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From the President-

Happy summer to each of you. It has been a good one so far but could have been a bit cooler. However we will take the heat because in January we will wish that we had some of it.

I just returned from a few days in Indiana and had a real good time, If you have never visited the city of Auburn and toured the Auburn Car Museum or the W.W.II Museum you have missed 2 of the best museums in the area.

Do you have your registration in for our All American rally yet? Mine went into the mail today. Liz and the members of the Happy Wanderers have been working hard to put together a fun weekend for all of us. We need to show our support for them and our Hesperia campground by showing up.

All of the audits are over, the Treasurer, Secretary, and the Bellevue Campground passed with flying colors, there are some problems at the Hesperia Campground that we will try to get corrected as quickly as possible.

I hope to see most of you at our ALL AMERICAN RALLY

Dick Hamlin
Pres. TTCM

From the Secretary's Desk-

It was brought to my attention by the Restless Ones Chapter that I had made several mistakes in reporting the minutes of the May Board of Directors meeting concerning their president's remarks. The following is the statement and correction:

I stated that Ron apologized for the outburst of the members. I assumed that he apologized for the 3 members from his Chapter when they told me it was only one member he apologized for. I should have stated Mary's name and not "members". He stated "I apologize for Mary, I've learned a lot and everybody's doing a great job." I assumed he meant the Board since that's what we were talking about. They informed me that he did not say "Board" I should have wrote the word "everyone" not the Board. I reviewed the tapes of the meeting and they were correct. I apologize to the members for the mistakes as they were not intentional. It is not my intention to falsify the records. This correction will have to be put on the record at the general meeting of the membership.

FOR THE ALL AMERICAN RALLY

We will have the brown bag auction on Friday night, Bring something to auction, write the price on the outside of the bag so we know where to start. Let's have a good time with this. The proceeds go to the campground.

Bring a door prize and you will receive one back. That's how it will work this year. Chapters need

to bring for the teens and youth only. So, we should be able to have a good time with all that's planned. Come and enjoy.

Sharon Westerhouse

From the Treasurer-

The TTCM books have been audited by an outside accountant and myself and an auditing committee have audited each campground. I would like to THANK those who helped on these committees!!

Hesperia did have some free camping certificates used but those used were not signed by the Secretary. The FREE camping certificates are issued at the time of joining TTCM by the Secretary to all new members. NO others are to be used. Please destroy any that you have that are not signed by our SECRETARY. THANK YOU!!

Our camping numbers are still down. Bellevue is down 7.4% and Hesperia is down 39.3%.

Kathleen Rollenhagen

Welcome Corner-

Jeff & Marcy Gunn	#4703 MAL from Battle Creek
Steve & Theresa Stark	#4704 MAL from Whitehall
Travis & Jamie DeBrot	#4705 MAL from Montague
Charles & Virginia Price	#4706 MAL from Fremont
Gerald & Phyllis Gibson	#4707 MAL from Ravenna
Jeff & Veronica Graves	#4708 MAL from Muskegon

Welcome back to Merrit & Jean Miers #4568 from Twin Lakes who re-instated.

Glad to have you in our TTCM family.



News from the North-

HESPERIA CAMPGROUND DIRECTOR-----LEFTY

FELLOW CAMPERS, Wish you all could have been here for the 4th of July weekend. With all of the yard sales going on and the festivities in and all around Hesperia everyone had something to do. The fireworks were great as usual. George and Cindy Behler really had their unit all decked out for all to see even the by passers on the the Highway. The way to go you two! When you come to Hesperia check out the pictures inside the clubhouse. Some of us sat around the community fire pit and watched it burn for several hours enjoying the many stories and just friendly conversation.

We have almost finished installing the two new outhouses. Many members have been busy working getting the campground ready for the ALL AMERICAN. Thanks for all the help!!! Hope everyone is planning to join us for the All American weekend, but for some reason you can't

remember the meeting, everyone should be there to be well informed of what's happening with TTCM. Our wood cutting is scheduled for Sept 25 & 26. Any and all help will be appreciated.

Thank You
Lefty

This letter is to express my appreciation to Lefty McGahan, Campground Director at Hesperia for his help.

My wife and I were traveling from Mackinaw City to Hesperia on Friday, July 16th with our toilet backed up. Upon arrival I asked around if anyone had a plunger but no one did. I parked our 5th wheel and then asked Lefty if he could help me. He brought over the honey wagon and tried to back flush the tank but to no avail. Lefty recommended I pull my 5th wheel to the dump station. In the meantime my wife drove to town and got a plunger. Lefty borrowed a plumbers snake and worked from the outside while I tried the plunger inside. The combination got the toilet unplugged.

However Lefty did more. He first used the water swivel attachment to flush out the tank from the inside. Then he filled the tank 1/2 full twice more to make sure the tank was cleaned out. Lefty checked with us several times during the week end to be sure the toilet was working. On Sunday, just before we left, he checked again. I want all TTCM members to know the kind of helpful person Lefty is. Lefty went above and beyond his campground duties to help us. THANK YOU, LEFTY!!

Sincerely,
Richard Jaeschke #4448
Restless Ones



News from the South-
BELLEVUE REPORT:

First of all, I want to thank Dan & Mary Gatchell and Pat & Gay Story for the good job they did as property tenders. I also want to thank Gene Conklin for all the help he gave us.

We need to touch on the storage here at Bellevue. We have an International bus, pop-up camper (covered with a blue tarp), Hi-Lo trailer (covered with gray tarp), Surveyor travel trailer, Cougar fifth wheel, Wilderness travel trailer and Dutchman travel trailer with no numbers displayed. These units do not have their numbers displayed according to our campground rule #2 which reads "It is each member's responsibility to provide proof of membership. Each member must

display their TTCM number and current year's sticker so it is visible from the outside of your unit **at all times including in storage.**" This must be corrected by the members who own these units.

I want to thank the outside groups that came to the campground this month. That's what helps to pay the bills. We had the Boy Scouts, the Holiday Rambler group and the FCRV retirees. They are talking about coming back next season.

Remember that the campground planning committee meeting is the 3rd weekend in August. We need your input.

We bought 4 white tables from garage sale profits and we are currently working on the brick behind the wood stove. It is looking good. We thank the garage sale ladies for all there work to fund this project.

Come out and enjoy your campground, it's looking great.

Herman & Tom

HESPERIA YARD SALE-

First of all we want to thank all of you who brought your stuff here for the sale. We had a lot of nice things. So thank you again. We had a great team of workers, we all worked very hard, but we also had some fun. And there are some crazy looking pictures around with the workers looking real good in their new hats. We did \$500.00 on the sale, so we can add that money to last years towards the new fencing for the park. It will take a few years but we can do it. Our sale will be earlier next year. It will be on June 16, 17, & 18. So think of us and put a box in the corner in some room and start filling for the sale. And you fellows too, we need men's things so put a box in the corner of your garage.

Have a great August and September.
Dee and Edna—Hesperia

10TH Annual Sewing Bee in Hesperia June 2010

The June Sewing Bee at Hesperia for 2010 has come to an end. It's amazing how fast the week goes by. They say time goes fast when you're having a good time so apparently we were having an amazing time.

Mary Jaeschke headed the sewing bee as Nancy Hellman could not be here this year due to her husband having surgery. They won't be able to camp this year. Nancy and Terry, we're thinking of you and keeping you in our prayers. We hope to see you back here next year. Thank you Mary and Cheryl Dennis for your help and whoever else helped.

We started off the week with Nancy Connelly from Fanna's Mercantile in Hesperia. Our project from her was making a "Smart Bag". They were very simple to make. There were many bags made throughout the week. Some made them bigger. There were a lot of beautiful bags. Nancy comes on her day off every year with a new project for us. She has been coming for over 6 years. We really enjoy having her. Thanks Nancy. She brought 4 door prizes with her and they were won by Evelyn Nieberger, Carol Page, LaDeanna Smalley and Virginia Smalley. She stayed and had lunch with us. Nancy, thank you very much for our discount coupons. We really appreciate them.

Debbie Sewald was back this year to prepare our lunches. Debbie we're glad you're back. You do a great job and we look forward to seeing you next June. We missed you last year. Attending

this year's sewing bee were Jan Jones, Carolyn Fitzpatrick, Cheryl Dennis, Mary Jaeschke, LaDeanna Smalley, Carol Page, Pat Duttonhaver, Joyce Carpenter, Sarah DeWolf, Cheryl Horn, Evelyn Nieberger, Carol McNeil, Bev Annis, Barb Annis, Virginia Smalley and Florence Stienbarger. I believe everyone has signed up again for June of 2011.

Hesperia Variety also gave us discount coupons from their fabric and craft department. Thank you very much. It helps us very much with our sewing bee.

Other than Nancy coming with her project the rest of the week was more or less to do whatever we wanted to do. I know I brought a lot of unfinished projects, I got quite a few of them done but of course I never get finished. I made a lot of new things also. Some of the projects that were done over the week were, making quilts, purses, pillowcases and table runners. Then of course there was the shopping for more material etc. We have to build our supply of material back up again. We can never have too much material.

Thank you Carol McNeil for showing us some of your beautiful quilts you have made. They were absolutely beautiful!!

Some of us went out to supper in the evenings. Mary and Richard Jaeschke just took out stock in the HighTower Bar & Grill. They ate there five nights in a row. They have excellent chili dogs and a special every night. I went with them one night. Thanks for the pleasure of your company. You're great friends and always will be.

The sewing bee was enjoyed by all of us. It's a great time of friendship and making new friends. I'm looking forward to next year already. I believe almost everyone signed up again for the June 2011 sewing bee.

The next one is the Fall Sewing Bee 2010 which is the week of September 20th. If everything goes all right between now and then I hope to be here for that.

Thanks to my new laptop computer I wrote this article before I left to come home. I definitely thought this would be in the July newsletter. I got ready to email the article the following Monday and it didn't work. I have a new office words on both computers and it don't work the same as my old one (which I like much better). My daughter-in-law came down last weekend and she showed me how to do it. I'm going to try and see if I can remember. I wrote it down but that don't mean anything. Hopefully this will be in the August newsletter.

I hope everyone has a great summer. It will be gone before we know it. Hope to see some of you in September. Enjoy!!

Sincerely,
Jan Jones
#5000 Restless Ones

ALL-AMERICAN RALLY update-

Hello everyone! This is the last article about the All American Rally. But first I would like to thank Lefty, his property tenders, garage sale committee and anyone else who have taken time to help out at the Hesperia Campground so far this year. It takes a co-operative group of people working for a common goal to get the work done, so that goal is to keep the campground looking it's best for everyone to enjoy. I believe they all have done that. I thank all of you. Lefty is working hard to get the campground ready for the All America.

Now here's the Rally update. The deadline for pre-registration was August first, however at this point we have plenty of room and we will not turn you away. We want your bodies here to enjoy the fun and relaxing time with us. I also have printed in this newsletter a tentative schedule for

the rally. Please read it over carefully. All of the events are listed with the chairperson(s) name, day and time of the event and so on. The final schedule will be in your goody bag. If you see an event on the schedule without a chairperson's name that means if no one steps up to hold that event by the start of the rally that event will be cancelled. Events currently on hold are the kids games and the adult and kids cake walks. The person who was to chair the adult cake walk stepped down because of health issues. Please think of these events. If you can help please call Liz VerPlank at 231-865-3236 or Ruth Heimann at 231-773-9501. I'm sure I will get the help I need.

Other events that will be happening are: A baby picture contest. Bring your favorite baby picture of yourself and other family members camping with that weekend, be sure to put your name on the back so we can return them to you and follow the directions on the final rally schedule. There will be prizes for the winner. Brush up on your 50's trivia because of the trivia that will be in the goody bags. You will be surprised at what you may have forgotten or didn't know of that era. I also have heard that many of the women are making "poodle skirts". That's great!! I hope you will wear them at the "Sock Hop" Saturday night during the "President's Dance" and while the band is playing.

Please remember that each chapter is to bring 2 cakes/pies for the cake walk, but NO CREAM PIES please. For door prizes, the adults, if you bring a door prize you get a door prize. The chapters need to bring 2 teen and 2 youth, the little kids are already taken care of. Don't forget to bring something for your progressive campfire. Please bring all your favorite goodies to share. The more you have the happier we will be.

I have been asked to explain how the registration when you arrive is going to work. When you pull into the campground please pull to the top of the middle circle across from the building to the big blue tent to register and pay your parking fees for the weekend. (If it should be raining, you will be directed to go into the rec hall (dance hall). Once you have registered, paid your parking and received your goodie bags, the gentlemen who are doing the parking will park you in your chapters area. It's simple.

For church on Sunday we are having a great southern gospel/country western 3 man band called "Sr. Gentlemen". Carl Quinn a member of the band is also a member of T.T.C.M., so we have some home grown talent in our backyard. I enjoyed this band the first time I heard them and immediately thought of the All American. I think you will enjoy them too.

Sunday for dinner we are having a few 50's favorites (so the trivia tells me). You will notice on the rally schedule that on Sunday for supper we are serving hamburgers, French fries and rootbeer floats. **The dinner is free except we are charging \$1.00 for seconds of a burger & fries.** No seconds on rootbeer floats. The schedule for dinner will be on the schedule of events in your goody bags. We are putting in the goody bag an order form to order your meal in advance to help move dinner along a little more smoothly.

In closing I'd like to remind everyone about the dress up for Men, Women, Teens and anyone else who would like to dress in the 50's. Sharon Westerhouse will be having her "Brown Bag Auction" on Friday night. Just put an item in a brown bag with the value on the outside. You can decorate your bag if you want and she will do the rest. It should be a lot of fun. But lastly, I hope we take in a lot more registrations. I would like everyone to come to Hesperia and have a great time relaxing and enjoying everyone's company and partake in the rally. Hesperia is a beautiful campground just like Bellevue. I need your body here to make this rally a success. Please don't give into everything you hear. Happy Wanderer's has a great rally planned for you. Please come. Thank you!!!

Liz 008

(We are looking for old records to be used as decorations. If anyone has any old records we can use please give Liz a call.)

Campground humor-
Request for Information

There was once a lady who was rather old-fashioned, always quite delicate and elegant, especially in her language. She and her husband were planning a week's vacation in Arizona, so she wrote to a particular RV campground asking for a reservation. She wanted to make sure the campground was fully equipped, but didn't quite know how to ask about the toilet facilities. She just couldn't bring herself to write the word "toilet" in her letter. After much deliberation, she finally came up with the old-fashioned term BATHROOM COMMUNE. But when she wrote that down, she still thought she was being too forward. So she started all over again, rewrote the entire letter referring to the bathroom commode merely as the BC: "Does the campground have it's own BC?" is what she actually wrote.

Well, the RV campground owner wasn't old-fashioned at all and when he got the letter, he just couldn't figure out what the lady was talking about. That BC business really stumped him. After worrying about it for awhile, he showed the letter to several campers, but they couldn't imagine what the lady meant either. So the campground owner, finally coming to the conclusion that the lady must be asking about the local Baptist Church, sat down and wrote the following reply:

Dear Madam:

I regret very much the delay in answering your letter, but I now take pleasure in informing you that a BC is located nine miles north of the campground and is capable of seating 250 people at one time. I admit it is quite a distance away, if you are in the habit of going regularly, but no doubt you will be pleased to know that a great number of people take their lunches along and make a day of it. They usually arrive early and stay late. It is such a beautiful facility and the acoustics are marvelous...even the normal delivery sounds can be heard. The last time my wife and I went was six years ago, and it was so crowded we had to stand up the whole time we were there. It may interest you to know that right now a supper is planned to raise money to buy more seats. They are going to hold it in the basement of the BC. I would like to say it pains me very much not to be able to go more regularly, but it surely is no lack of desire on my part. As we grow old, it seems to be more of an effort, particularly in cold weather. If you do decide to come down to our campground, perhaps I could go with you the first time you go, sit with you, and introduce you to all the other folks. Remember, this is a friendly community.

Sincerely, (RV Campground Owner)

From the Editor-

The next newsletter will be the September Newsletter which will be sent out the beginning of September. If you would like an article in the September Newsletter please submit them to me by August 28.

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 White Cloud, West 16.5 miles on M-20, campground on south side.

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