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TRAVEL TRAILER CLUB OF THE MIDWEST

FROM THE PRESIDENT

The camping season is underway. With the fuel prices going up and up, it will be costly to drive far. One thing you can do is to take your RV to one of our campgrounds in order to see old friends and make new ones. Also, you could learn a new card game or play Mexican dominoes. Remember when you have finished camping, you can leave your RV in storage free of charge until the next time you go camping again.



If you choose to leave your RV onsite, you will be charged. The fees for onsite is as follows:

- Sunday - Thursday: \$2.00 a day
- Friday - Saturday: \$10.00 a day

What a way to spend your summer and enjoy your investments in your RV and TTCM.

Don 011

WELCOME CORNER

TTCM would like to welcome our newest members, Frank and Joan Verburg, to our camping club. Also, they are the first ones to become members for 2008!!! We look forward to seeing you this camping season.

**W e l c o m e
F r a n k a n d J o a n
V e r b u r g.**

Sharon Westerhouse

NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL

The camping season is off and running. Currently we have 70 members receiving the newsletter by email and 194 members receiving the newsletter by postal mail. This summer, postage is going up again. I try to use coupons (whenever possible) when making photocopies of the newsletter; however, the cost is still going up. Currently, it's approximately \$1.25 to \$2.00 a newsletter per member to have mailed out. As a TTCM member, why not sign up to receive the newsletter by email and help TTCM use that money towards improvements for the campgrounds. If you are interested in receiving the newsletter by email, you can send me an email at krystinecole@hotmail.com. Every little bit counts...will you help?

Krystine Cole



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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**

May 1990 - Officer's Meeting: Our membership total is 397. We are losing members after one year. The board proposed to raise dues to \$20.00 a year for 1991. On June 1st, camping fees will be raised to \$5.00 a night.

Bellevue report: Nothing will be done until the electrical is paid. \$12,000 was borrowed from Big Shu. \$4,200 was borrowed from the land fund (to be paid back). \$1,000 was borrowed from Hesperia and paid back. \$1,000 was paid to Big Shu leaving a balance of \$15,000 yet.

Hesperia report: We have 37 loads of sand around the building and will have it leveled by rally time. We had 73 units for opening of campground.

May 1991 - Officer's Meeting: Secretary, Sharon Westerhouse, reported that as of this date we have 384 members. We need to change the name of "land fund" to something else as we have no intention of buying more land. Need suggestions for name of this account. Liz VerPlank moved to take the cake roulette profits and split between the two campgrounds, 1/2 and 1/2 to be used for recreation at the campgrounds. Seconded and passed.

September 2, 1991 - General Membership Meeting: Hesperia made \$1,400 on the garage sale. New roof will cost \$5,778. We hope to transfer sites by the ball park to back of building. New MAL representative is Inez Cummings. We had a great rally with 155 units on grounds. The 1992 All American will be at Hesperia. Chairpersons are Liz VerPlank and Sharon Westerhouse. A chairman is needed for the garage sale in October at Bellevue.

May 1992 - Officer's Meeting: Treasurer reported that TTCM has a total of \$26,057.75 in all accounts. Hesperia reported that a new booth for the phone was donated with a bell in the building. Bellevue reported that there is a balance of \$5,850 left on the electrical bill owed to Big Shu. We need property tenders!! We need to support our campgrounds more. All rumors need to be controlled. Thanks to Kerry and Alyce DeVore for a great job on the newsletter.

Sharon Westerhouse

ATTENTION CHAPTER PRESIDENTS

The minutes of the May Officer's Meeting will be mailed to you around the first part of June. I will probably have them ready at that time. They will also be ready for the June 15th deadline for the July newsletter.

This is why it is important to have the correct addresses of the Presidents.

Sharon Westerhouse

BAKE SALE

Double Dozen will be having a bake sale at its Anniversary Outing in Bellevue during the weekend of June 14th. Be sure to stop by for lots of homemade goodies courtesy of some of TTCMs best bakers!



ATTENTION MEMBERS

We have received several renewals, and I am hoping that more of the 45 members that have dropped will renew their dues for 2008. I will give each campground director a list of those unpaid members for their records.

I am up-to-date on my order for badges. They will be coming in soon, and I will get them in the mail to the new members that have joined since September. Thanks to all for your patience this winter.

Sharon Westerhouse

NEWS FROM THE NORTH

Nope, we haven't forgotten about all of our friends with TTCM. Staying in touch with the important people, our friends, in our lives is challenging. We're looking forward to seeing everyone again at the first campout (providing that I can get that tarp off and the dust wiped away).

We had great rallies last year considering the price of gas, which will probably hurt us again this year. We mostly camped at Hesperia in 2007. Some of our members don't have rigs anymore, and the ones that do can't pull them. Some of our favorite spots were at White Cloud and North of Scottville. Some of our meals at our rallies were Swiss Steak Dinner that Russ Ronning and his committee put on, the good old potlucks, the corn roast done by the Vanderveldes and Rose Perry and helpers, and chili supper that the MALs put on in September. How about that Halloween Rally? What a great bunch of kids dressed up in the scariest, cool, and gorgeous costumes I've ever seen. Lots of games for the kids along with the treats, too!

Happy Wanderers met in November at the VFW in Montague for the All-You-Can-Eat Fish Dinner. There were about 35 members. In January, we met at Sullivan Twp. Hall for finger food and games. There were about 35 members. In February, we met at Montague VFW for a Steak Fry. We only had the Vanderveldes, Leo Strandberg, Leona Hershberger, and myself. Our organizational meeting was held in March at Sullivan Twp. Hall. The crowd was small because many members were still in warmer weather. However, we were able to get the 2008 schedule in place. We need volunteers to fill-in the gaps. If there is a special rally that you would like to take, let us know.

Happy Wanderers would like to thank everyone who helped put on the Rallies last year. We look forward to another fun-filled camping season.

Ruth Heimann

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

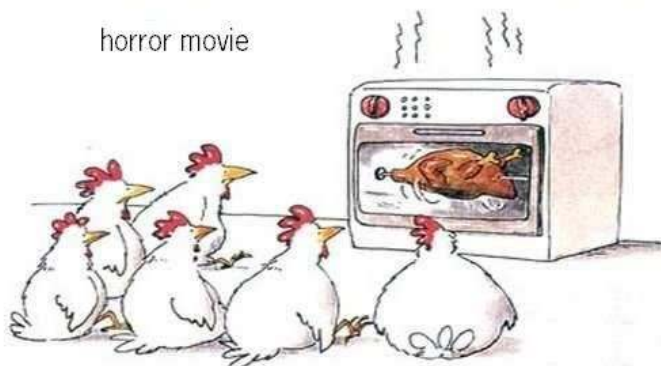
Kids 4 and under: FREE

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.](#)

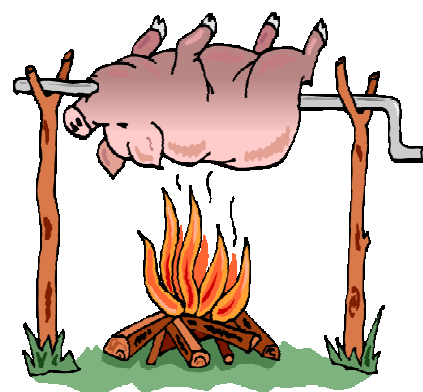
Breakfast...bring your own table setting.

[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:*****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:

April:

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 (22 - 29) **Building Closed**

July:

4 - 6 Happy Wanderers
 11 - 13 Carefree Sams (Smith on 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 (14 - 21) **Building Closed**
 Happy Hitchers (19 - 20)
 26 - 28 GM Rounders (Sun - Thurs / HW)

October:

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

Property Tenders:

April:

20 - 27 McGahan/Rollenhagen
 27 - 5/4 Rollenhagen/McGahan

May:

4 - 11 **OPEN**
 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

September:

31 - 9/7 **OPEN**
 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

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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.

Please Visit Our Associate Members:

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