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### *FROM THE PRESIDENT-*

What a ride this camping season has been for all of us! Maybe when the coming election is over things will settle down. At least we can hope it does.

There are plans in the works for next year. Watch the newsletter for information. Pointen fingers could be part of it.

A very nice fire ring was built at Bellevue. It is quite an attraction. Thanks to those who helped put it together.

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### *FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK-*

It's time to remind the Chapters that I need your new officer's list with addresses. While I'm in the south this winter, I will need that info for mailing materials if needed. We are hoping to mail information to all officers and presidents for the May meeting in Hesperia in 2009. So, get that list to me as soon as you can.

Also, it's time to renew your dues for 2009. Check your membership card for the expiration date as some of you have already paid. Deadline for dues is December 31<sup>st</sup>. If you are leaving to go south or west, now is the time to renew and then it's done. Hopefully we will have a good response this year. Save yourself having to pay the \$10.00 re-instatement fee and send a check made out to TTCM for \$25.00 to me today. My address is on the back of the newsletter:

Sharon Westerhouse  
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Olivet, MI 49076

Let's welcome our new members to TTCM. It's great to have so many new members for the season closes. Welcome to TTCM folks. We hope you enjoy our camping family.

Connie & Aggie Nelson #4651 from Muskegon – MAL  
Robert & Joan Jansma #4652 from Fremont – MAL  
Carlton & Margaret Sanders #4653 from Custer - MAL  
George & Elizabeth Guilford #4654 from Hastings – MAL  
Eugene & Patricia Proue #4655 from Branch – MAL  
Scot & Brenda Runyun #4656 from Howell – HH  
Roger & Nancy Glamzi #4657 from Scottville – MAL  
Clyde & Kim Carpenter #4658 from Fennville – MAL  
Daniel & Judy Titzer #4659 from Terre Haute, IN – MAL  
Eric & Christine Scanson #4660 from Montague – MAL

Brad Freeze #4661 from Farmersburg, IN – MAL  
Ben & Ellen Moore #4662 from Ludington – MAL

Our thanks go out to those sponsors of these new members. Keep up the good work!!

Also, welcome back to those members who reinstated their membership for 2009.

Ken & Peggy York #3685 – MAL  
Chet & Cindy Conklin #3957 – MAL  
Chuck Knust #3725 – MAL  
Jim & Diane Seegert # 0185 – RR  
Frank & Sharon Rowden #4281 – MAL  
Darren & Liz Westphal #3843 – DLW  
David & Denise Gerke #4216 – DD  
Dan & Kim O'Dell #3947 – DD

It has been a good camping season. Have a great winter and stay safe. Let's make our 2009 camping season the best ever. If we stay focused on the good aspects of TTCM, the family camping which was the concept for TTCM in the beginning, and the friendships that endure; we will have a great season next year. Stay well we'll see you in the spring.

Sharon

### *NEWS FROM THE NORTH-*

Well, it's been a while since I've sent any news from the North, so with the wolves nipping at my heels, here it goes.

We had some great rallies this summer, but we need some new chair people to take the rallies. We don't care if you just have pancakes and a potluck or if we have cereal and milk and a sack lunch. The idea is to be together for camping and conversation and a meeting when we need it. Thanks to all the campers that took rallies this past year and there were many that took more than one.

Mother Nature has given us a mixed bag of weather this summer. The only thing we haven't had is a Hurricane, in Hesperia that is, we've had 7 inches of rain in September, so far. Who knows what will be wrought upon us in October.

We understand that MillySuchy had a flood in her motorhome. She was sloshing around in her mucklucks. (Just kidding, Milly) With lot's of help from the guys in the campground, everything is getting back to normal.

The All-American was pretty terrific this year and I know I had a good time. The band that played was the best I've heard in a long time, and everyone was dancing up a storm. Everything moved along like clockwork and I didn't hear too many complaints. Thanks go to Patsy Hilderbrandt and her family and committee.

This was the election year for TTCM officers and we thank those who served the last three years and good luck to those who are elected to serve for the next three. It's also election for the Happy Wanderers, and by the time you read this it will be over. Thanks to those who served last year, and good luck to our officers in the coming year. The gas prices have kept some of our campers away, but we have had some good turnouts.

We need to think of some ways to build up our membership in our chapters so that our campground will survive, and we will be able to pay the bills. Talk to your neighbors, your friends,

your relatives, your garbage man or your mailman. Talk, talk, and talk up your campground. Have you hear that Golden Ager's are re-organizing? They even have officers already. Way to go G. A.'s.

In just a few short weeks, the campground should be in full color. It's such a beautiful time of the year, but I dread what is to follow. The weatherman is predicting a humdinger of a winter, much worse than usual. I will certainly envy those snowbirds as they wend their way to warmer climates. I will be winterizing my unit, covering it and longing for Spring and the sight of the first Robin. Let's hope and pray that next year brings lower gas prices, a better economy, and World peace.

If I don't get another report in before the Holidays, I and the Happy Wanderers wish everyone a Blessed Holiday Season. Thanks and have a great end of the season camping at both campgrounds. Don't forget to say HI and SMILE-SMILE-SMILE!!

Ruth Heimann #3412  
Reporter

### ***NEWS FROM THE HESPERIA SEPTEMBER SEWING BEE-***

*Once again we had a full and fun week of sewing. There were 15 ladies with 15 busy sewing machines running from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., but we had a few die hearts that sewed 'til 9:00 p.m. It's a week of sewing whatever you wanted to do- Pumpkin Men – Pillow Cases – Table Runners – Beach Bags – Makeover Sweatshirts & Quilts. Then we still had a free day! We all went to several fabric stores to spend money... money... and get ideas for our June Sewing Bee.*

*One of the new advantages for the week was – 3 of our husbands did all the cooking for our evening meal. So thanks to them we could sew all day then sit down to a good meal then we could just sit and relax and fellowship with each other. And of course have some laughter.*

*So now we will be waiting to get together in June. There are a few projects for you who attend to think about if you are interested in making the aprons and the makeover sweatshirts please let Nancy Hellman know as she has the patterns for the sweatshirts and you might like to look for which one you want to do. There are 12 different ones.*

*A special thank you for the Sept. sewing ladies from Kim Kersting, she went home with a total of 89 pillow cases. She takes them to the children cancer center in Grand Rapids at the DeVos Hospital. She was so grateful to you all!! So pat yourself on your back.*

*See you in June with your sewing machines.*

*Thank you,  
Edna McCastle #4579*

### ***ALL AMERICAN 2009-***

I'm sure you all seen that Blossomland will be hosting the 2009 All-American Rally. Our co-chairs for this rally are Tom Strzykowski and Danny Gatchell. We have decided on a Christmas theme for the All-American and already have a Saturday night Christmas dinner planned by Inez Cummings and Tom and Sharon Westerhouse. John Schultz has volunteered to do parking. Phyllis Perry will take Registration, Blossomland will take adult and children's bingo. Of course we have quite a few areas were we will need volunteers. Please talk to your chapters and see what they would like to do. Here are some of the areas we need people to run:

Hospitality for Friday night

Saturday breakfast preparers  
Sunday breakfast preparers  
Kids games  
Adult games  
Euchre and Cribbage  
Sunday lunch  
And is anyone interested in resurrecting the King and Queen contest?

Please don't limit your chapter to any of these areas. If there is something you want to do that is not on this list contact Tom or Danny. We know the All American is not just 1 or 2 people or 1 chapter, it is because of all of you volunteering to take on a part of it that makes it a great time and a great All American. Please contact Tom (269) 925-2710 email: [tgstrzykowski@yahoo.com](mailto:tgstrzykowski@yahoo.com) or Danny (269) 428-2771 email: [gatchell@ameritech.net](mailto:gatchell@ameritech.net)

Any and all help will be greatly appreciated. More to come in future newsletters.

### **BLOSSOMLAND-**

We had a wonderful summer camping, some of us went to Bellevue for Memorial weekend then back to Bellevue for our June rally hosted by Joe Anderson, Gary and Jean Hardt, Holland in July, hosted by Tom and Barb Strzykowski, and Potato Creek, Indiana in August, hosted by Deb and Dan Gatchell, Nicole Mills, Deb and Dan Slavecik and then the All-American in Hesperia where we had the most units there for Blossomland in years. In July we had a white elephant auction. We were able to have our coolers for the All American raffle because of Joe Anderson's white elephant and Tom Strzykowski buying Joe's white elephant at our auction. We sure did have fun with those coolers. We've played bean bag games this summer and then had a tournament in August with Barb Strzykowski and Dave Slavecik winning the double elimination tournament. Gary Hardt and I tried our hardest to get out first but we still had to play two games. And since we camped at Potato Creek we had a baked potato bar for Friday night. I have never seen such big baked potatoes. Wonderful idea Nicole!

We welcomed a new member in July, Aribel Ray Mills. She was born July 2, joining proud parents, Dan and Nicole Mills, sister Chloe, brother Bradley. Her grandparents are Tom and Barb Strzykowski and great grandpa Bob Ingraham oh and great-aunt Jo all members of Blossomland.

Secretary,  
Jo Ann Ingraham

### **DOUBLE DOZEN-**

Double Dozen had a great camping season! I am sorry to see it end. We will continue to get together during the off months so we are looking forward to those activities. We had a great time at the Halloween Outing in Bellevue. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make it happen. Also, thank you to all the Double Dozen members that worked hard on this years haunted forest. We have decided to volunteer to put on the haunted forest again next year. Double Dozen has also volunteered to host the Memorial Weekend Pig Roast at Bellevue. The Duneland Winnies have offered their help and we will definitely take them up on the offer. The Duneland Winnies raised money at the Halloween outing to go toward the cost of bringing Point n Fingers, which is the band they had at the 2007 All American Rally, back to the campground for Memorial Weekend. That sounds like a great way to start off the 2009 camping season!

Debbie Steenbergh

### *FROM KRYSTINE COLE-*

I would like to thank everyone for their warm wishes and prayers. I would like to begin by explaining that I stepped down as editor due to personal issues. At no time was I forced to step down. As for my oldest son, his health issues through the summer did not get any better. On September 10, it was decided to have surgery in order to remove his tonsils and adenoids. Overall, the surgery was a success; however, I was emotional through the procedure. He seems to have recovered well. He has returned to school (which made him unhappy). He has begun to eat solid foods again. He goes back to the doctor for a follow-up on October 2nd. We are hoping the surgery will correct his health problems.

Again, I would like to thank everyone for their support. We hope to start camping again in 2009.

Krystine Cole

### *GET WELL SOON-*

We all at TTCM wish Milly Suchy (member since 1970) a full and quick recovery. Milly has been in and out of the hospital the last couple weeks and is home now but very tired out.

Milly rest this winter and you don't have to make all those cookies till next spring!!!!

Get Well Soon Milly  
Your TTCM Friends

### *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

### *CAMPING HUMOR-*

A motorhome broke down along the freeway one day, so the driver eased it over onto the shoulder of the busy road.

He jumped out of his driver side door, walked around his rig and opened the door to the coach itself. Out popped two men in trench coats.

The men stood behind the motorhome and immediately opened up their coats, exposing themselves to the passing traffic. The result was one of the worst pile-ups in the road's history.

Later, when questioned by an angry highway patrolman why he put two deviates along the side of the road, the RVer replied, "I was broken down, so I just used my emergency flashers!"

*FROM THE EDITOR-*

The next newsletter will be the December/November newsletter which will be sent out in December. Please submit any articles that you would like published by November 25<sup>th</sup>. It would be nice to get some pictures of the 2008 camping season to include in the last newsletter of the year.

If you who would like to start receiving the newsletter by email please send me an email with your name and email address.

You can mail newsletter articles to:  
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**BELLEVUE CAMPGROUND 2008**

|          |         |                           |
|----------|---------|---------------------------|
| October: | 3 - 4   | Halloween Rally           |
|          | 10 - 11 | Restless Ones (Rec. hall) |
|          | 17 - 18 | Campground Closes!!!      |

**HESPERIA CAMPGROUND 2008**

|           |                              |                   |                             |
|-----------|------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| Schedule: |                              | Property Tenders: |                             |
| October:  |                              |                   |                             |
| 3 - 5     | Carefree Sams                | 5 - 12            | Bonter/Lakatos<br>(Closing) |
| 10 - 12   | Grand Valley/Happy Wanderers | 18th              | Settler/Hellman             |
| 17 - 19   | Wood/Water                   |                   |                             |

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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 16<sup>th</sup>. Turn left at stop sign and follow for ¼ mile.

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\*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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