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TRAVEL TRAILER CLUB OF THE MIDWEST

FROM THE PRESIDENT

With the new camping season coming, we will see changes in the accounting of TTCM accounts. The treasurer will send each campground a computer disc to be used for reports and forms for camping records. We are looking at streamlining all accounting and paperwork. All of this will be discussed at the meeting on Saturday, May 3 at the Bellevue campground.



If your chapter has not sent the president's name or a letter that states that alternate to the secretary to me by March 25, your chapter will not be able to take part in the meeting. This is not a hard job, so lets get it done!

There will be a Pig Roast at Bellevue Campground during Memorial weekend. Ron Bootcheck has volunteered to cook the pig. However, help is needed with other things so everyone can have a good time. Please let Kork know if you can help out. Pitch in so we all can enjoy the pig roast.

Don 011

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

I would like to welcome the following members to TTCM: **GEORGE AND CYNDI BEHLER!!!**
Hope you enjoy your first full year of camping with TTCM. TTCM is glad to have you.

Krystine, Editor



Special points of interest:

- **Unpaid Dues**
- **Pig Roast**
- **Easter Picture**

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FROM THE EDITOR

Each month, I have a couple of members asking to receive the newsletter through e-mail. This is a great way to receive the newsletter...not only do you get the newsletter in color, but you are giving back to the campgrounds. Currently, it costs approximately \$1.00 - \$2.00 per copy. If interested in receiving the newsletter by e-mail, please send me a message at krystinecole@hotmail.com.

If you have an article to be published in the newsletter, I need the articles by the 15th of the month. For example, if you want an article in the May newsletter, I need the article by April 15th. The past couple of newsletters have been held up due to late article submissions. Starting with the April newsletter, I will no longer publish last minute articles. Please keep in mind that it does take some time to create each newsletter. If you have any concerns, please feel free to contact me through e-mail.

Krystine, Editor

**HELLO FROM ALABAMA**

Now that the holidays are over and the winter hum drums are coming to an end, I hope you are all looking forward to getting ready to go to the campgrounds when they open next month. I am looking forward to coming back to Michigan and heading to Bellevue. We will need help at both campgrounds in order to get the grounds ready for camping...as it takes a lot of us to clean the club house, cut wood, set out tables, etc. I hope that some of you are thinking about being a candidate for the upcoming election of officers. It's important to get involved and lend your talents. We need hosts for the various outings that are on the schedule. We need NEW blood, as they say, to take up the gauntlet and go the distance. It's not difficult and there are a lot of folks who will help...just ask!!!

With the gas prices going up, where can you go and stay awhile for \$10.00 a night? We need to give back to our organization and make our campgrounds a very pleasurable place to go with our families. Fun, Fellowship, and Family...these are the three F's of camping. The winter is over and spring is here. Lets have a great, fun season. Please visit your campgrounds, whether if its Bellevue or Hesperia. If you haven't been out to the campground in awhile, now is the time to go and relax.

If any member that you know did not renew their dues, there will be a required reinstatement fee of \$10.00 added to the \$25.00 fee for a total of \$35.00. The dues are to be sent to me and all checks should be made out to TTCM. As of February 1st, we have a total of 282 members. We have 51 members that did not renew their membership.

It's going to be difficult to operate our two campgrounds with this low membership for support. We will need everyone to knuckle down and help anyway you can. Come to the campgrounds, join in, and have great fun. As a member, you own a piece of them and we need YOU. Make time on your calendar for your TTCM. See you at the campgrounds!!!

Sharon, Secretary

MEMBERS THAT HAVE NOT RENEWED THEIR 2008 TTCM DUES

As of February 1st, the following members have not paid their 2008 dues. If you know any of these members, or they are in your chapter, please contact them as they will have to pay the **\$10.00** reinstatement fee along with the **\$25.00** dues if they wish to stay TTCM members. By paying these dues, they will be entitled to vote in the upcoming election and will begin receiving their newsletter again. To date, they are not on the newsletter mailing list.

Grant Anderson, MAL #4599
Marvin Bishop, DT #3773
Robert Blatt, MAL #4453
George Burgtof, RO #4507
Dan Ceijmer, HH #4231
Maurice Clements, RO #1443
Harland Connell, RO #4197
Mary Critchlow, MAL #3881
Harold Crosby, DLW #4458
Amos Daniels, HW #4609
Donald Daunt, HW #4129
Dick Denison, HC #2765
Ken Evans, MAL 4366
Joesph Frazier, HH #4001
David Gerke, DD 4216
Lynn Giffen, MAL 4404
Gerald Gillespie, HW 4080
Dale Hoag, Unknown #4589
George Horn, HW #4336
Douglas Jones, MAL #4540
Curt Koch, DD #4553
Foster Kurburski, MAL #4465
Al (Clair) Lewis, MAL #4410
Hazel Martin, MAL #4342
John Mellem, MAL #4521
Merrit Miers, MAL #4568
Art Mills, Jr, HW #4259
Winfield Mitter III, MAL #4617
Deral Murrie, Jr., HC #3021
Mike Naughton, MAL #4359
Ralph North, MAL #4121
Dick Olsen, RO #4382
Don Phillips, DLW #4457

Von Phillips, DD #4590
Sam Pickard, HH #4079
Gordon Riggs, MAL #4583
Rick Ronning, HW #4597
Russell Ronning, HW #4044
Jerry Sanders, HH #4066
Jack Secondi, MAL #4541
Mike Steenbergh, DD #4275
John H. Stephens, MAL #4528
Pat Story, BL #4544
Harry Underwood, HW #4337
Daren Westphal, DLW #3843
Dwayne Westphal, DLW #4614
Neil Westphal, DLW #4379
Dan Williams, DD #4593
David Young, DLW #4591

REMEMBER WHEN?

1981: Meeting held at Ionia during the All American Rally. Bellevue reported that the holding tank was in, along with water and electric. Over \$2,000 was collected at the rally in raffles, etc. Hesperia reported the barbeque pit was finished and looks beautiful. Memorial service will be held on October 7 at Bellevue for Jim English. Sharon Westerhouse reported that we had 214 units on grounds.

May 1982: Executive Board Meeting held at Bellevue. Dump station is finished. Hills were bulldozed this spring for a cost of \$700. Hesperia bought a John Deer tractor and fogger. The 1983 rally will be held at the Bellevue Campground. This is a primitive rally. There will be electric for the handicap. We will have circus tents for buildings. The last rally at fairgrounds will be in Goshen for 1982. The host chapter will be the Dune Land Winnies with host chairman, Roberto Acuna.

There are no minutes from September 1982 - September 1984. The minutes pick up again at the All American Rally in 1984. If anyone has copies, I would like a copy for the records. - Sharon

1984: The All American Rally was held at the Bellevue Campground with 154 units attending. Harriet Conklin gave the Bellevue report and stated that property tenders are needed. Thanks to Capitol City for the new bathrooms and Happy Hitchers for the bridge. Leo Scnipke reported that Hesperia put in new electric and built a new shuffle board court.

1985: The All American Rally was held at Bellevue with 158 units attending. Cement for the hall is in and a circus tent was used for activities. Members bought tresses for \$75 each and will have a sign in building with their name displayed. We need rumor control badly! Election of officers was held with the following elected:

President - Dick Hamlin

Vice President - Red Jacobs

Secretary - Sharon Westerhouse

Treasurer - Fred Page

Board of Trustees - Gene Conklin for Bellevue

Don Dykema for Hesperia

1986: Officers meeting held at Bellevue, during which the campground planning committee was formed. Deral Murrie was named advisor for all electrical improvements at Bellevue. TTCM dues were raised from \$12 to \$15 a year.

Sharon, Secretary

MAL RALLY IN HESPERIA

MAY 2 - 4

HOSTS: BILL AND BARB DEGROOT
DALE AND DIANNA WIGGERS

Friday, May 2 at 6:00 p.m.

Dinner: Chili and soup, with bread, crackers, and cookies.

Saturday, May 3 from 8:00 - 9:30 a.m.

Breakfast

Saturday, May 3 in the evening

Dinner: BBQ Chicken dinner, coffee, iced tea, lemonade, and dessert.

Enjoy live music on Saturday evening, This will include a mixture of country and gospel for anyone who would like to join us. We are also planning a 50/50 raffle. We are hoping to have enough to do a drawing to win two nights of free camping. We would like any proceeds for this to go towards buying more tables or the brush hog that was being discussed.

COST:

Adults: \$8.00 each

Couples: \$15.00

Kids 5 and up: \$4.00

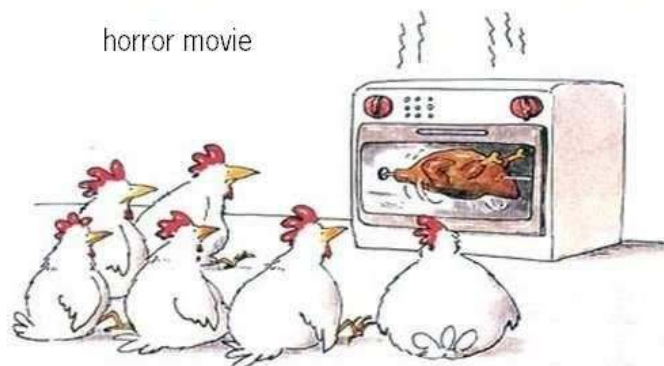
Kids 4 and under: FREE

If interested in attending, please RSVP by April 19th. Money is not due until you arrive at the Rally. Contact the following people to RSVP:

Bill and Barb at (231) 894-6562

Dale and Dianna at (231) 893-8107

Email at wiggersdi@msn.com



12TH ANNUAL PIG ROAST
TTCM Bellevue Campground
May 23 - 26, 2008

What to start the camping season with a bang? Then join us for the 12th Annual Pig Roast at the Bellevue Campground. Cathy, John, and Kork are hosting the weekend event. Ron Bootcheck has volunteered to cook the meat. **However, we could use more volunteers to help with the outing!** Also, camping fees can be paid at the roast.

[Saturday, May 24th at 5:00 p.m.](#)

Dinner will include: Pork, potato salad, coleslaw, apple sauce, rolls, cake, coffee, punch, tea, and condiments. ***Members will be responsible for their own table setting.**

[Saturday, May 24th at 8:00 p.m.](#)

Cash Bingo!!!

[Sunday, May 25th from 8:30 - 10:00 a.m.](#)

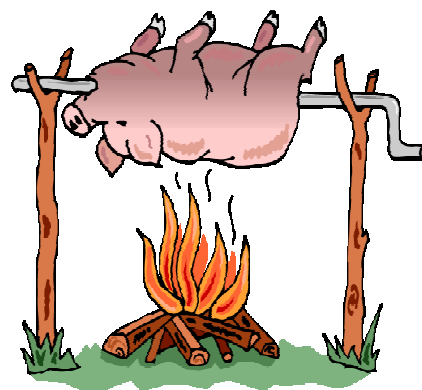
Breakfast...bring your own table setting.

[Sunday, May 25th at 4:30 p.m.](#)

Dinner will include leftovers from Saturday and homemade bean soup. Please bring your own table setting.

[Sunday, May 25th at 8:00 p.m.](#)

Cash Bingo!!!



From May 1 - 16th, you can mail the registration form and money to:

TTCM Bellevue Campground
7418 West Baseline Highway
Bellevue, Michigan 49021
269-763-3551

Please make checks payable to: **TTCM Bellevue Campground**

****After May 16th, please add \$2.00 extra per person!!!**

12th Annual Pig Roast at Bellevue Campground

Name: _____ TTCM Number: _____

of Adults at \$6.50 each: _____ # of Children (12 - under) at \$3.50: _____

of Children (13 - older) at \$6.50: _____

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 Happy Hitchers (Rec. hall)

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 (**Chair-people needed**)
 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 - 20 **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!!!**

HESPERIA CAMPGROUND 2008

Schedule:

Property Tenders:

April:

18 - 20 Wood/Water
 25 - 27 Happy Wanderers

April:

11 - 13 Settler/Hellman
 13 - 21 **OPEN**
 20 - 27 McGahan/Rollenhagen
 27 - 5/4 Rollenhagen/McGahan

May:

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

May:

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

June:

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

June:

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

July:

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

July:

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

August:

1 - 3 **OPEN**
 8 - 10 Happy Wanderers
 15 - 17 Grand Valley
 22 - 24 Restless Ones/Happy Wanderers
 29 - 31 All American Rally

August:

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

September:

5 - 7 **OPEN**
 12 - 14 Grand Valley/Happy Wanderers
 19 - 21 Sewing Bee (14 - 21) **Building Closed**
 Happy Hitchers (19 - 20)
 26 - 28 GM Rounders (Sun - Thurs / HW)

September:

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

October:

3 - 5 Carefree Sams
 10 - 12 Grand Valley/Happy Wanderers
 17 - 19 Wood/Water

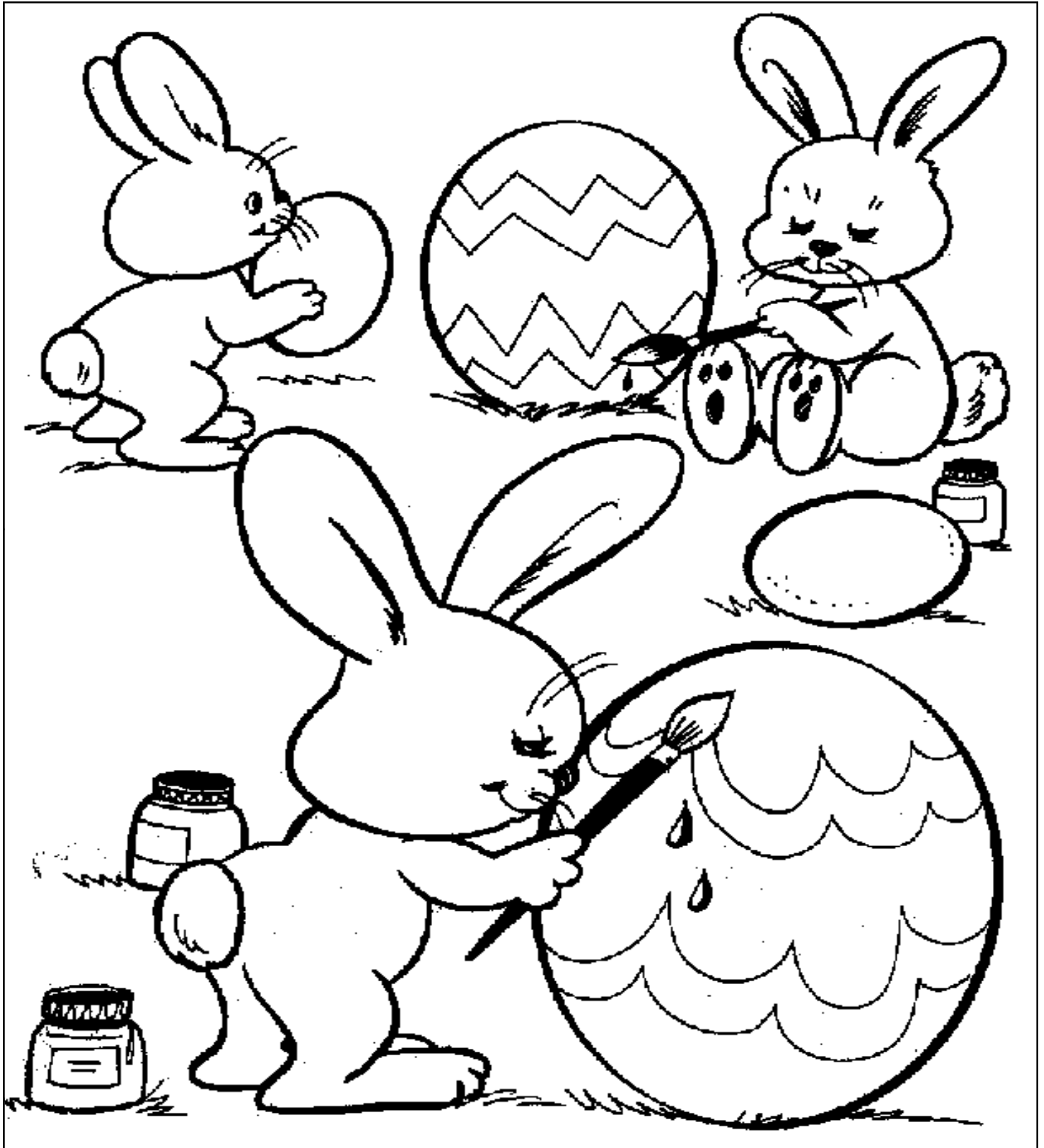
October:

5 - 12 Bonter/Lakatos **CLOSING**
 18th Settler/Hellman

HAPPY EASTER

Since TCM is about families...here is a coloring page for the kids. ENJOY!!!

Krystine, Editor



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

Hesperia Campground: 6777 M-20, Hesperia, MI. 49421. (231) 854-9913.

*From Hesperia, head 3.5 miles west on M-20.

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

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