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From the President-

We are now into the heat of the summer and it sure has been nice here at our Bellevue Campground, our Garage Sale is going on and doing well.

Before I get into what has been going on I would like to offer an apology to any one who took offence with what I wrote last month. I write the article and print it, and then I lay it down over night. The next day I read it again, and then give it to someone else to read to check on grammar. If for what reason you feel I was wrong I apologize to each of you. Leaders and Officers of any organization must hold them self to a higher standard than the membership and I will attempt to do that.

Our V.P. Bill Rollenhagen and I have sat down and talked about many issues over the past few days that were brought to the board from the Hesperia Campground and we are attempting to develop a plan that will get things back on track. This will take time and the involvement of each and every member of TTCM. I and Bill and the rest of the Board would appreciate you and your Chapter's involvement in working together in solving these problems.

I would also like to remind each of you of our ALL AMERICAN RALLY ON Labor Day weekend. This year it will be at our Hesperia Campground. We all need to get behind the Happy Wanderers and do what we can to make this event a success.

Dick Hamlin
President, TTCM

From the Secretary's Desk-

The question has been asked of me as to why I can't take several years dues at once. TTCM's fiscal year is from January to December. The secretary's used to be the same. When we received our Incorporation Papers in "64" that was fine. When we applied for our non-profit status several years later through our lawyers at that time, IRS stated that we could only use the current year's dues for expenditures for TTCM. Therefore, the secretary would take dues for the current year until the Labor Day weekend. At that time, the secretary would then take the next years dues which could not be used until January of the next year. The money was put in a separate account until the following year. Thus, the secretary's fiscal year is from September to September. This was established in the late 60's and worked fantastically as the two campgrounds were being developed. Though our campgrounds are now developed, we still need money to do improvements and maintenance. So, we can only use the current year's dues money to do so. We need to follow the IRS direction and continue as we have with our finance reporting as in the past. It has worked well and continues to do so. I hope this answers your questions and feel free to speak with me about any aspect of my position as Secretary. I would be happy to answer your questions.

Thank You
Sharon Westerhouse

Welcome Corner-

Welcome new members - Ronnie and SueAnn DeBrot #4702 MAL from Montague, MI.



News from the North-

GREETING FROM THE NORTH. What a wonderful Sewing Bee week. The women were busy all week with the machines humming, and with the women sewing the men were working cleaning up the campground. THANKS TO EVERYONE. Chapter presidents please mark on your calendar the campground planning meeting has been changed to the second Saturday of August. It will be held on August 14th at 2:00 pm. If you cannot attend send a representative with a letter of proxy. Remember our 3 year plan. So any suggestions will be discussed. Don't forget the Hesperia yard sale July 15-16-17 look around the house and see what you might not need. All donations accepted. We have several weeks without property tenders. If interested Please check the calendar in the clubhouse. Summer is going fast, hope to see you all camping.

Thanks from the
HESPERIA CAMPGROUND DIRECTOR
Lefty



News from the South-

We want to extend some thank you's this month. We want to thank Gene Conklin for pitching in and helping with the chores while Tom is recuperating after his surgery. Gene has been a great help. We were asked to reschedule the wood cutting to a weekend in June. That we did and want to thank Merle Daily and Al Ramos for their help cutting, splitting and stacking the wood.

The garage sale ladies out did themselves again this year. Some had been working ever since Memorial weekend. With their hard work, we netted a little over \$1200.00 for the campground. Thanks to ALL who helped, no matter how small, to make the garage sale a success. A thanks goes out to all our members who donated for the sale.

We can't forget to thank the property tenders as they make our job a lot easier. Someone to answer the phone, take the money and do odds and ends really gives us the time to mow etc.

Just a reminder, when you come to Bellevue for an extended stay, you are required to move to a new site every 21 days. This is our effort to keep our grass green. We also want to remind our pet owners that your dogs MUST be on a leash at all times while at the campgrounds. We have found that while walking the dogs at the dog walk or elsewhere, deposits have been found by the mower that were not picked up by the owners. No one likes to step in this mess so we ask you to help us with this problem.

If you want to spend a week and property tend this summer please give us a call. We'd love to have you. We've had several outside groups so far this year and the temporary memberships are working great. This applies to groups of 6 or more, no exceptions.

Come and join us for some great country camping. Green grass, deer and birds, quiet relaxing days and pleasant nights are in store for you. See you at the campground.

Herman Hazard & Tom Westerhouse
Co-Directors



HESPERIA YARD SALE-

Well, July is right here and here I have been bugging you all for the last several months to get all your stuff together for the Hesperia yard Sale. So I hope you have been doing all your spring cleaning and just waiting for July. The sale is on the 15-16-17 of July. Please bring your stuff before the 15. We will be there all week sitting up. Hope to see a lot of you campers SOON. Thank you!

MEMORIAL WEEKEND HESPERIA-

What a great time we had this weekend. When I left home on Friday morning, I only had 18 reservations, but by Friday night, the reservations had doubled. WOW! Was I glad! The property tenders, Bob & Cleone Carr and their friends (I sure liked the little scooter that he had) joined us along with other campers. Dan & Jodie Spira showed up with a new unit as they had a mishap with a low underpass with their other unit. Thank goodness no one was hurt. As a child, I always liked sleeping out under the stars.

We had a campfire at the community fire ring on Friday night and everyone enjoyed s'mores and just gabbed.

The committee served breakfast both Saturday & Sunday mornings. Saturday was scrambled eggs & sausage, toast & coffee & on Sunday, it was French toast, sausage & coffee. On Saturday evening the committee served Hamburgers & Hot Dogs on the grill (or tried to). It seems that the Hamburgers wouldn't come off the grill, they stuck. We ended up using some foil and the electric grills. Don't feel bad Rick Ronning. We remember when he couldn't get the fire going because he was used to a gas grill. Everyone has a lot to eat.

On Sunday morning at 11:00 a memorial service was held at the flagpole. Bob Pulsifer provided the sound and tapes for the service. In honor of our veterans, poems were read by two of our veterans, Bob Pulsifer and Dick Pulsifer. Liz Verplank read the meaning of the thirteen folds of the flag at funerals. Ruth Heimann read about the meaning of Memorial Day and why we celebrate it. The tape by Lee Greenwood, "Proud to be an American" was played. Thanks to all who participated and to all who came.

Sunday afternoon was the good old Pot Luck and if that wasn't enough, there was an ice-cream social after we digested our dinner. We went through two and a half pails of ice-cream with all the goodies that go on a sundae. Well thanks to the Verplank's, the D. Pulsifer's, B. Pulsifer's, L. Hershberger & Ruth Heimann for chairing this rally.

I just have a couple of thoughts about the way our camping lives are going...First, I don't believe that things always happen for the best, but I do believe that it's possible to make the best of things that happen...and "Be still and listen in the silence".

Well. That's all for now, but let's not forget to get your registration in for the ALL-AMERICAN. We're counting on you to help make this a success. We need you, if you can only spare a small amount of time to help with kids games or to help fix Sunday lunch, or any other small task. If I

sound like I'm begging you may call it that. Please call Liz at 231-865-3236 or Ruth at 231-773-9501.

See you at the campground and please smile and I'll smile back.

Ruth Heimann 3412



INDEPENDENCE DAY (Bellevue)-

Come & enjoy a very leisure weekend of relaxation. NO rally fee required. We can have a pot luck & fire up the grill and do some grilling (You do the cooking of your own meat) or whatever. Go to the flea market & Antique show at Cornwell's. Just come and enjoy your camping. Oh yes, there is the flight of the balloons in Battle Creek that week also. So come on out to Bellevue for the week.

Inez Cummings



ALL-AMERICAN RALLY update-

Hello everyone. Welcome to the 50's "All America Rally". I hope that everyone is planning on coming to Hesperia to support the rally. We need every one of you who can come north to support our campground. This is your rally we are putting together for your enjoyment, but I need YOU to make it a success. So please send in your registration and your rally fee of \$25.00 or \$15.00 for single registration before the August 1st deadline so that you will not be put in hobo parking instead of with your chapter. Keep Ruth Heimann busy with those registrations.

Now here is a list of activities I need filled. These events are important because they involve our children. They are our special members, our members of the future for T.T.C.M. We need the following...children's games and children's cake walk. Other areas that need to be taken are...cribbage, Sunday lunch, and a chapter or group to set-up and tear down tables and chairs as needed through-out the week-end.

All of the other activities are filled. They are M.A.L.'s hospitality, Sharon Westerhouse brown bag auction, Tom Strzykowski calling and Restless One's helping with adult bingo & children's bingo, Joyce Pulsifer and helper adult cake walk, Ray Hall family children's 10 cent auction, Restless One's adult 10 cent auction. Right now that's it for the activities.

We have the Mo-Jo's for the Saturday night band after the president's presentation (no shorts please to be worn by the presidents/ reps during their presentation), a group called the Sr. Gentlemen for church with John Barber. I have heard this 3 man band play (one member of the band is a new T.T.C.M. member) and they are great. They play country western, southern gospel music and fit in great with the 50's theme. I'm sure you will love them.

Get out those baby pictures and bring them to the rally, put your name on the back so we know who to return them to. We will put them on the bulletin board and who guesses the most pictures with the right member to the right baby picture will win a prize.

We are having hamburgers, fries and root beer floats on Saturday (time to be determined) and we would like you to wear your best 50's costume when you come to pick up your meal. You just might win a prize for the best costume.

I hope that I have covered everything. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me anytime at 231-865-3236 or Ruth Heimann at 231-773-9501 and we will help you out the best we can. If you have a suggestion for the theme call one of us. Oh!! I almost forgot. If a few of you have a deep fried turkey cooker we could use to cook a lot of fries with please call me. I'm at home Monday thru Friday and then at the campground Friday night thru Sunday morning.

Another area you can help is getting items for goody bags. Good things like pens, pencils, note pads, chip clips anything that would be good for the bags. Also each chapter is to bring 3 cakes for the cake walk and don't forget to bring cookies/cupcakes for the children's cake walk. We also need 2 door prizes for the youth/2 for the teen door prizes. The children's door prizes are already taken care of. For the adult door prizes if you bring a door prize you get a door prize.

That's it for now. It's 12 midnite and it's beginning to storm outside until next month.

Liz Verplank
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MAL's-

I telephoned Liz Verplank, 2010 All American Rally chair person, today to discuss MAL activity at the rally in Hesperia. She said that there are upcoming meetings next week to regarding activities at the rally.

I advised her that MAL's would participate in hospitality welcoming Friday evening. I also indicated that MAL's needed a place to hold a potluck/meeting during this event. She will be telephoning me as soon as it can be determined where/when etc. we can have our get together.

I will be keeping you posted any information I receive as soon as I receive it. I am looking forward to a great time at Hesperia this year. Camping is great and especially camping with the folks of TTCM.

On a personal note: My total knee replacement surgery that I had done last April 26 is progressing well. I am still limited in what I can do; however, I am doing more with each passing day. Hope to be able to work on our unit so we (Denise and I) can make it to the campground soon.

Updated information regarding the MAL potluck and meeting to be held at the 2010 rally in Hesperia-

I talked with Liz Verplank regarding time and place of our annual potluck and meeting this year in Hesperia. This year the potluck will commence tentatively at 4:00 PM on Saturday, September 4, 2010. The location at the campground for this event has not be determined.

Remember, MAL's are the welcoming hosts this year on Friday evening, September 3. I am going to rely heavily on experience from those who have been involved with this function in the past.

In my conversation with Liz today revealed that a group of folks is needed with setting up and taking down tables/chairs. More importantly assistance is needed in children's activities at the rally. I encourage everyone to do what they can do. I am confident of the rally's success because the character of our campers has been that things get done, and they get it done well.

See you in Hesperia!
Tom Crisfield

Blossomland-

Members of Blossomland enjoyed a mosquito filled weekend June 11 – 13 at Tippecanoe River State Park in Winamac, Indiana. Danny and Deb Gatchell were wonderful hosts - they not only prepared Friday dinner and Saturday breakfast they invited us all to dine in the comforts of their ac cooled motorhome, away from the swarms. Jo Ingraham's daughter Carrie and cousin Peg joined us, as the three of them camped in Peg's pop-up. On Saturday the DeJays arrived, and we all went shopping at Bailey's in Toto - a 7,000 square foot warehouse of anything your heart could desire. (If you've never been to Toto it's a worthwhile experience.) Our Saturday evenings are normally filled with a potluck supper and sitting around the campfire making smores and enjoying stories, however as we were about to sit down to eat someone came down the road announcing that a storm was moving in. We all hunkered down in our units while the wind blew and the rains fell. Even after the rain the mosquitos were in full force on Sunday morning while we enjoyed breakfast together before packing up. Blossomland's next rally will be July 23 - 25.

Judith Collins

REPORT ON THE GARAGE SALE AT BELLEVUE

We had a very good sale we netted a little over \$1200.00. That's a lot of quarters, dimes and nickels. We didn't have a lot of big items this year but our tables were full. I would like to thank Phyllis, Jenny, Kathy, Harriett, Sherry, Inez, Sue, Diane, and those folks that hung clothes, positioned tables, unpacked boxes and bags and did the running. Dick made the signs and he along with Herm & Tom were the gofers. We had a lot of help and I hope I didn't forget someone. You know who you are and I thank you. But, most of all I would like to thank YOU the members who donated your items and goodies for us to sell. Without YOU we wouldn't have a garage sale. We had a lot of inquiries about the campground, past out some brochures and enjoyed the comments from our "every year customers" about how the campground has changed over the years. We have bought 3 tables and will be able to do the brick behind the wood stove when the fellas show up to work on it, and have a good start on the roof for the upper shelter. Thanks everyone for a job well done.

Sharon Westerhouse



BROWN BAG AUCTION and ADULT DOOR PRIZES at the ALL AMERICAN RALLY-

I've been asked to do the brown bag auction for the rally on Friday night. Bring an item in a brown paper bag; put the value on the outside of the bag. You can decorate your bag or keep it plain. We will auction it off starting with the value marked on the bag. Your item can be anything useable that you might bid on. Toys, household items, RV items, etc. The proceeds will go to the

Hesperia campground. I am also doing the tank prizes this year. I'm not asking the Chapters for adult prizes. If YOU bring a prize, you will get a ticket. Then when door prizes are drawn, bring YOUR ticket to get your prize. If you bring a prize, you will receive a prize. Chapters should turn in the youth and teen prizes to registration for distribution to the chairmen's.

See ya at the rally.
Sharon



Firewood-

The following article was published by the State of Michigan/MARVAC in the State Campground Guide. It tells of the danger and damage that moving firewood around the State can cause wooded sites like our campgrounds. It talks about buying firewood where in our case our Campground Directors and Property Tenders attempt to have firewood available for all that request it.

Firewood: Buy it where you burn it!

Campfires have always been a major staple in campgrounds---sitting around the fire on a starlit night telling stories, and roasting hot dogs and marshmallows. But the practice of hauling firewood from one part of the state to another is devastating Michigan's native trees. The Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) is an invasive insect that has killed more than 30 million ash trees in Michigan, and is perhaps the most prominent threat to our state's forests. The EAB is a small, metallic-green, wood-boring beetle that was discovered in southeast Michigan in 2002. Native to Asia, it's believed to have been unknowingly transported to the United States in wood packing material. But, the EAB is not the only threat...beech bark disease, Dutch elm disease and gypsy moths are the top threats in a growing list of firewood hitchhikers. Please consider some simple precautions to ensure the future of your favorite recreation destination:

- Don't bring firewood with you when you camp. If you find or buy wood in the park, don't take any back home with you. Burn it all or give it to other campers in the park.
- Most parks sell firewood in small, manageable bundles. If not, you can usually find firewood for sale in nearby areas.
- Pair up with your fellow campers at a communal fire circle to share the warmth of a crackling wood fire and make some new friends.

Protecting Michigan's forests doesn't mean that campfires are a thing of the past. Taking extra steps to enjoy the firelight will protect Michigan's forests today and in the future. For more information, visit www.michigan.gov/eab or call 866-325-0023.

From the Editor-

The next newsletter will be the August Newsletter which will be sent out the beginning of August. If you would like an article in the August Newsletter please submit them to me by July 30.

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

**TTCM 2010 ALL AMERICAN RALLY AT HESPERIA
SEPTEMBER 3 – SEPTEMBER 6, 2010
PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE AUGUST 1, 2010**

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

TTCM# _____ CHAPTER NAME: _____ MAL _____

TYPE OF UNIT: _____ LENGTH _____ FT _____ EXPANDO _____

NUMBER IN FAMILY _____ ADULTS _____ TEENS _____ YOUTH _____

THE FOLLOWING CHILDREN WILL BE CAMPING WITH US:

NAME: _____ AGE _____ NAME: _____ AGE _____

NAME: _____ AGE _____ NAME: _____ AGE _____

HANDICAP AREA NEEDED _____ YES _____ NO
IF YES, PLEASE INDICATE YOUR HANDICAP NEEDS _____

ESTIMATED ARRIVAL DATE: _____ RALLY FEE PAID _____

RALLY FEE: \$25.00 PRE-REGISTRATION* (\$15.00 FOR SINGLE MEMBERS)
\$30.00 AT THE GATE

**PARKING FEE OF \$10.00 PER NIGHT WILL BE COLLECTED UPON ARRIVAL. (\$2.00 PER NIGHT UNOCCUPIED)

DEADLINE DATE FOR PRE-REGISTRATION WILL BE ENFORCED!!!

REGISTRATION AFTER DEADLINE WILL BE HOBO PARKING IN OVERFLOW AREA.

*PRE-REGISTRATION WILL BE REFUNDED IF YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO ATTEND.

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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.

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