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From the President-

Well summer is here, I have been wondering where all of the global warming that Washington had been talking about is. It looks as if we are going to complete the month of July without having one day over 90 degrees. However the weather has been nice and I am not complaining.

I have to report to you that the Executive Board has voted to accept the letter of resignation turned in by our Bellevue Director, John Schultz. On behalf of all of the members of TTCM we want to thank both John and Cathy for all they have done for us over many years and wish them well. I will serve as the interim CGD until someone is found that is acceptable to the members and the Executive Board.

We also need to thank our secretary Sharon Westerhouse for her success in finding the chairs that match what we have at Bellevue. After several of us were told that they were out of stock and no longer available, Sharon got on the phone and found someone who would order them and deliver them right to Bellevue. So because of her determination we now will be able to sit down and feed 230 members Christmas dinner at this years All American Rally.

Because of the determination of all the ladies that worked so hard to raise the money to enlarge the Bellevue kitchen I want to say that the job is done and looks great. Gene Conklin, Herman Hazard, Tom Westerhouse and I have put in a ton of hours. We moved and built cabinets, built and laminated all new counter tops, painted and installed a new floor and it looks great. Now we will have all of the facilities to serve the meals that are planned for the Rally. You should stop out to see it!

Bellevue has had the privilege of having Bill and Kathy Rollenhagen here for the past several days. Kathy has been working on getting the first half of the year on to the new computer program. Bill has been working on whatever he can find that needs to be done. I want to thank each of them for all they have done for TTCM and its members. It has already been proven that the new computer program the Executive Board approved and she has implemented has cut the time needed to close out each week. Now at each campground that takes about 1 hour. To close out the month it won't take more time to get the monthly report. It will also be a snap at year end to close out all of the accounts for taxes.

We have some campground business that needs to be dealt with-

- 1) Dogs must be on a leash... We have had incidents this past month where a loose dog attacked a dog that was on a leash. The rules state that your pet must be on a leash. This will be followed and pet owners are responsible and libel for any injury that your animal inflicts on someone else.
- 2) If you have personal property stored anywhere on TTCM property (trailers excluded) please remove it or bring it to the attention of the CGD to discuss a solution. In short your stuff is not insured when it is in our buildings. Please resolve this issue prior to Aug. 10th.

3) At the upcoming Rally space will be at a premium. When you park your unit please do not occupy more than 20 ft. wide and attempt to park your car or truck in a spot that can not be used as a camp site.

Dick Hamlin, Pres.
006



TTCM Welcome Corner-

Say hello to the newest members of our camping family. Glad to have them with us.

Frank & Lisa English #4682 MAL from Spring Haven
Bob & Glenna Gildersleeve #4683 MAL from Redford
John & Ruth Van Veeland #4684 MAL from Muskegon
Kent & Lisa Ward #4685 MAL from Columbus, IN.
Jim & Pat Saint Amour Jr. #4686 HW from Lake Odessa
Randy & Dawn Small #4687 HW from Hesperia
Bob & Doris Rollins #4688 HW from Muskegon
John Hutchins #4689 MAL from Brooklyn
Paul & Carol Johnson #4690 from Sierra Vista, AZ.

We have 312 members at this time. This has been a great year. Remember, I can take the 2010 dues at the All American Rally over Labor Day or you can send your renewal of \$25.00 to me after August 20th. Any new member after August 20th will be processed for 2010. Do not pay your dues to the property tenders, they are to come to me directly. Your camping fees and dues renewal cannot be paid together to the property tenders. Send you dues to me at:

Sharon Westerhouse
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Olivet, Mi. 49076

Help is Needed-

We need property tenders for Bellevue, We need help cleaning the rec hall now that the remodeling is done. The fans, lights, windows, tables, chairs etc. are covered with dust. Come spend the week, the weekend or just a day and help get the hall ready for the rally. The kitchen is done and there is lots that we need help with. Any little thing you can do will help.

Thanks
The Executive Committee

From John Schultz-

To all TTCM members, I turned in my resignation as campground director at Bellevue on July 11, 2009. I have not been allowed to be the director since I got back from Las Vegas. Dick Hamlin has been stepping all over me. If he wants the job, he has got it. My wife Cathy quit her Non-Person job on June 30th she could not do anything right, according to the Treasurer. We don't need this aggravation. I'm sorry to let the members of TTCM down. But I can't handle what's going on. The executive board now has control of both camps, and all money from both campgrounds. TTCM has never operated this way before. The members should know what is going on. Again I apologize for letting you down.

John Schultz #3353

M.A.L.S-

While at Hesperia we enjoyed the MAL rally and met some new friends. We had a nice potluck on Saturday. Our host furnished the ham. They provided us with a great breakfast. Thanks to the Forwards and helpers. It was a nice relaxing week. A very nice get together. We talked about the up coming All American asking for help with the dinner, reminding everyone to bring their goodies for the 10 cent auctions and the cake walk. If you have a good door prize laying around, bring it along as we never seem to have enough.

The Restless Ones were there that weekend also and several of the fellas helped Lefty fix a water leak. They dug down pretty deep, jumped in and had it repaired in no time. They did a great job with the repair and it's good as new. Great job guys!!

When we were getting ready to hook up and move on, I saw the many boxes being unloaded for the garage sale. Sharon took a group of ladies from White Cloud over to the sale and was thrilled that it was going so well. What a great success!!

We are done traveling around for a while and are back at Bellevue. We hope to see you at the All American for our Christmas Celebration.

Tom Westerhouse, MAL Rep.

Hesperia Yard Sale-

The YARD SALE is Hesperia is over---and we're thinking about what we can do for next year to made it even better. And we can do that if we all work together. We want to say "THANK YOU" to the "RESTLESS ONES" and to "ALL" the people who helped put all the merchandise in the building that was so gratefully donated by so many. It was a hard and long week, but we still had fun and a lot of laughs. Thank you again to "All" that worked so hard during the weekend. We could not have done it without YOU!!!! See you all camping--Ole-Dee-Edna

News from the North-

Some say "No news is good news", but I don't always believe that. Your reporter needs more news to write about. Everyone seems to be acting their age, no little antics are happening. It's mostly been pretty quiet.

Happy Wanderers had a Do-Nothing Rally in June. We had no chairperson, so we came to the rally and did nothing, but sleep in and relax in the sun (between the raindrops). A Do-Nothing Rally is still a rally, but you come and do your own thing. Some of us went up to Pentwater to the R & L Store on Old U.S. 31. You've never seen so much "stuff". You haven't been there?? Try it – you'll like it. We stopped at the Country Dairy on the way back and had a sinfully delicious Hot Fudge Sundae. Did we walk it all off when we got back to the campground? (Noooooo) We worked it off by playing cards. There were a lot of chapters at this rally, Happy Hitchers, Restless Ones, Grand Valley, and Happy Wanderers. We all did our own thing and it all worked out.

On the Fourth-of-July Rally, Rick & Deb Ronning and Irv & Kathye Craft and their helpers were chairmen and what a super rally that was. We started out with a bang on Thursday night with a good old fashioned Ice-Cream Social with the whole campground invited. We did not go away hungry. Friday A.M. we were served homemade coffee-cake & coffee & Friday night we were served Hamburgers & Hot Dogs on the open grill. Dinner was a little late. It seems as Rick said, that he was more familiar with the gas grill at home and the charcoal didn't want to co-operate. On Saturday morning, we had French toast, sausage, coffee cake, juices and fruit. Everyone went to town for all the festivities. It was "Hesperia Days" with lots of yard sales, the art fair, the (delayed) parade and many other attractions. Old Mother Nature had to have it her way and dump rain on us about five minutes before the parade was to start. We all ran for cover and unfortunately my bag chair filled up with water. Next time I'll find a bigger tree or bring a golf umbrella. All-in-all it was a great weekend and Happy Wanderers thank the committee for a job well done. There was an unscheduled pot-luck Saturday night and we had some left-over's and dishes to pass... Pyrotechnic enthusiasts headed to town to enjoy the fireworks, but some of us just sat around the campfire.

Our campground looks good so far this year, more new picnic tables are appearing. The old ones are getting so they look pretty shabby next to the new ones. Any new rules that have been implemented seem to be working and everyone seems to be happy. Our new campground director is doing a super job.

Don't forget to register for the All-American, if you plan on going. It sounds like it will be lots of fun...

Please keep Margaret Vendervelde in you prayers as she goes through chemo and radiation and Dick Bonter as he recovers from hip surgery. We hope to see them back at the campground soon. More news next time.

Ruth Heimann
Reporter

New from Bellevue-

We are conducting a search for a replacement CGD. If you have a suggestions please call me. (006)

The kitchen is done except for a hood over the new range. If you can help locate one please call me. (006)

The road widening project to have a double lane road to the dump station is underway and will be complete for the rally.

The many times delayed P.A. system installation is almost complete and will be done for the rally (thanks to Pat & Dan from Blossomland and Tom W. MAL and Herman H. DT)

Before the weather turns cold we are going to have to replace the wood stove in the rec hall. It has been re-bricked several times and it is beyond repair this time.

We will need lots of help to be ready for the Rally. Getting out and testing rally cords, cutting wood, lights in the out houses, plus whatever else comes along, come on out and join us!

We have a brand new 16' X 7' garage door that has never been installed. If you or someone you know needs one please get in touch with me (006) and we will play lets make a deal.

The roof on the upper shelter building needs to be replaced before winter. Please let me know if you and a few of your close friends could perform this task for us.

We need to modify the Pig Roaster before we have the next pig roast so that charcoal can be added.

Bellevue July 4th Weekend-

Bellevue 4th of July weekend was enjoyed by many of us. The weather got better everyday, dinner was very good (lots of great cooks) and a French toast breakfast was a added bonus. We could see fireworks from our units and I think just about all the campers made a visit to the flea market in Turkeyville. The new kitchen is looking good.

The campground looks good but we were all aware of the tension and problems going on between two groups of people. This is not good for TTCM. I heard a few people say, myself included, that I wouldn't want to bring guests here with this going on. IT NEEDS TO BE STOPPED Act like the adults you are supposed to be. Please.

Please take the time to read the purposed By-Laws changes in the newsletter. Some are good and some are taking us backward. When I worked on the last by-law changes all I heard was how upset the members were about free lifetime camping for past presidents. Well, we got it changed to those before 2003. Now they want to delete (before 2003) and put it back the way it was. The Sept. meeting is your only time you as members have a chance to have a say in how your club is run. Be there and make your wishes known. I feel our officers do a good job and free camping while in office is OK but not for life. Our president stated in the last newsletter that free camping was "totally out of hand at both campgrounds". Now they want to give it back to all past-presidents.

Just take the time to really read the purposed By-Law changes before you vote at the annual meeting. This club belongs to each of us and we need to have a say in how it is run. We can only do that by being informed and know where our officers want to take us.

Marie Dillenbeck
DT

Restless Ones-

The Restless ones camp out July 16th thru 19th at Hesperia.

Those attending were the Smith's, Rivards, Hellman's, Hooples, Kowatchs, Grieves, Dutenhavers, Rogers and a special appearance was our honary member Ted Wandell.

A water leak was discovered by the flag pole and was repaired by Richard Grieves & helpers saving the campground \$\$\$\$\$\$ in elect cost.

Saturday's breakfast was omelets prepared by Kay, and toast and juice. Saturday's evening meal of spaghetti was prepared by Joe with his special recipe for Italian sauce very good. Salads and deserts by the rest of the members all very good and as usual lots of leftovers.

The evenings were spent by the campfires and conversation and laughs from all members there. The weather was a little on the cool side for July, but it did not deter us from enjoying another camp out.

Blossomland June Rally – Bellevue

We had 6 units for the June Rally for Friday night with Gary and Jean Hardt and me hosting. Joe Anderson came out to visit and was looking well after heart surgery. I wasn't able to stay after Friday night but heard the rest of the weekend was nice. My cousin, Peggy and I decided to come up on Thursday night to "enjoy" 2 nights of camping. Well we were in for a surprise when Thursday night, earlier Friday morning the 1st storm of the weekend came through. I had convinced Peggy that even though we don't have flush toilets we have electric and water and it is a great place to camp. Friday morning we didn't have electric or water! Peggy did have enough water in her tent to take a bath!! We had to spend the morning down at the rummage sale and spend money which was a blast. I also want to thank Phyllis, Sharon, Harriet, Dick & Herman who took pity on us and feed us lunch since we still didn't have electric.

Everyone was able to get feed Friday night and then another storm came through. This one with winds worse than the night before. Thank you Danny for parking your big motorhome next to me. That and the fact I didn't unhitch my little trailer from my van saved it from being blown away. We left for a family wedding before we were able to enjoy Gary's wonderful biscuits and gravy, but will enjoy them at the All American.

Blossomland July Rally – Michigan City

We had 6 units and 1 guest unit for the Michigan City Rally. The hosts were Tom & Barb Strzyzkowski, Nicole Mills (hubby Dan was at National Guard camp) and Dave and Deb Slavecik. Friday night they greeted us with hot dogs and all the trimmings, chocolate chip cookies and wonderful brownies. Tom, Jean and I worked on our wreaths for the All American raffle on Friday night. Dave, Danny and Nathan brought out their guitars on Friday night and we

got to hear music and sing. Saturday morning brought us bacon and pancakes. While a couple of us went shopping, some of the people that didn't work on their wreaths did that on Saturday. We have some very unique wreaths for the raffle.

We had weekend guests, Nicole's sister-in-law and husband Angie and Nathan Smith and their 3 children, Allie, Sam and Jack. We hope to have them camping with us again soon. Also out for a few hours was Deb and Danny Gatchell's daughter Missy, husband Tom and baby Caitlyn. The kids all enjoyed time in the pool.

Saturday night we had a white elephant sale which raised \$35.20 for our potluck stew at the All American.

Bob Ingraham BL #236 suffered a minor stroke in June, but was able to camp with Barb and Tom and is working hard on his recovery. He was able to enjoy time out camping.

Jo Ann Ingraham

All American Update-

We are still looking for volunteers for the following events:

Christmas bike parade - cribbage tournament - tractor rodeo - kids Christmas movie - bean bag tournament.

Every chapter should bring 2 children, 2 teen and 2 adult tank prizes, wrapped in Christmas paper if possible. On the children's we will need to know the age ex. baby, 2-4, 10 -12 since they will be wrapped so we know age appropriate prizes.

As we get times for events we are putting it on TTCM.org If you are hosting an event get in touch with Danny, Tom or Scott and let them know the day and time you want to have your event. gatchell@ameritech.net (269) 428-2771, tgstrzykowski@yahoo.com (269) 925-2710 and laker75@hotmail.com for Scott.

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 July 25th.

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.

You can mail newsletter articles to: Debbie Steenbergh, 28231 Lorenz, Madison Heights, MI 48071.

Or you can email them to: dsteenbergh@aol.com





**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.

Name _____

Number of Adults _____

Number of Children _____

Amount Paid _____

*Children under 10 free

Send to: Inez Cummings
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We have had a couple members recently suffer strokes so we are printing the following information about strokes-

Know the signs of a Stroke

Time is critical when dealing with a stroke. The sooner a person received medical attention, the better his or her chances for recovery.

The National Stroke Association identifies these five warning signs of a stroke, which come on suddenly:

- Numbness or weakness of the face, arm or leg, especially on one side of the body
- Confusion, trouble speaking or understanding
- Trouble seeing in one or both eyes
- Trouble walking, dizziness, or loss of balance or coordination
- Severe headache with no known cause

Call 911 or get to a hospital immediately if you experience any of these symptoms.

F.A.S.T. TEST

If you think someone is having a stroke.

Face Ask the person to smile. Does one side of the face droop?

Arms Ask the person to raise both arms. Does one arm drift downward?

Speech Ask the person to repeat a simple sentence. Are the words slurred, or is the sentence repeated incorrectly?

Time If the person shows any of these symptoms, time is essential. Call 911 immediately.

Source: National Stroke Association (www.stroke.org)

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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 16th. Turn left at stop sign and follow for ¼ 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 out associate members:

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