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**TRAVEL TRAILER CLUB OF THE MIDWEST**

## **FROM THE PRESIDENT**

### **FLASH: NEW MONTHLY RATE**

The Executive Board has approved a \$240.00 rate for camping. This rate must be paid in full when you start your month. Check with the campground director for more information. This will be only for this season. If it is successful, it could be extended for next year or even longer. The board meeting was well attended. Only one chapter did not attend. There was some agreements and some disagreements. Everything will work out in the end. If you use the internet and have not signed up to receive the club newsletter, PLEASE DO SO NOW!!!

*Don 011*

## **FROM THE EDITOR**

At last years membership meeting, I addressed the issues for mail/email addresses and some rudeness from TTCM members. In order to correct these issues, during the off-season I placed address forms in the newsletters asking ALL members to take a moment and fill-out this form. This was to make sure that I received proper information on how members wanted to receive their newsletters. Approximately 80% of the forms were filled-out and mailed to me. However, I am still encountering issues with members. I receive approximately 3-5 rude, vulgar complaints each month from members on how they receive the newsletter or not receive the newsletter. Currently, I have not reported these members to the President; however, THIS WILL CHANGE. This treatment that I receive each month from some members is causing me to rethink my position. I give every effort each month to produce the newsletter. I understand that there is going to be some one who is not happy, but I should not have to listen to rude, vulgar voice messages or emails. When we joined TTCM, we were looking for a safe, friendly environment that we could take our children to for weekend outings. Any more, there is nothing but the rude, bickering taking place.

At this time, I will continue to produce the newsletters. I will begin to forward all rude messages/emails to the President. If there is any member who is unhappy with my role as Editor and would like to take on the position, please notify the President and Secretary. I will step aside without conflict.

At the end of the newsletter, you will find an address change form. Please fill this form out if your information has changed, if you would like to receive the newsletter in another manner from which you receive the newsletter now, or hand the form to a member that is not receiving the newsletter at all. Thank you for your help in this matter. I hope this may clear up any issues so we can all enjoy camping again!

*Krystine Cole*

**RESUMES FOR 2008 ELECTION**

The following resumes are for TTCM members that are interested in elected officials. There are two members who would like to be considered as a write-in on the ballots. These will be listed at the end.

**Resumes for President Position:**

## 1. Dick Hamlin, #006

I would like to ask each member of TTCM to consider voting for me for President of TTCM. I joined TTCM in the 60's and my TTCM number was 1690. I was elected to the office of Vice President in the mid 70's. I held that office until our President, Jim English (005), died suddenly. I finished his term of office and was reelected and held the office of President for 9 1/2 years. A promotion at work required that I not seek reelection in 1989. While President, I negotiated the lease of the Bellevue Property. When the five-year lease option came due, and we did not have the money to pay the balance due, I came up with a plan to raise the money with the Duneland Winnies and we paid off the note with cash. We did not lose any of the money we had already invested in the campground. Each member was asked to donate \$35.00 and over 75% of them did. That allowed us to have the cash to pay off the option. Since then, I have been involved in each phase of development of the campground and have done what ever needed to be done. As your President for 9 1/2 years, one of my main thoughts for TTCM was to ***“Keep it family, Keep it cheap as possible, Everyone have fun.”*** One other thing you can take to the bank is that if I say I will do something, I will do it. I will not say what you want to hear and then do something else. I would like to thank you in advance for considering me for your vote for the position of President of TTCM.

## 2. Jim Osterman, #4456

Summary of Qualifications: Manufacturing professional with over thirty years of experience in Plant Supervision, Materials Management, and Office Administrations. I am currently Vice President of TTCM. I have served on many different boards, in various capacities, in the community and at my local church. I am a current member of Duneland Winnies Chapter. Education: Bachelor Degree - General Studies from Indiana University Northwest. Personal: Debbie (wife), four children, and four grandchildren.

**Resumes for Vice President:**

## 1. Bill Rollenhagen

I grew up in Muskegon and worked there in the office furniture business for 40 years. During this time, I was a lead person for 25 years. Also, I was Vice President of the Port City Beagle Club and a groundskeeper. Kathy and I have been married for 40 years this year and have a daughter and grandson living in Muskegon and our daughter-in-law and grandson live in Chicago. Our son died four years ago. Since retiring in 2005, we have moved to the Traverse City area. We have traveled and enjoyed camping for over 40 years.

**Resumes for Secretary**

## 1. Sharon Westerhouse

I am your current TTCM Secretary. I have been a member of TTCM for 33 years. I am married to Tom Westerhouse, who was President of TTCM in the early nineties. I held the office of Secretary when I was working and a lot younger in the late eighties and into the nineties. I agreed to be a write-in for the last election although reluctant, hoping for someone younger to step forward. Since elected, I have cleaned up the old files and preserved the minutes of TTCM. I have enjoyed doing the records and getting to know the new members. Many of you know me and know how dedicated I am to TTCM and its preservation. TTCM needs to grow and stay strong and needs dedicated members to work for that end whether they be young or older members. I have agreed to become a candidate for Secretary in this upcoming election. Please exercise your privilege and vote in this election. All candidates need your support. Thank you.

**Resumes for Treasurer:****1. Kathleen (Kathy) Rollenhagen**

I was raised in North Muskegon. I have a Degree in Accounting and worked in the office furniture industry for 21 years in Accounts Receivable and Payable. During this time, I worked with offices in 23 different states and helped them balance their bank accounts along with their books and invest the money for the company. Also, I worked for 7 years as office manager of a corporate office in Muskegon for Farm Bureau Insurance. Bill and I have been married for 40 years this year and have a daughter and two grandsons. Our son is deceased. We are now retired and live in the Traverse City area. We both enjoy camping and the outdoors. I was appointed Treasurer during the last year after Christine had to resign. I have been working on new forms to try to simplify the accounting for the campgrounds from the Property Tender's to the Director's.

**Resumes for Director of the Bellevue Campground:****1. John Schultz**

I would like to run again for Bellevue Campground Director. I was director from 1997 thru 2003. I feel that I would like to see if I could offer some new ideas.

**2. Kork Wielinga**

I am a candidate for reelection as Director of the Bellevue Campground. I have served as Director of the campground for six years and property tender since 1990. I am very familiar with the utilities, mechanical, electrical operations, and the administrative duties. I enjoy being the director and would like to have your support in the election.

**Resumes for Director of the Hesperia Campground:****1. Phil McGahan**

I, Phil (Lefty) McGahan, would like to have the privilege to run for the position of Camp Ground Director for TTCM Hesperia. Delores (Dee) and I were married 40 years ago and have lived in Hesperia with our children and grandchildren ever since. We have been a member of TTCM since 2000, and enjoy camping with family and friends very much. I worked at Knoll Inc. for 37 years and retired in 2006. I enjoy being outdoors and working at the campground doing the basic every week things like mowing, trimming, working on the paths, blowing leaves, and visiting with the other campers and helping them. I have worked on many of the wood cuttings. We have met a lot of very wonderful friends! We do know many of the campers who have camped at Hesperia as we do Property Tender many weeks thru out the summer. I do have some ideas to improve our campground and to try to get some new members into TTCM, along with keeping current members. Living in this area all my life, I do know who to get a hold of, if any problems arise from campground problems to also helping some with their campers.

**2. Jerry Settler**

Summary of Qualifications: I have been director since Robert Perry passed away in 2005. I was elected for three years of which I have one year left to fill. Work Experience: I am retired from Howmet and the Michigan National Guards and have been campground director for 2 plus years. Education: High School graduate plus military classes for Leadership. Extracurricular Activities: None.

**Resumes for Write-Ins:****1. Ray Hilderbrandt, Sr. (Write-in candidate for Treasurer)**

Please let me introduce myself. My name is Ray Hilderbrandt Sr. I'm running for the office of TTCM Treasurer as a write-in. I'm sorry that I didn't submit a resume, but I didn't decide to run for this office until this week-end. I've been retired from Dana Corporation for the past two years. I was second and third shift foreman in the dyno lab, where engines were tested. My education consists of graduated Muskegon High School in 1959, attended Muskegon Business College (now Baker College) for two years pursuing a Business Administration Degree. After serving four yrs in the United States Army, returned to Muskegon in 1963 where I lived for 7 yrs. prior to moving to the home that I built in 1970 in Rothbury. Current member of American Legion Post #69 Whitehall, MI. Former Boy Scout leader for several yrs, 4-H Leader teaching dog obedience and working with Leader Dogs for the Blind, and foster parent for 13 yrs in Oceana County. I've served as Secretary-Treasurer on several different bowling leagues including a 'traveling league'. I am currently Treasurer at TTCM Hesperia. Please consider me for the office of TTCM Treasurer when you vote. Thank you!

**2. Ray Hilderbrandt, Jr. (Write-in candidate for Vice President)**

Please let me introduce myself, my name is Ray Hilderbrandt Jr. I'm running for the office of TTCM Vice President as a write-in. I'm sorry that I didn't submit a resume sooner, but I didn't decide to run for this office until this past week-end. A little bit about myself, I am retired Air Force, serving my country for 20 years in the Fleet Management and Transportation area. I have also been the Director of Security for the Lakes Mall in Muskegon, Mi. I am currently employed as a Supervisor with the Department of Homeland Security, Transportation Security Administration, at the Muskegon County Airport. In this position I am responsible for supervising officers performing pre-board security screening of persons and their baggage. I am a member of the American Legion Post #69 Whitehall, MI and the Disabled American Vets (DAV) chapter #11 in Muskegon, MI. My wife Brenda and I reside in Rothbury, MI. Please consider me for the office of TTCM Vice President when you vote. Thank you!

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**BY-LAWS UPDATE**

The following five people volunteered and was approved by the President at the May Officers Meeting to be on the By-Laws Committee: Dick Hamlin 006, Harold Henry 010, Inez Cummings 3578, Kork Weling 4055, and Bill Rollenhagen 4437. We will review the By-Laws and make the needed changes to them to comply with how we are doing business at this time. When the By-Laws were last reviewed (September 6, 2004), a moratorium of five years was put on any changes to them. By the time they will be voted on, the five year period will have passed.

All suggested changes from the membership will be discussed by the Committee. Each one will require three votes from the Committee to be taken to the Officers Meeting in May 2009. We are looking for your input to make suggestions for things we should address. At the July 4th outing at Bellevue and at the All American Rally in Hesperia, there will be at least three members of the Committee waiting to hear your input to the proposed By-Law changes. Time and place will be posted.

The By-Laws Committee will be holding a meeting on Monday, September 1, 2008 after the All American Rally in Hesperia for possible finalization. Final meeting to be held in the Spring of 2009. We have asked Sharon Westerhouse (TTCM Secretary) to join us in meetings as an advisor due to her extensive By-Law knowledge, with no vote.

*Inez Cummings, Chairperson*

**WELCOME NEW AND RETURNING TTCM MEMBERS**

TTCM would like to welcome the following new and returning members:

Steven and Carol McNeil  
Deral and Sherry Murrie, Jr.  
Dennis and Kristi Peacock  
Patrick and Gay Story  
Chet and Linda Young

**ATTENTION MEMBERS**

It was voted on at the may meeting in Bellevue that a TTCM Office was needed at the Hesperia Campground. Any one who has any ideas please contact me at the campground at:

**Bill Rollenhagen**  
**PO Box 115**  
**Copemish, MI 49625**  
**(231) 378-4563**  
**brollenhagen@aol.com**

**MAL RALLY**

We would like to thank everyone that took part in the MAL Rally that was held May 2nd - 4th in Hesperia. We had a wonderful time planning and preparing the meals. Most of all, we enjoyed the fellowship and friendships that were made. We are so grateful to have found a nice place to camp with such an awesome facility. I would like to thank all those that were involved with getting something like this going all those years ago. We feel very blessed.

Thanks again!!!

*Dale and Dianna Wiggers & Bill and Barb DeGroot*

**GREAT JOB WITH MAL RALLY**

Our new 2007 TTCM members, Bill and Barb DeGroot & Dale and Dianna Wiggers, did a GREAT JOB with the MAL Rally in Hesperia on May 2nd - 4th!

The homemade bread, soup, and other foods were delicious. Plus the music was great. Anyone who wasn't there sure missed out.

After dinner on Saturday, it was decided that the MAL's will purchase two more floor mats for the kitchen and a new picnic table for TTCM - Hesperia.

Again, GREAT JOB!!!

*Kathy Rollenhagen*



TTCM ALL AMERICAN RALLY AT HESPERIA
August 29 - September 1, 2008
Preregistration Deadline: August 1, 2008

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter Name: \_\_\_\_\_ TTCM # \_\_\_\_\_ Type of Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

Length: \_\_\_\_\_ Expando: \_\_\_\_\_ Handicap Area Needed: \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO

Type of Handicap Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Adults: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Teens: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Children: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Child/Teen: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated Arrival Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Rally Fee Paid: \_\_\_\_\_

Rally Fee: \$25.00 Preregistration (\$15.00 for Single Members) or \$30.00 at the Gate. Parking per night will be \$10.00 that will be collected upon arrival (\$2.00 per night unoccupied).

Deadline for Preregistration will be enforced!!! Registration after deadline will be placed in HOB0 Parking in Overflow Area. Preregistration will be refunded if you are not able to attend.

For Your Records:

Make Checks Payable to TTCM. Mail Upper portion of form along with Rally Fees to:

Brenda Hilderbrandt
2841 W. Cleveland Rd
Rothbury, MI 49452

Check Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Sent Form Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**BELLEVUE CAMPGROUND 2008**Schedule:Property Tenders:**June:**

6 - 7	<b>OPEN</b>
13 - 14	Double Dozen (building/lower shelter) Garage sell ( <b>Chair-people needed</b> )
20 - 21	<b>OPEN</b>
27 - 28	<b>OPEN</b>

**July:**

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

**August:**

1 - 2	Steak and Corn Roast ( <b>Host needed</b> )
8 - 9	<b>OPEN</b>
15 - 16	<b>OPEN</b>
22 - 23	<b>OPEN</b>
29 - 20	<b>OPEN</b>

**September:**

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

**October:**

3 - 4	Halloween Rally ( <b>Host needed</b> )
10 - 11	Restless Ones (Rec. hall)
17 - 18	<b>Campground Closes!!!</b>

## HESPERIA CAMPGROUND 2008

### Schedule:

### Property Tenders:

#### *May:*

30 - 6/1	OPEN	25 - 6/1	Vandyke/Seawald
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#### *June:*

6 - 8	Happy Wanderers	1 - 8	Smith
13 - 15	OPEN	8 - 15	Schwartz/Hellman
20 - 22	Restless Ones/GV/HW	15 - 22	Smith/Carr
27 - 29	Sewing Bee (22 - 29) <b>Building Closed</b>	22 - 29	Carpenter/Rillema
		29 - 7/6	Horn/Underwood

#### *July:*

4 - 6	Happy Wanderers	6 - 13	Bonter/Bonter
11 - 13	Carefree Sams (Smith on 13th)	13 - 20	Schwartz/Seawald
18 - 20	Restless Ones/Grand Valley	20 - 27	Rogers/Fitzpatrick
25 - 27	Happy Wanderers	27 - 8/3	Hellman/Settler

#### *August:*

1 - 3	OPEN	3 - 10	Schwartz/Vandyke
8 - 10	Happy Wanderers	10 - 17	Tupper/Schlacher
15 - 17	Grand Valley	17 - 24	Schwartz/Hellman
22 - 24	Restless Ones/Happy Wanderers	24 - 31	Horn/Underwood
29 - 31	All American Rally	31 - 9/7	OPEN

#### *September:*

5 - 7	OPEN	7 - 14	Annis/Baker
12 - 14	Grand Valley/Happy Wanderers	14 - 21	Carr/Smith
19 - 21	Sewing Bee (14 - 21) <b>Building Closed</b>	21 - 28	McGahan/Rollenhagen
	Happy Hitchers (19 - 20)	28 - 10/5	Carr/Wells
26 - 28	GM Rounders (Sun - Thurs / HW)		

#### *October:*

3 - 5	Carefree Sams	5 - 12	Bonter/Lakatos <b>CLOSING</b>
10 - 12	Grand Valley/Happy Wanderers	18th	Settler/Hellman
17 - 19	Wood/Water		

**ADDRESS FORM**

If you have any changes to your mailing address or email address, please take a moment to fill-out this form. If you know of any member that is not receiving the newsletter, please have them fill-out this form. Thank you!

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   **Brownstown, MI 48183**

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Chapter/Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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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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