground

Rally Schedule:

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:**

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 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 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:

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Montague, MI 49437
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Halloween 2007

BELLEVUE CAMPGROUND

Hosted by: River Raisin and Double Dozen

Friday, October 5: Registration, Payment of Camping Fees, Cider, and Doughnuts.

Saturday, October 6: Pumpkin Carving (bring own pumpkin and supplies)

Costume Judging

Haunted Forest

Tater Wagon

River Raisin is providing the food: Saturday Morning Breakfast

- French toast, sausage, and fruit cups

Lunch/Dinner

- Hot dogs, nachos & cheese, baked bean, and chips

Bring enough candy for approximately 150 children. PLEASE pre-register so we will have enough food for everyone. Duneland Winnies will be selling tickets for their famous taters. Double Dozen would appreciate any suggestions for improvements for the forest.

RALLY FEES DUE SEPTEMBER 29, 2007

LATE FEE \$1.00 PER PERSON

2007 Bellevue Halloween Registration Form

Name _____

Address _____

TTCM # _____ Chapter Name _____

No. of Adults x \$6.00 _____ No. of Children x \$2.00 _____ No. of Teens X \$6.00 _____

Total Amount Enclosed: _____

Make checks payable to TTCM Bellevue Campground

**Mail To: TTCM Bellevue Campground
7418 W. Baseline Highway
Bellevue, MI 49021
(269) 763-3551**

AGENDA
TTCM MEMBERSHIP MEETING
September 2, 2007
Bellevue, Michigan

1. Call to Order
2. Invocation
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Roll Call of Officers and Chapters
5. Treasurers Report
6. Secretary Correspondence and May Meeting Minutes
7. Bellevue Campground Report
 - A. Project Update
 - B. Operational Report
8. Hesperia Campground Report
 - A. Project Update
 - B. Operational Report
9. Teen Report
10. MAL Report
11. Standing Committees
 - A. Campground Planning Committees
 - B. Membership Update
 - C. Election Committee for 2008
12. Old Business
 - A. Approval of New Treasurer
 - B. Camping Fees for 2008
13. New Business
 - A. 2008 All American Rally Sponsor
14. Chapter Comments by Roll Call
15. Open Floor for Comments by Members
16. Comments from Executive Board and Rumor Control
17. Adjournment

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From White Cloud, west 16.5 miles on M-20
Campground on 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 Road to West Baseline Road. East to 16th. Turn left at
stop sign and follow for 1/4 mile.

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