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FROM THE PRESIDENT-

As you all know the election is over. Dick Hamlin as president, Bill Rollenhagen as vice president, Sharon Westerhouse as secretary, Kathleen Rollenhagen as treasurer, Jerry Steller as Hesperia director and John Schlutz as Bellevue Director.

I am pleased to tell everyone that Blossomland will host the 09 rally. The 08 rally was blessed with great weather. There were 71 units who enjoyed the rally. Everyone had a good time. Thanks to all the hard work by those who worked so hard to make it a great success.

The next TTCM event will be Halloween at both campgrounds. Join in on the fun for the kids and adults.

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*FROM RAY AND BRENDA HILDERBRANDT JR
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Dear TTCM Members

We would like to congratulate the new incoming board and wish them well. Also we would like to thank everyone for a wonderful and fun rally over the Labor Day weekend.

Thanks to everyone who pitched in and helped to make a great weekend.

Ray and Brenda Hilderbrandt Jr.

FROM DOUBLE DOZEN-

Well, the August Mystery outing was great fun despite the rainfall that threatened to 'dampen' our 'spirits' during the Tropical Drink contest! Those in attendance for the outing were the Montgomery's, O'Dell's, Gerke's, Alm's, Lloyd's, Steenbergh's, May's, Dexter's, Pearlman's, a Vella and a Modelski. Campers arrived at Walnut Hills Campground in Durand to be greeted by hosts Gayla and Bruce Alm where we received a colorful agenda decorated with foam flip-flops detailing the weekend's Tropical-themed

festivities. It was great to have Danielle and Myles Dexter as they arrived with a new tow vehicle! Now we'll be able to see them at other non-Bellevue outings.

Hospitality and fellowship was shared Friday night among the Double Dozen clan. Keeping the tradition of hospitality was some acoustic entertainment by Lauren Alm. (She's NINETEEN now folks—how time flies!) Lauren treated us to a few original songs that she both wrote and performed for us. A very powerful song she calls, "My Brother's Song" is about how proud she is of her brother Mark Alm, serving in the Marines, and how she misses him and how Mark is never far from her thoughts. That song brought a tear to more than one camper's eye! What a rare treat to be exposed to some exceptional talent!

On Saturday morning, we were visited by the campground's 'Sheriff.' Complete with cowboy hat and shiny badge, we were informed that our neighbors in tents didn't appreciate the laughs and witticisms shared at the campfire. Of course, it could've been the retort by Dan O'Dell telling the rude neighbor to, "Tell the Ranger!" I guess we're fortunate that we camp in travel trailers and aren't exposed to all the late-night noises that are prevalent in campgrounds. After the law left, Gayla Alm provided a lovely craft for the ladies and coloring for the 6 kids in attendance. Eleven of the ladies adorned Flip flops with brightly-colored lieu flowers and some special 'bling' rhinestones. Emma Dexter was especially tickled when her grandma, Christine May, gave new life to her worn princess flip-flops with some of the leftover dazzling jewels.

The rest of the afternoon was spent at our leisure. Six of the men went golfing. A few members opted to swim in the pond and play in the grassy meadow while others chose to visit, play board games, try out new cocktail recipes and go shopping.

Three of the men shot 9 holes and returned to the campground, leaving Dan O'Dell, Mike Steenbergh and Dave Gerke to finish another round of 9 holes. A sober Bruce Alm promised to return to the golf course and get them when they were finished. However, the last 9 took a bit longer as the 'Tres Amigos' huddled under a tree while being barraged with hail and heavy downpours. Russ May commented that perhaps the trio had wandered into the driving range portion of the course and that perhaps those golf-ball sized hail stones weren't actually 'hail' but were in fact, golf balls since the campground only saw about 2 minutes of rain and then it quit. The trio, filled with a little 'happy juice' were picked up and brought back to the campground just in time for the 'Tropical Drink Contest,' the highly anticipated event inspired by DD's own Linda Vella. Several concoctions, including the 'Tiki Torch,' 'Grass Skirt,' 'Wiki Waki Woo,' 'Tropical Iced Tea,' 'Hummer,' and the traditional 'Mai Tai,' made adult campers sigh with pleasure. A non-alcoholic version of the 'Creamsicle' made the kids and some of the adults smack their ice cream covered lips as they slurped through straws. Gary Pearlman also made a delicious frozen Strawberry cocktail. Lisa Modelski was the only camper to come in costume. Adorned in a multi-colored 'turban,' with 'fruit' strategically placed along the sides, complete with her brand new flowered 'flip-flops', wide hoop earrings and a colorful sarong, not many could dispute the fact that 'presentation' has its merit. She picked up two prizes—one for the 'Flaming Gator' concoction she was able to light with a match that some dubbed 'Nyquil on steroids' and the other for the Creamsicle. Kim O'Dell picked up an award for her 'Wiki Waki Woo.' Will this new 'Kim -coction' make another appearance in the future? However, the real winner with the most votes was Peg Lloyd's 'Silk Panties.' Even the children were able to enjoy sipping on some silk

panties as the Coconut Rum was on the side. Of course, the old adage, “One cocktail, two cocktail, three cocktail, Floor!” was practiced by both Dave Gerke and Dan O’Dell as they napped/slept off some of their libations. Much to everyone’s disappointment, some were hoping that Mike Steenbergh would’ve joined the traditional siesta as well.

However, he stayed awake and graced us with his pleasantries well into the night.

Dinner’s main dish included juicy and succulent Hawaiian Pork Tenderloins smothered in a pineapple/citrus-infused glaze. It was fabulous! Gayla really outdid herself with this exceptional preparation! Unfortunately, the rain had not let up, so campers kind of did a take-out potluck and took their plates back to their units to dine. Dishes to pass included 3 types of Caribbean coleslaw, Caribbean corn, roasted corn on the cob, Waldorf Salad, Caribbean Strawberry Salad, and sautéed sweet potatoes to name a few. All but Dave Gerke enjoyed this feast!

After dinner, members attended the month’s DD meeting. Debbie Steenbergh presided over the meeting and was only interrupted by her intoxicated hubby four times. Of course, we were waiting [hoping?] for Mike Steenbergh’s face to be ripped off by the Montgomery’s killer Chihuahuas as he kept instigating and teasing them, forcing one Denise Gerke to move her seat out of the way. Later, members enjoyed a limbo contest under clear, yet dark, skies via porch light. Lori Pearlman, Lauren Alm, and Christine May were among some of the ladies that participated, but the ‘Limbo Queen’ was Pearlman’s guest Gabriella Perez. Man, could that girl bend backward! The Lloyd twins, Andrew and Nathan, got better as the night progressed and Lil’ Gary Pearlman limboed with a soda in his hand. Aaron and Emma May did lots of gyrating around the limbo stick and they were entertaining to watch!

Saturday’s campfire did not disappoint. Bruce Alm baked a delicious Pineapple Upside Down cake in a Dutch Oven by the campfire. Lauren Alm revitalized the evening with some of her original music and did a rendition of ‘My Brother’s Song’ for those that missed it on Friday night. Not to be outdone, the Montgomery’s dog, Spencer sang karaoke alongside Terri Montgomery. Between Lauren’s thought-provoking lyrics and Spencer’s antics, there wasn’t a dry eye in the bunch! Even early-riser Bruce Montgomery stayed up late to enjoy the fellowship!

Sunday’s breakfast did not disappoint. Scrambled eggs, hash browns, sausage links and wheat/white toast were served. A few more games topped off the outing. Musical Beach Towels (similar to musical chairs only folded towels on the hard ground were our ‘seats’) were enjoyed by adults and kids alike. Double Dozen’s resident bully, Linda Vella, sat on Emma Dexter, causing her to sob uncontrollably. The fat-bottomed duo, Lisa Modelski and Debbie Steenbergh, vied for the last towel on more than one occasion. Bruce Alm took so long to sit that we all could’ve played TWICE! Prizes included flipflop candles, Antibacterial soap, and potholders, to name a few. The last game was a matching game that Gayla created. We matched our American names to our Hawaiian names. Bruce Alm’s Hawaiian name is Puluke and Deirdre Gerke’s is Keikele.

Of course, the outing ended too soon. I would like to thank Gayla, Bruce and Linda for a wonderful outing. Gayla donated the many prizes she awarded. I’m sure they cost her a pretty penny. The outing was very well-planned and truly did offer something for everyone.

Submitted by Lisa Modelski

FLORIDA LUNCHEON-

The Restless Ones are planning a luncheon in Lakeland, Florida on January 27, 2009. All TTCM members are invited to join us. It will be held at The Whistle Junction at 1:00. The Whistle Junction is on Lakeland Hills Drive. This is a buffet style restaurant with very good food and lots of variety. Put this date on your calendar and we will publish more information next month.

Mary Jaeschke

FROM THE EDITOR-

I would like to make sure that everyone who is signed up to receive the newsletter by email is actually receiving it. Last month there were several returned undeliverable. Please respond back to the email that I have sent you this month to verify that you have received it without any problems. If I don't receive an email back I am going to assume that you did not receive it and I will put you on the regular mailing list and remove you from the email list.

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A LITTLE HUMOR-

This blonde goes into a restaurant and notices there's a "peel and win" sticker on her coffee cup. So, she peels it off and starts screaming, "I've won a motor home! I've won a motor home!"

The waitress says, "That's impossible. The biggest prize is a mini-van."

But the blonde keeps screaming, "I've won a motor home! I've won a motor home!"

Finally, the manager comes over and says, "Ma'am, I'm sorry, but you're mistaken. You couldn't possibly have won a motor home, because we didn't have that as a prize!"

The blonde says, "No, it's not a mistake. I've won a motor home!" So, she hands the ticket to the manager and he reads - "WIN A BAGEL."



BELLEVUE CAMPGROUND 2008

Schedule:

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
	10 - 11	Restless Ones (Rec. hall)
	17 - 18	Campground Closes!!!

HESPERIA CAMPGROUND 2008

Schedule:

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 Happy Wanderers
 19 - 21 Grand Valley
 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:

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 OPEN

7 - 14

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

5 - 12

18th Bonter/Lakatos
 (Closing)
 Settler/Hellman

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