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### *From the President-*

Would you believe that summer is finely here and both of our campgrounds are open and ready for your arrival? I have not been to Hesperia yet this summer but Bellevue looks really good. We had a good crew of members ready and willing to get things done. On behalf of Herman and Tom I want to thank each of them who came out and got things done.

Because of several reasons we had a small negative cash flow in 2009 and talked about it in the Board of directors meeting. Because of it the board placed a freeze on all capitol improvements for the year 2010. Because of the decline of our economy and the decline of our membership, I am not sure this will be enough to off set the loss of revenue. We will wait a year and see what happens. Each campground gets \$2,500 a year for maintenance and repairs that they are not suppose to exceed, and they will have to live within that. We will just have to wait and see. We are down over 60 families right now. If you take that number and multiply it by the dues that we did not receive that amounts to \$25.00 X 60 that equals \$1,500 less revenue, we have to work with.

We also modified the Campground Rules slightly in the area of firearms that clarifies that a person with a CCW permit or a long gun that is legal else where, is not in violation if brought on campground property.

Prior to the Directors meeting the Executive Board met briefly to go over agenda items. I was directed that if during the upcoming meeting anyone got out of order or attempted to disrupt the meeting. I was to follow Roberts Rules and remove everyone except Board Members from the building so that the meeting could continue, and that is what happened last week at Bellevue.

In closing I would like to offer to the group that caused the disruption and forced me to close the Board of Directors meeting to everyone except Chapter Presidents a chance to discuss this matter. I would like to offer to meet with any ONE person you appoint and discuss why the Executive Board decided to act as they did. You then can explain to me why you acted as you did. I won't go into any details here but I will say that it was not drinking that caused the board action.

Before I close, let me tell you about my \$930.00 per mo. Campsite in Denver this past winter. Each time I go to my sons I have stayed in the same park. The Flying Saucer RV Park in Englewood CO. When I was there in 09 the rate was \$26.00 per night. When I arrived this year I asked what there rate was this year and was told \$31.00 per night. I stated that I would like to stay for a month. I was told that that would be \$930.00. I stated that that is a lot for a 30 day stay, do you have a monthly rate? She said "yes, but you did not ask for it", I asked what is it? She said \$500.00 per month. I agreed that I would stay for that amount because it is only about 8 miles from Dale's house and I knew I would be working late a lot of nights. Then she said "that will be \$700.00 please" I asked what happened to the \$500.00 price you quoted? I was told that \$200.00 is a deposit for the electric. At the end of my stay they will send me back a refund or invoice for the bal. on my electric bill. To make matters worse the park has the utility co. handle the billing and we had a big discussion about that, and who reads the meter. About 2 weeks after I got back to Mich I got a statement that said I still owed them \$13.00 for elect. Yes the park had showers; they were built in the 50's and were very bad. Yes, they had WI-FI but you had to take your computer to the front porch of the office in order to get a signal. So needless to say, I will not be

going back to the Flying Saucer again. This sure makes our campgrounds look great for \$21.00 per day less

Till next month  
Dick Hamlin, Pres TTCM

## ***S'MORES***

***By  
Gregory K.***



The campfire burns. It's 9:08.  
I feel so good cuz I just ate  
Two graham crackers, and chocolate, too,  
With marshmallow turned to warm, white goo.  
A treat indeed, a dripping mess.  
A touch of melty joy -- oh yes!  
It's bedtime soon, but I'm not done.  
I simply cannot stop at one.  
Because, you see, it takes three s'mores  
To make a night of happy s'nore.



### ***News from the North (Hesperia)-***



**HESPERIA** YARD SALE IN JULY. OK, YOU'VE HAD A GOOD WINTER AND SPRING AND WARM WEATHER SHOULD HAVE BEEN HERE BY NOW. SO WE ARE HOPING THAT YOU HAVE BEEN BUSY CLEANING UP A LITTLE. YOU KNOW ALL THAT STUFF YOU HAVE BEEN SAVING BECAUSE I JUST MIGHT USE IT SOMEDAY. WELL THAT DAY HAS COME TO DECIDE TO PUT IT IN THE JULY YARD SALE ON 15-16-17. SO PLEASE THINK OF US-- HELP US TO HAVE A GOOD SALE THIS YEAR. JUST A FRIENDLY REMINDER. THANK YOU, THE YARD SALE WORKERS

### ***News from the South (Bellevue)-***



We have a few things to remind our campers about. We will be having a wood cutting weekend on the 8th and also another one in June on the 19th of June. If you can't make the one in May, hopefully you can make the one in June.

A reminder is needed for those of our members that have dogs. Our campground rules state that dogs have to be on a 6 foot leash at all times. They cannot be running loose at the campgrounds at any time. The messes need to be cleaned up from your dog not left for the mower to find.

Remember that units have to move every three weeks. We do not have permanent sites. If we keep the campsites clean when we leave, the mowing goes a lot easier.

Property tenders are needed. You don't have to do heavy work if not able. If you are able to take the camping fees, answer the phone, help out with the little odds and ends, that's great!! There is always someone to help out. Those of our members that are retired come and spend a week of free camping and enjoy our beautiful campground. We need everyone's help. If you have a spare week, call and we'll get you on the calendar.

Our STOP-PAY-GO policy is doing great. It has made the book work so much easier. Thanks for your help on this matter.

We hope to see you at the campground as the season progresses.  
Herman Hazard, Director

### ***MAL's-***

Today I came home from the hospital after a successful total knee replacement of the right knee. My recovery is progressing well; however, I will be limited, including being off work, for 30 days. I thank those who have kept me in their prayers- I appreciate it.

The MAL meeting will take place Memorial weekend, the same weekend that the pig roast will be held. Not knowing what the schedule for the pig roast would be I was left with not when to schedule the MAL meeting. I sought the advice of Inez Cummings and from her recommendation I will post the meeting on the bulletined board of the campground when Denise and I arrive to the campground for Memorial weekend. I am leaning towards having it on Saturday, May 29. I am involved heavily in our ministry at church and Sunday's avail little free time. If you would post this in the newsletter, I would appreciate it very much.

Thank you,  
Tom Crisfield, MAL representative

### ***It's Garage Sale Time Again -***

It is time for each of us to start to look for things that we can bring to either of our campgrounds for our annual garage sales. The proceeds from this sale can be used for whatever the members who worked to raise the money agree to do. This is where the money came from for the kitchen at Bellevue. So ask everyone you know to help you get stuff for the sale. WE always have more customers than stuff to sell.

### ***SEWING BEE-***

The June Sewing Bee will be held at Hesperia from June 21 - June 26th. We set up our machines on Sunday evening so we are ready to sew on Monday. Bring along your own projects as well as ideas you have that other might like. There are several spaces open so call Mary Jaeschke at 616 583-0683 for more details.



### ***TTCM Summer Trip to Somewhere-***

I plan to host a caravan trip to where ever the majority of the group wants to go. Because we don't know where it is we will be going we won't be able to make reservation I have to limit the trip to the first 10 people who call me and are serious about joining the fun. We could go to see Santa Claus or The Ford Museum and Greenfield Village. How about the WWII Museum or maybe Kings Island? We will meet at Bellevue of Fri July 30<sup>th</sup> to plan where ever we might be

going so far I have 3 units so there is room for 7 more. Talk about it, we will have a good time; we will find time for a desert pot-luck.

Dick Hamlin

### ***News from the Restless Ones-***

There were 12 couples got together in Florida for a TTCM luncheon. It was good seeing everyone and catching up on winter news. Some of us were still looking for stores selling winter clothing as it was still cold. We had a wonderful lunch and chat.

Restless Ones had their first campout at Bellevue. We had a good time eating and playing cards. Thanks to all the members who helped get the campground, kitchen and Rec. Hall ready for summer. A special thanks to Mike Nott for bringing in the load of fire wood.

Our schedule for the year is:

May 20-23	Bellevue
June 17-20	Hesperia
July 15-18	Hesperia
August 19-22	Hesperia
September 16-19	Hesperia
October 7-9	Bellevue

If there are members at large or other members that would like to join us, contact Carol Page

Thanks, Mary Jaeschke

### **Winding Roads by Joe Schmidt**



### ***From the Editor-***

The next newsletter will be the June Newsletter which will be sent out the beginning of May. If you would like an article in the June Newsletter please submit them to me by May 31.

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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