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TRAVEL TRAILER CLUB OF THE MIDWEST

FROM THE PRESIDENT

With the thought of Spring and camping, don't forget to check for RV, Motor Homes, and Tow Vehicle for safety problems such as Brake-A-Way Switch, Tires (pressures, cracks, or other sidewall damage), Tandem Axles (check links for wear or cracks), Fire Extinguishers, Hitches (check for wear and cracks). A little time doing these things might save you time and money in the end.



Don 011

FROM THE SECRETARY

As you read this, we should be back in Michigan after our Winter in Alabama. It's been a colder winter than we had hoped, but nice...no snow or below temperatures. It's good to be back to springtime in Michigan again. I just wanted to remind the Chapters that I need the names of your Presidents for the voting at the May Officers meeting. I have heard from the following Chapters: Restless Ones, River Raisins, Dune Land Winnies, Double Dozen and MAL (Tom). Either call, write, or email me. I need to know this information! All the Chapters need to have representation. My email address is tandsfourfun@hotmail.com. See you in May!!!



Sharon Westerhouse

IN OUR PRAYERS

We are sad to report that Etola Deisch passed away on the morning of March 7th. Her husband, Harold, past away several years ago. Harold and Etola were TTCM members for over 40 years (Capitol City Campers and Double Dozen) before retiring to Apache Junction, Arizona. Current plans: Etola will be brought back to Michigan in either May or June for burial. Please keep the family in your prayers. If I receive any additional information, I will pass it along.

Krystine Cole



Special points of interest:

- Remember When
- Unpaid 2008 Dues
- MAL Rally in Hesperia

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ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS

This is Election Year! The Elected Offices are as follows: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and both Campground Directors. We need members to step-up and become a candidate for one of the offices. If interested, please send me your resume postmarked before May 1, 2008. We have a wonderful camping club, as well as two beautiful campgrounds. All we need now is for members to take a big step forward and take an office in this club.

Resumes can be sent to: ***Inez Cummings***
223 East Jackson
Bellevue, MI 49021

Inez Cummings

**REMEMBER WHEN**

All American Rally 1986: Millie was given a check for \$1,090 to pay off the Bellevue property. It's now officially ours. The name is now changed from Berkimere to Bellevue Campground. We have 422 members.

1987 Report: We have 407 members. Hesperia is licensed for 80 sites and Bellevue is licensed for 114 sites. Treasurer reported that the general fund contains \$2060.71. Chuck Klinger was elected as Hesperia Director. Mel Hart from Pennsylvania stepped down as MAL representative. Tom Westerhouse was appointed to fill the vacancy.

1988 Officers Meeting: Hesperia reported that \$3500 is needed to do the expansion on the building. The roof on the building is metal now; we want to put on a regular roof instead because of the noise from the rain. Bellevue reported that plans for an electrical house down by the Rec. Hall is underway. Members need to display their TTCM numbers when at the campground. We have 424 members at this time. Chuck Klinger motioned to interject nominating committee under Article XIV Committee #8. This will be the duty of the MAL representative. All American Rally was held at Hesperia with 147 units on grounds.

1989 Officers May Meeting at Bellevue: Joe Anderson gave Treasurers report of \$6,303.30 in general fund. The January Planning Committee meeting reported that the electrical project will cost for the Bellevue campground will cost \$18,000. Clarence Schondelmayer (Big Shu) will loan TTCM \$12,000 with \$600 interest overall. Bellevue has five pedestals around the Rec Hall and across the street with waterlines. Electric project doesn't include downhill behind Rec Hall.

1989 All American Rally at Bellevue: TTCM's 25th Anniversary was hosted by Conklin and Westerhouse. There were 192 units on grounds. This is the biggest All American Rally since being held at our two campgrounds. Election officers were announced: President (Tom Westerhouse), Vice President (Ray Owens), Secretary (Sharon Westerhouse), Treasurer (Sherrie Murrie - decided by secret ballot), Bellevue Director (Gene Conklin). Chuck Klinger resigned as Hesperia Director. A special meeting was held in Hesperia to elect a new Director. Gordon Vink was elected from five candidates.

Sharon Westerhouse

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
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
David Gerke, DD 4216
Lynn Giffen, MAL 4404
Gerald Gillespie, HW 4080
Dale Hoag, Unknown #4589
George Horn, HW #4336
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
Gordon Riggs, MAL #4583
Rick Ronning, HW #4597
Russell Ronning, HW #4044
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

DOUBLE DOZENS: ADULTS NIGHT OUT

A total of 68 people and 17 vehicles registered for the Road Rally. These counts don't include the police departments of Garden City and Novi or Homeland Security, who also played a part in our evening (Never take a picture of an American Flag at a military recruiting center!)

The first place team earned 44 points. They opened all the envelopes correctly, completed every extra credit and arrived at the final destination around 8:15 p.m. Each person received \$15, a 1st place ribbon and button, along with the scratch off tickets purchased at 7-11. A nice 30th birthday gift for one of their team members! Second place received \$5.00 each and a second place button. Third place actually tied for second (shortest mileage the deciding factor); they received a third place button and had the pleasure of the police accompaniment. One team never found the final destination and went home. The last place team received a whopping -3 points. They got the booby prize of a compass, Michigan map, and a boob sucker for each person in their car. One car had a flat tire and never arrived at the starting point. We also collected 50-50 with the winner receiving \$85.00. Out of fourteen stops, Novi Bowl was the only business that had a problem with us. The owner called me at home; thanks to whoever gave him my name and number!

We appreciate the great feedback. If we do it again, we will seal the envelopes with water, not glue. It was the first road rally for many participants, and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. The weather cooperated and it turned out to be a fun evening of pool, live music and dancing, and of course food and drink. We will try to get the pictures up and running at the next outing. Thank you for attending Adults Night Out!

Place	Team #	Team Name	Points
1	2	Fredrich / Sarb	44
2	11	Smallwood / Wives	38
3	19	Pierpoint / Howe	38
4	8	Hicks / Donahue	35
5	4	Modelski / Mullins	34
6	7	Collins / Merriman	34
7	1	Andrea Fields	31
8	5	Alm / Vella	31
9	18	Azarias / Husbands	26
10	14	Andrea S.	23
11	6	Hicks / Farah	22
12	12	May / Mullins	22
13	20	Leopald / Myers	19
14	9	Powell	18
15	13	Dawn Fields / Stocks	-3
16	3	Howe / Wiseman	
17		Amanda Stocks	



ATTENTION MAL MEMBERS

I would like to have a meeting for MAL members during the Pig Roast at Bellevue over Memorial Weekend. I will not be able to attend the MAL Rally at Hesperia as I have to be at the Officers Meeting in Bellevue that weekend. By that time, my unit will already be at Bellevue as we will be back from Alabama. I hope we can get a turnout of MALs that weekend so we can discuss our duties at the All American at Hesperia, and your concerns to be voiced at the general membership meeting at the rally. Hope to see you then.

Tom Westerhouse

MAL Representative

BLOSSOMLAND TRAVELERS

I am ashamed to say that I haven't written since last August. I've been meaning to tell everyone what a wonderful time we had at the All American. Duneland Winnies put on a great rally. The magnetic picture frames were such a unique gift. Loved all the food, and the outdoor movie was much fun. It was great to have a band and dancing back at the rally. Blossomland has always enjoyed music. The women with Double Dozen sure helped in making the weekend enjoyable and very relaxing. Anyone that missed the rally missed a good time.

Blossomland's Vice President, Dan Mills, is on his second tour of duty in Iraq. Please keep him, his wife (Nicole), and children (Chloe, Bradley, and Baby #3 due in July) in your thoughts and prayers. We have two new families in Blossomland: Dave and Deb Slavicek and Scott and Bonnie Dejay. They will learn fast that some of the people in our group play a mean game of bean bag and are very competitive.

Camping season can't come soon enough. It certainly seems like this has been a long winter. I can't wait to see SUNSHINE again.

Jo Ann Ingraham

Blossomland Secretary

TTCM WINTER TEXANS

We met at Kings Buffet, Mission, Texas on February 26, 2008. The following people were present: Bob and Keva Simons, Ralph and Pat North, Dave and Sue Meyers, and Mick and Ruth Putney. We had a good visit and ate like true TTCM folks. We will meet at the same place and time in 2009 at 1:00 p.m. We continue to hope more TTCM members will join us, should they be down here. Contact any one from above with questions. We are looking forward to the upcoming camping season.

Mick and Ruth Putney



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

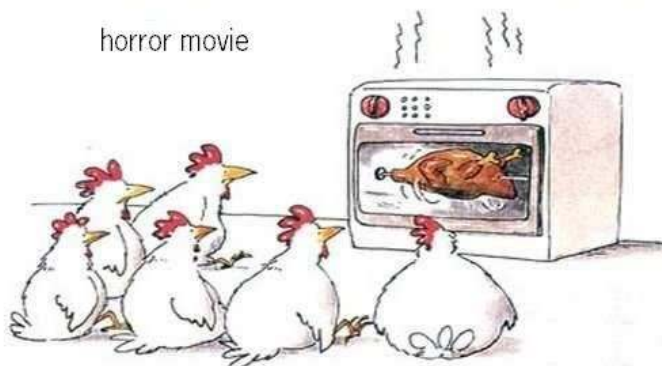
Kids 4 and under: FREE

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 wiggersdl@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.](#)

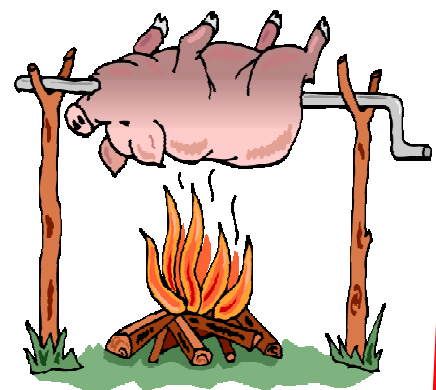
Breakfast...bring your own table setting.

[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)
 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

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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 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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