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From the President-

Summer is finely here and we sure had a great kick off at our Bellevue Campground. We owe a very special thank you to the **DOUBLE DOZEN and DUNELAND WINNIES** for hosting a great weekend. There were 92 units on site. The band was great and everyone had fun at the auction. In the midst of all of the action of the auction our Hesperia C/G Director Lefty McGahan bought a huge box of things you would need in your kitchen. After getting them back to his unit he said "I am going to donate them to the kitchen at Hesperia it needs this, we all want to thank Lefty for his gift. When the golfers came back from the coarse most of them had a smile on their face. The only one who was not happy with the food was the 2 pigs that were roasted. The guys were up before the sun to get things going and the food was extremely good. The sack lunches were a good idea and the ladies that were making them did very well to keep the line moving like it did.

While all of the fun was going on there was an inventory of all assets at the campground taken. If something were to happen we have to be able to prove what we had in each building to be able to file a claim with the insurance. We owe a very special THANK YOU to Jon and Phyllis Baker (TTCM #4580) for their donation of the complete inventory of both campgrounds. This is something we all need to think about. If our house burned down or our unit was stolen could we prove what we had in it?

On Monday morning we held an Executive Board Meeting to go over the campground rules and the job description of the Campground Director and Property Tender. This is in the works and we will be voting on them at our meeting at our big Christmas Party on Labor Day at Bellevue. In this meeting we discussed what we could do about the C/G planning committee meetings being held so irregular. We talked about setting the date like we set the dates for the opening and closing of the campgrounds.

The suggestion was made that each campground holds their planning meetings on the third Saturday of April, June and August. It was voted on and passed. Now the CGD will not have to send out letters about the meetings. They will be on the club calendar for everyone to see and attend if they chose.

In closing I have to say that there were some members that expressed displeasure with the fact that they could not smoke or drink in the rec.hall or that they must move their units every 3 weeks. This was discussed, voted on and passed at the Board of Directors meeting in May. If it is to be changed this is where it must be done.

Dick Hamlin, Pres

Keep These Members in Your Prayers-

The VanderVelde Family – Jim Vandervelde pasted away 6/1/09 and Margaret Vandervelde is in the hospital with a serious case of pneumonia.

Millie Suchey is back in the hospital.

Bill Carb was taken to the hospital on Memorial Weekend after suffering a stroke.



From the Secretary-

On the 28th of May, Kathleen Rollenhagen, your treasurer and I, your secretary, went to a Non for Profit seminar in Okemos, Michigan. We spent 4 hours there and brought back a lot of information. I was able to have them research their files and tell me what Chapters have not been filing their Corporation papers and for how long.

We learned that the Board of Directors over see and manage the Corporation. That the Executive committee whose names are on the Corporation papers, their loyalty must be directed to the Corporation not its members. Your Corporation is a business and should be operated as such. Do what's best for the Corporation as you have a lot at stake.

We learned a lot about tax exempt. How to report our finances, what is required for reporting taxes, how records must be kept and a guideline that every non profit entity needs to follow. Receipts are essential at all times.

We learned about requirements from the gaming/lottery, regarding Texas Holdums or raffles/bingo open to the public. Up to date Corporation papers must be in effect and a license must be obtained from the State.

In our final hour the IRS representative told of the things that could red flag your corporation. She told us what things they are specifically looking for. How a corporation can be dissolved, what is required in reporting taxes, what you can give to your members and you should always remember that your corporation is a business not a good ole boys club.

Kathleen and I have all the manuals, the notebook they provided us, the individual hand outs and they are at your inspection any time. I am so glad that we went as there were some things that even we weren't aware of. We have to send in a copy of our new by-laws when we file our income taxes next year. If you as a member have any questions, please feel free to let us know.

The minutes of the May Officers meeting will be published in the July newsletter as they are quite lengthy. The by-laws will be in the August newsletter just in time for the All American general membership meeting for voting.

The following Executive Board minutes are from the meeting of the 7 at the Pig Roast:

Executive Board Meeting, May 25, 2009 at Bellevue starting at 10:00 AM

President Dick Hamlin called the meeting to order. All seven members were present. We all agreed to publish these minutes in the newsletter. Dick reported that 92 units were on site for the rally. Secretary was instructed to write a letter of thanks to John & Phyllis Baker for their service of inventory of the campground this weekend.

It was stated that we can not have cars taking up campsites at the campgrounds when we have a rally. Many complained of the fact that campers were parked far apart while some were cramped close together in the handicap area. The host Chapter of the rally should have a designated area for people to park together so they can do the activities. Those not registered should not take up the campsite of those who registered.

At the May meeting the officers voted to have the buildings of TTCM free from smoking and alcohol. This must stand as the officers voted..

Secretary found old Campground Director and property tender guidelines. A copy was passed out to all to go over and revise. We went over the campground rules and added some suggestions and deleted some. The Campground Directors are to go over them with their committee. Dick talked about the letter he wrote to the Chapter that disrespected the survey at the officers meeting with hateful comment and malice toward several members. This letter, when sent, will terminate their membership in TTCM. There was much discussion as the Secretary and the Hesperia Director disagreed and felt they should have a chance to explain. We decided that Dick is to send a registered letter to each member asking them to meet with him in Hesperia. They will discuss their views at that time. Action may be taken later.

Campground planning committee meeting will be scheduled as follows: Third Saturday in April, third Saturday in June and third Saturday in August.

Incident forms will be put in the back of the property tenders book to record any incident that may happen at the campgrounds.

John Schultz agreed to take the garage sale money to update the kitchen at Bellevue. Displaying of numbers while on site has been abused. Your TTCM numbers must be displayed while on site at the campgrounds. This also pertains to storage if possible. If an emergency occurs, the property tender knows who to contact. This is in our by-laws. There should be no questions about this!!

Because of the controversy at the May meeting, we voted that no Executive member will have a dual vote at any meeting.

Debbie Steenbergh suggested that we revise the Code of Ethics by removing the alcohol clause from the content and put it in the campground rules. Code of Ethics should not contain rules of the campground.

Several members in the audience gave their thoughts and comments on various items. The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Sharon Westerhouse, Secretary

TTCM Welcome Corner-

We have a few folks that we would like to welcome to our TTCM family. When you meet them, say hello.

Jack & Lois Dutcher from Hesperia #4673 MAL
John Barcroft from N. Muskegon #4674 MAL
Greg & Kim Gildersleeve from South Lyon #4676 MAL
Jason Booker from Lansing #4675 Double Dozen
Brian & Pamela Ensing from Fenneville #4677 MAL

Welcome back to TTCM:

Deral & Sherry Murrie Jr. from Bellevue #3021 Happy Campers
Bud Witter from Pinckney MAL
Daniel & Marcy Westphal from Shelbyville, In. #4613 Dune Land Winnies



Attention--M.A.L.S-

We are schedule for a rally in Hesperia in July. Let's all get together and have a fun weekend camping and with a breakfast and a potluck supper on the 11 of July. Let's get to know each other.

Edna--4579

Blossomland – Memorial Weekend

Memorial weekend was the best weather we've had in a long time. It was great sitting out by the fire and even better enjoying the sun! Blossomland had 9 units there over the weekend. This included our newest member, Judy Collins who was able to join us Sunday night. She joined us through the Website.

The food was delicious, the band always gets people moving and the auction, well let's just say I went home with a lot less money. For those of you who did not attend the

auction on either day you sure did miss some good deals. Duneland Winnies and Double Dozen sure did a wonderful job on the whole weekend.

Joe Anderson was not able to make it due to heart surgery. He is on the mend and sure to be back out soon. Maybe he will be able to join us, at least for a visit when we come back out in June. Blossomland will be camping at Bellevue June 19, 20, 21.

ALL AMERICAN UPDATE

We still need help in the following areas: Christmas Bike parade, Cribbage Tournament, Rolling Pin Toss, Toilet Seat Toss, Horse Shoes, Tractor rodeo, Kids Christmas Movie, Bean Bag Tournament or if you have something else you would like to volunteer for contact Tom Strzyzkowski, 269-925-2710, tgstrzyzkowski@yahoo.com, Dan Gatchell, 269-428-2771, Gatchell@Ameritech.net or Scott Deja, Laker75@hotmail.com, from Blossomland. Also think about your best Christmas display, this can be individual or Chapter. We will be putting together “ditty bags” and can always use items for these bags.

Duneland Winnies-

The Duneland Winnies would like to thank everyone who helped make Memorial Day weekend at Bellevue the huge success it was. The campground always looks great and the electric for the band was in place and ready to go, thanks Kork for securing the stage once again. To all who participated in the auction thanks a bunch not only did we raise enough money to bring back Point'n Fingers next year we didn't have to pack everything back in the camper. Our biggest thank-you has to go to Double Dozen the food was FANTASTIC what a job you guys did. The Duneland Winnies are looking forward to seeing everyone back next year.

THANK YOU!

Double Dozen-

What a way to start out the camping season! Memorial Weekend brought in 92 units to Bellevue Campground and we served 240 meals which was the absolute max that we could sell based on the food that was purchased. It takes a lot to plan a meal for that many people and unfortunately there has to be a cut off. It's always best to get your reservations in early for an event like this. The guys cooking the pig did an awesome job and so did everyone who helped out in the kitchen whether it was to cook, serve or clean. We tried a few things different this year, I think the carry out containers worked out well once we organized the serving line. The weather was so nice that most people chose to eat out and enjoy the sunshine. Sunday's lunch seemed to be a hit and the ice cream social was enjoyed by everyone that attended. Double Dozen handled the food for the weekend and I want to thank every member of our club, I don't think there is a single person who didn't have a part in making it happen!

The entertainment Saturday evening started with an auction followed by the band Point'n Fingers. The band was great they played late into the evening and the weather cooperated allowing us to dance or just sit back and enjoy the music. The money raised from this years auction will be used to bring the band back again next Memorial Weekend. I am already looking forward to it! The Duneland Winnies handled the entertainment and I think they did a great job. Thank you, again!

Thank you to Marie Dillenbeck for stepping in to sell 50/50 tickets after seeing that I did not have a volunteer for that job yet.

Denise Gerke hosted a golf scramble on Sunday afternoon. Every golfer I spoke with said it was a fun time. Thank you Denise!

Of course the weekend would not be complete without at least one game of bingo. Thank you John & Kathy I know you were told that you would not have to work this weekend but I really appreciate you taking the time to run the bingo game!

If there is anyone that I am forgetting to thank I apologize it was such a busy weekend and there were a lot of people involved in making it a successful weekend.

Debbie Steenbergh
Double Dozen

Thank God:

**A group of Florida snowbirds and fulltimers
were sitting around talking about their ailments.**

**"My arms are so weak I can hardly
hold this cup of coffee," said one.**

**"Yes, I know. My cataracts are so bad,
I can't even see my coffee," replied another.**

**"It has gotten to where I cannot hear anything anymore,"
said one in the loudest voice of the group.**

**"I can't turn my head because of the arthritis in my neck,"
said a third, to which several nodded weakly in agreement.**

"My blood pressure pills make me dizzy," claimed another.

**"I cannot even remember what I am doing half the time;
if I don't make myself a note I forget what I am trying to
do in the first place" chimed yet another.**

**"I guess that's the price we pay for getting old,"
winced an old man as he shook his head.**

Then there was a short moment of silence. . .

"Well, it's not that bad," said one woman cheerfully.

"Thank God we can all still drive."



HAPPY WANDERERS

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HAPPY WANDERERS

SO, THE CAMPING SEASON IS IN FULL SWING AND ALL THE SNOW-
BIRDS ARE BACK SAFE AND SOUND. SOME OF THEM I HAVEN'T SEEN
YET, BUT I'M SURE THERE WILL EVENTUALLY MAKE THEIR WAY TO HESP-
ERIA. WE CAN'T COMPLAIN ABOUT THE WEATHER SO FAR, BUT IT'S
STILL EARLY IN THE SEASON. HAPPY WANDERERS MET IN APRIL WITH
THE GRAND VALLEY TRAVELLERS AND HAD ABOUT 20 UNITS THERE. WE
HAD OUR USUAL BREAKFASTS AND POTLUCKS. WE DO HAVE SOME VERY
GOOD COOKS. WE MET AGAIN IN MAY, WHICH WAS THE TTCM OFFICERS
MEETING. WE SERVED BREAKFAST TO THE WHOLE GANG THAT WAS THERE,
AND HAD SUB SANDWICHES FOR LUNCH (LOVE THOSE SUBWAY SANDWICHES).
THE MEETING CONTINUED AFTER LUNCH AND ALMOST INTO DINNER. WHEW!!
THAT WAS A LONG MEETING. SOME STAYED FOR THE POTLUCK DINNER,
BUT SOME WENT TO TOWN TO RELAX AND BE SERVED IN STYLE. OUR
NEXT RALLY WAS MEMORIAL WEEKEND. THERE WERE 31 UNITS ON SITE.
I KNOW SOME CAMPERS WENT TO THE PIG-ROAST IN BELLVUE. WE AGAIN
HAD OUR 2 BREAKFASTS, POTLUCK ON SATURDAY, AND A HOT DOG ROAST
ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON. THERE WERE A LOT OF CAMPFIRE AND A LOT
OF THOSE PESKY MOSQUITOES, THAT DROVE SOME OF OUR CAMPERS IN-
SIDE TO PLAY CARDS AND GAMES. IT WAS A BEAUTIFUL WEEKEND WEATHER-
WISE. YOU CAN'T ASK FOR MUCH MORE. (EXCEPT MAYBE MORE CAMPERS)
I WOULD LIKE TO THANK LIZ VERPLANK FOR THE VERY DRAMATIC AND
HEART-WARMING PROGRAM SHE DID AT THE FLAGPOLE ON MEMORIAL WEEK-
END. IT WAS A TRIBUTE TO OUR SERVICE MEN & WOMEN AND TO THE FLAG.
THANKS TO BOB PULSIFER FOR PROVIDING THE MUSICAL BACKGROUND.
THAT'S IT FOR NOW. SEE YOU AT THE CAMPGROUND.

Ruth Heimann



**STEAK AND CORN ROAST
BELLEVUE CAMPGROUND
AUGUST 7-8-9**



Rally Fee \$3.00

Bring your own meat that you will cook and a dish to pass.

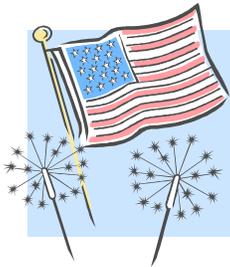
Number of Adults _____

Number of Children _____

Amount Paid _____

*Children under 10 free

Send to: Inez Cummings
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269-763-3157



**FOURTH OF JULY WEEKEND
SLOPPY JOE PICNIC
JULY 3-4-5**



Rally Fee \$2.00

Bring a dish to pass.

Number of Adults _____

Number of Children _____

Amount Paid _____

*Children under 10 free

Send to: Sharon Westerhouse
PO BOX 336
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**IT'S GARAGE SALE TIME AGAIN
At EACH OF OUR CAMPGROUNDS
Please stop at the campground of your choice
To find out how you can help
They both need all of the stuff you can find**

The Pig roast is over and it is
Garage sale time at our Bellevue Campground
June 18-19-20

We still need more merchandise to sell. This year we have set a goal of expanding the kitchen at Bellevue to go along with the new stove. This will require approximately \$1,200 Dollars. We have started to set up all ready and still could use some more stuff.

Garage sale time at our Hesperia Campground
July 23, 24th and 25th

We will start accepting items at Hesperia in June. We are looking forward to a great sale: so clean out your closets and basements and let's make this a prosperous sale. Come and join us and have some fun in the process of making money for the campground. Bill Rollenhagen and Jerry Settler are in charge of this project. We need volunteers to help with this project. Anyone who is interested in working or helping please contact Bill Rollenhagen at 231-378-4563. If we don't have interest we will not be able to have a sale.

From the Editor-

The newsletter will be sent monthly during the camping season. If you would like an article in the June newsletter please submit them to me by June 26th.

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

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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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