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## TIME TO PAY 2008 DUES

I will be taking the 2008 dues while our new treasurer, Kathleen, gets acquainted with her position. You have until December 31, 2007 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. **New membership fees: \$75.00; Yearly renewal: \$25.00; Reinstatement: \$35.00.**



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

**Sharon Westerhouse  
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Olivet, MI 49076**

We currently have 116 members that have paid their dues; we still have over 200 members that have not paid their dues. I appreciate your cooperation and look forward to hearing from you. Thanks.

*Sharon Westerhouse  
Secretary*

## WELCOME CORNER

We have signed up 24 new members this year. Some have gone into Chapters, while some have stayed MAL's. The following is a breakdown for new members per Chapter: **Blossom Land (2), Double Dozen (1), Duneland Winnies (2), Grand Valley (2), Happy Wanders (1), MAL's (11), Restless Ones (4), and No Chapter Recorded (1).** Lets welcome all new members to the TTCM family, and get ready to show them a good time next season.

*Sharon Westerhouse  
Secretary*



## WELCOME NEW AND RETURNING MEMBERS

Bill and Ronda LeBoeuf  
Roger and Sandy Merkins  
Bruce and Terry Montgomery  
Ronald and Peggy Nas

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*



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## 2008 ALL AMERICAN RALLY

The 2008 All American Rally will be held in Hesperia. The theme will be “The All American Cook-Out.” On Saturday, August 30, there will be a pig roast and a band. Sharon Westerhouse has offered to chair the ten cent auction for both the kids and adults. We will need donations for the ten cent auctions. Nancy Hellman has agreed to chair the cake walk for both the kids and adults. I have someone to help out with the kid’s games; however, I do need someone to chair the event.

I want to thank everyone that has given suggestions for the Rally. A special thank you to Sue and Jim Carney and Deb Seewald. Sue suggested the theme name. Sue and Jim will be bringing a popcorn machine to the Rally. Deb will be ordering the t-shirts. As more plans are made, I will keep everyone informed. Thanks again to all of our camping friends that have offered support and ideas for “The All American Cook-Out.” If you have any ideas for the Rally, please email me at [yodabowling@yahoo.com](mailto:yodabowling@yahoo.com) or call me at 231-861-5101 (evenings and weekends only). I will keep everyone posted as more plans are made.

*Patsy Hilderbrandt*



## FROM THE EDITOR

I would like to begin by apologizing for getting this newsletter out late. I have had some health issues to deal with; however, I guess its better to receive the newsletter late than not at all. Thanks for understanding.

Again, I would like to thank members that have given me such great support this year with the newsletter. I know it has been a bumpy road, but I am looking forward to the off season in order to work out the “bugs.” Therefore, I am needing ALL support from EVERY member! There are three items that I would like to address:

**Item 1:** In the October newsletter, I placed a form for members to fill-out in order to update postal addresses/email addresses to ensure that the newsletters are getting to all members. To date, I have received 40 forms from members; keep in mind that we have over 300 members. It is every member’s responsibility to take five minutes out of their time to fill-out the form and mail it to me. I want to make sure that everyone receives their newsletter. It is costing TTCM money every month when newsletters are returned to me due to wrong addresses.

**Item 2:** During the off season, I will be producing newsletters during the following months: January and February (combined), March and April (combined), May, etc. I am asking that all articles for the newsletter to be sent to me by the 15th of the month. For example, articles for the January/February newsletter should be sent to me by the 15th of December (if possible).

**Item 3:** If any member knows the following people, please have them fill-out a form and mail it to me. These are some of the members that have had their newsletters returned due to wrong addresses: **Richard and Paula Humphrey, Daniel and Johanna Spira, Maurice Clements, and David Young.**

Thanks again!

*Krystine Cole*

*TTCM Editor*



### FROM THE PRES

It's hard to believe the camping season is over. We did have some wonderful weather for the ALL AMERICAN RALLY and the HALLOWEEN weekend. Can you believe the kids at Bellevue enjoyed the waterslide on October 6th. I can remember all kids of bad weather not to many years ago.

This next year is the election year. If you are inclined to run for any office, you need to get your resume in so it can be put into the newsletter early next year. It would be great to have more than one person running for any office. Give it some thought and throw your hat into the ring.

Don't forget to fill-out the address form that was in last month's newsletter! This will help get everyone's info correct. Also, if you have an internet address, ask to have the newsletter sent to you by e-mail.

*Don 011*



### 2008 ELECTIONS

Next year is an election year. The elected offices are: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and both Campground Directors. Members need to start thinking about who wants to run for any of these offices, or who you would like to see run for any office.

Resumes need to be sent to me, postmarked no later than May 1, 2008. These will be published in the June newsletter. Send resumes to:

**Inez Cummings**  
**223 E. Jackson Street**  
**Bellevue, Michigan 49021**

*Inez Cummings*



### RESTLESS ONES

Just a couple of comments about the 2007 All American Rally. Restless Ones had four rigs present. We want to thank the Duneland Winnies for doing a fantastic job! It really is a lot of hard work planning such an event. You guys did a great job. Our club raised \$208 from ticket sales on gifts donated by Caswell & Co. and other members from our club. This money was divided up (\$104) and given to both Bellevue and Hesperia campgrounds. I hope this was shown in the treasurer's report. Our corresponding secretary and family is on their way to Hawaii (lucky dogs). Mary Jaeschke is fighting cancer. Thoughts and prayers are with Mary.

## A WARM HALLOWEEN

It was that for sure! It was a very warm Halloween weekend at Bellevue. We had 61 units on the grounds for a fantastic weekend. The sweat shirts and long pants got put away, and the shorts, tank tops, and sandals came out again.

A lot of the units came in on Thursday. They were greeted by the straw bails and corn stalks around the campground. The hall was all decorated with the usual witches, skulls, scarecrows, and spiders. The Double Dozen members were putting on the finishing touches to the Haunted Forest.

On Friday evening, everyone gathered at the rec. hall to register, pay 2008 dues, and enjoy the donuts and cider. Boy, did we have good donuts! Thanks to Draggin Train for their help with hospitality. The chatter around the tables was about the great weather, even though the humidity was high. It was more like Halloween in July.

On Saturday morning, River Raisin members bombarded the kitchen getting the breakfast ready. They served French toast, sausage, fruit cups, and juice. They did a great job, and the food was excellent.

After breakfast, the kids showed up with their pumpkins in order to carve and decorate them for the contest. We had 37 pumpkins entered into the contest. First place winners included **Elleia Westphal (ages 0 to 4 category)**, **Gary Pearlman and Mitchell Jakey (ages 5 to 8 category)**, **Joey Moore (ages 9 to 12 category)**, and **Corey Sperry (teens)**. They received a pumpkin necklace ribbon! After the pumpkin contest, the kids took off to the water slide to cool off.

Saturday lunch was provided by River Raisin. They served hotdogs, chips, baked beans, and nachos & cheese. We had over 200 people for lunch. Once again, we would like to thank River Raisin for a great job with the food, and getting members through the line. Great team work!

After things calmed down from lunch, the kids were ready to go for the costume contest. The following were the first place winners: **Isabelle Westphal “a butterfly” (ages 0 to 4)**, **Allison Vastine (ages 5 to 8)**, **Jamie Davidson (ages 9 to 12)**, **Shelby Herndon (teens)**, **Bill Fitzpatrick (adult - 1st for the Pabst Blue Ribbon Beer Can)**, and **Steve Cook (adult - 2nd for the Headless Horseman)**.

The 50 - 50 drawing was won by Daryl Westphal for \$179. He donated \$100 back for seed money for next year. While the 70+ kids were trick-or-treating, the judges went around judging the trailer decorating contest. The winners were: **Ron Bootcheck and Lynn Flanagan (#4455, 1st)**, **Jim and Deb Osterman (#4451, 2nd)**, **Jerry and Carol Parsons (#4602, 3rd)**. They were all homemade displays.

I didn't get to the Haunted Forest, but I was told that it was fantastic. All those who walked through it stated that it was exceptionally done. Thanks to Double Dozen as they always do a fantastic job in the woods.

The Duneland Winnies had the chuck wagon fired up and cooked their famous “Taters.” They get better every year. Great eating!!!

Sunday morning came and everyone was getting ready to leave. A few stayed for a day or two in order to enjoy the great weather. The last campout of the season was a great success! Sadly it had to come to an end.

We thank all those who came. To those who didn't make it, you missed a great campout. We hope to see you next year.

*Sharon Westerhouse*



## REMEMBER WHEN?

**May 6, 1978:** Executive Council meeting was held at Ionia. Hesperia property was paid off in full. The final payment of **\$1,024.25** left a balance of **\$397.61** in the land fund. A copy of the mortgage was burned at the All American Rally in Ionia. Land has been offered two miles of I-69 at Bellevue by Mildred Berkemere, to lease to TTCM for **\$250** plus all taxes per year. A committee was formed to check into zoning, water, perk test, and possible lifetime lease.

**September 1978:** Special land fund monies were turned over to Andy Carruth, land fund treasurer. The amount is **\$2,368.31** less the monies returned to donors as previously voted on; for a balance of **\$2,011.46**. It was voted to lease the Berkemere TTCM property for 5 years with option to buy. Terms of the lease are **\$250** per year plus taxes, lifetime camping for Mildred Berkemere, and property of 80 acres is to be called the Berkemere TTCM property. After 5 years, a total of **\$20,000** at 9% interest with payments of **\$1,000** or more per year, plus interest, will be paid. Vote was taken by roll call of officers. 30 voted yes; 17 opposed.

**September 19, 1978:** Berkemere Development report was given by Dick Hamlin of Draggin Train. Main roads will be completed at the property by October 1, 1978. Electric drop is to be installed. Plans are being drawn up for a utility building to house the pump, equipment and electrical switch gear. Plans to hold the counties largest garage sale on the campground site is underway for May 18-19th. We want to make this an annual event for as long as funds are needed for improvements. We have 750 members at this time to donate and help raise funds for electric, dump station, and well.

**November 1978:** Land fund report was given at the Board meeting by land fund treasurer, Joesph Suchy. A balance as of November 4th was **\$2,836.12**. Fred Page made a motion to increase the 1979 dues to **\$10**. It was passed. There are 708 members in TTCM at this time.

**January 1979:** The Blue Water Rovers disbanded as of January 1, 1979, along with Penn's Path Finders and Vacation Land Travelers. The state permit has been issued to the TTCM Berkemere Campground. Consumers power has quoted a price of **\$7,000**.

**May 5, 1979:** Executive Council Meeting. Membership is 560 paid members for 1979, 51 are MALs. In November 1978, we had 708. The debt on the building at Hesperia is paid. Great! Election of officers consisted of: Jim English (president), Dick Hamlin (executive vice president), Ray Owens (first vice president), Jackie Ayers (Secretary), and Fred Page (Treasurer).

**November 1979:** Board of Directors meeting was held at the Sveden House in Lansing. Two Directors were appointed for the properies. Harley Barber for Hesperia and Gene Conklin for Berkemere. Ray Heidt moved that that 1980 dues be raised to **\$12** with **\$1** going to general fund, and **\$1** going to the land fund to help with incurring expenses. Passed. Fred Sage moved that all camping fees be raised to **\$3** per night for both campgrounds. Dick Sherman seconded the motion. Passed.

**December 7, 1979:** James English has a stroke in Texas and has resigned as TTCM President. Dick Hamlin, as Executive Vice President, moves up to TTCM President.

*Sharon Westerhouse*  
Secretary



## **BABY PICTURES**

Dear sewing bee ladies and everyone who gave me gifts,

I can't thank you enough for the wonderful things that you gave to me for my baby. Everything is beautiful and very much needed. Thank you again.

*Felisia Hellman and Amelia K. Poort (Born July 12th, 2007)*

*\*\* I am not able to include the pictures that are going to be added to the newsletter. If you are receiving the newsletter by email, I am unable to scan the pictures in order to include them. Sorry about this.*

*Krystine Cole, Editor*

**ADDRESS FORM**

The end of the camping season is here. Hard to believe that summer is already here and gone. Since it is the end of the season, I am going to work on improving the newsletter in many ways. One way is the mailing and e-mailing of the newsletter. Below, you will see a form that I would like each member to take a moment and fill out. Once completed, please mail this form back to me. This information is for my own personal use for the newsletter. I am asking for updated addresses for next year's newsletters. Hopefully, this will correct the issue of members not receiving the newsletter. I will not guarantee that you will or will not receive the newsletter if you decided not to fill out the form below. Thank you for your time.

*Krystine Cole, Editor*

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## *Bellevue Campground 2008*

**Schedule:****Property Tenders:****April:**

11 - 12     **Campground OPENS**  
 18 - 19     Prairie Dogs and Pups (lower level)  
              Restless Ones (Rec hall)  
              Nature's Nuts (Rec building)  
 25 - 26     OPEN

**May:**

2 - 3        Executive officer's meeting - Bellevue  
 9 - 10        OPEN  
 16 - 17       Raving Rounders (circle & shelter)  
              Restless Ones (rec hall)  
 23 - 25       12th annual pig roast (**Host needed**)  
 30 - 31        OPEN

**June:**

6 - 7        OPEN  
 13 - 14       Double Dozen (building & lower shelter)  
              Garage sell (**need chair-people**)  
 20 - 21        OPEN  
 27 - 28        OPEN

**July:**

4 - 5        Spaghetti outing (**Host needed**)  
 11 - 12        OPEN  
 18 - 19        OPEN  
 21 - 28        FCRV Retirees - 16 to 20 units  
              Building and Rec Hall (Tom and Sharon)  
 25 - 26        OPEN

**August:**

1 - 2        Steak and Corn Roast (**Host needed**)  
 8 - 9        OPEN  
 15 - 16        OPEN  
 22 - 23        OPEN  
 29 - 30        OPEN

**September:**

5 - 6        All American Rally (Hesperia)  
 12 - 13        OPEN  
 19 - 20        OPEN  
 26 - 27        OPEN

**October:**

3 - 4        Halloween Rally (**Host needed**)  
 10 - 11       Restless Ones (rec hall)  
 17 - 18       **Campground Closes**

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## *Hesperia Campground 2008*

**Schedule:****April:**

18 - 20 Wood and Water  
25 - 27 Happy Wanderers

**May:**

2 - 4 OPEN  
9 - 11 Happy Wanderers  
16 - 18 Dragen Wagon/Grand Valley  
23 - 25 Happy Wanderers  
30 - 6/1 OPEN

**June:**

6 - 8 Happy Wanderers  
13 - 15 OPEN  
20 - 22 Restless Ones/GV/HW  
27 - 29 Sewing Bee (6/22 - 6/29): **Building Closed**

**July:**

4 - 6 Happy Wanderers  
11 - 13 Carefree Sams (Smith on the 13th)  
18 - 20 Restless Ones/Grand Valley  
25 - 27 Happy Wanderers

**August:**

1 - 3 OPEN  
8 - 10 Happy Wanderers  
15 - 17 Grand Valley  
22 - 24 Restless Ones/Happy Wanderers  
29 - 31 ALL AMERICAN RALLY

**September:**

5 - 7 OPEN  
12 - 14 Grand Valley/Happy Wanderers  
19 - 21 Sewing Bee (9/14 - 9/21): **Building Closed**  
26 - 28 GM Rounders (Sunday - Thurs. / HW)

**October:**

3 - 5 Carefree Sams  
10 - 12 Grand Valley/Happy Wanderers  
19th Wood and Water

**Property Tenders:****April:**

11 - 13 Settler/Hellman  
Wood/Water  
13 - 21  
20 - 27 McGahan/Rollenhagen  
27 - 5/4 Rollenhagen/McGahan

**May:**

4 - 11  
11 - 18 Hellman/Settler  
18 - 25 Robbins/McGahan  
25 - 6/1 Vandyke/Seawald

**June:**

1 - 8 Smith  
8 - 15 Schwartz/Hellman  
15 - 22 Smith/Carr  
22 - 29 Carpenter/Rillema  
29 - 7/6 Horn/Underwood

**July:**

6 - 13 Bonter/Bonter  
13 - 20 Schwartz/Seawald  
20 - 27 Rogers/Fitzpatrick  
27 - 8/3 Hellman/Settler

**August:**

3 - 10 Schwartz/Vandyke  
10 - 17 Tupper/Schlacher  
17 - 24 Schwartz/Hellman  
24 - 31 Horn/Underwood  
31 - 9/7

**September:**

7 - 14 Annis/Baker  
14 - 21 Carr/Smith  
21 - 28 McGahan/Rollenhagen  
28 - 10/5 Carr/Wells

**October:**

5 - 12 Bonter/Lakatos  
Closing  
18th Settler/Hellman  
Wood/Water

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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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