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### ***From the President-***

**Merry Christmas** To each and every one of you!! I hope that you and your family and friends have a joyous and safe Holiday Season.

Before I get into what is going on I want to explain my goof up in the last months news letter. Sharon and I have had a good laugh about it. And we have decided that we now know that at least 8 people read our newsletter because that is how many called or wrote to ask about my goof up. Because it was almost deadline time for the paper I was going to be smart and write the article for the paper in E-mail so I could send it right off to our editor D. Steenberg. When I wrote it and I knew that I had misspelled the word hospitality. I let it go as I always run everything I send out thru spell check. I know that I am the world's worst speller and I try not to embarrass myself. When I completed the newsletter I ran it through spell check and it said that the word hospitality was misspelled and I clicked on it to make the correction. And then I clicked on send to get it off so as not to hold up Debbie. I was not aware of my goof up until I got the first call asking what is going on. This is what I found, I thought I clicked on the word hospitality, the word hostility is the next word to chose from under hospitality and I must have moved the mouse down and hostility was printed and that is what you all saw. It proves to me again that the computer is no smarter that the person pushing the keys. I have apologized to Sharon and we are moving on.

Right now I am in Orlando, Fla. My kids are having a birthday party for me at Disney. It is the 50th anniversary of my 25th birthday. My daughter thought it was grounds for a party, my son flew in from Denver and we are having a good time together.

This is the first time in several years I have spent any time in Fla. I was not aware of their policy of ripping off the snowbirds. after charging \$42.00 a night to park your unit they then add 13% tax

on the top to make it cost \$5.42 more a night, When I told them that I wanted to leave my coach in storage for 3 nights I was told that would be \$15.00 plus \$1.50 (10%) tax. It sure makes what we have in our own campgrounds look real good.

From here it is off to Texas where I will be helping Herman put an addition on his cousins flood house.

**REMINDERS,**

Start to save stuff for our garage sales, both campgrounds will be having a sale, if each member family brought enough stuff to sell for \$10.00 we would make over \$3,000 for our campgrounds

If your Chapter officers have changed be sure to send the changes to our Secretary, Sharon. We need it to get the spring meeting information to the right person.

If you would like to be considered for an office in TTCM be sure to get your resume in prior to May 1st.

In closing, I wish nothing but the best for you and your family all throughout this Holiday Season. Take time to call a friend that you haven't talked with in a long while, enjoy the season. Do something for someone who has nothing. Please remember that the most important part of Christmas is that it is Christ's Birthday

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***From the Secretary's Desk-***

With the end of the year fast approaching the deadline for re-newing your dues is right around the corner. The deadline is January 1st. At this writing we have 168 members that haven't re-newed as of yet. Please get yours in the mail to avoid the \$10.00 re-instatement fee after January 1st. A reminder to the Chapters, I need your new presidents name and address. We won't be able to send out mailings in the spring to the correct people with out them. I have gotten responses from the following Chapters:

- Happy Campers
- Happy Wanders
- River Raisen
- MAL Rep
- Draggin Train

I need to hear from: Golden Agers, Grand Valley, Double Dozen, Duneland Winnies, Blossom land, Restless Ones and Happy Hitchers. If you want the correspondence for the officer's meeting in May, please respond.

Now, I bring your attention to the Incorporation Papers for your Chapter. I have been reminding the Chapter presidents since September that a copy of the Incorporation papers need to be sent to me by January. This is one of the Articles of By-Laws that was voted on by the membership which is not being followed. I have received a copy from Happy Campers, Happy Wanders, Happy Hitchers, Golden Agers, Draggin Train and TTCM. Presidents, you are responsible to

make sure the copies get to me. I need copies from Blossom Land, Dune Land Winnies, Double Dozen, Grand Valley, Restless Ones and River Raisin.

A suggestion was made to publish the duties of the property tender so members can understand what is expected of them if they sign up. I will get it ready and publish it in the January/February newsletter. I've also been asked to publish the secretary's duties. Although they were published in the newsletter as part of the By-Laws, I will do that also.

I wish all of you a great holiday season filled with peace and joy. I hope that the New Year will bring many happy days filled with good peaceful harmony. Have a safe winter and take care.

Sharon Westerhouse  
PO BOX 336  
Olivet, MI 49076

Sharon



### ***News from the North-***

HELLO---fellow campers. Another camping season has come to an end. It's been a busy October closing the campground for the winter months. Thanks to George Behler, Bob Robbins, Ray Hilderbrant, Ron McCastle and Bill Carpenter for all the work they done on the closing weekend. They did a great job!!!! I still have some maintenance work to do and also leaf removal. The leaves were just beautiful while on the trees, but once on the ground it's a hard job getting them to blow away.

We all hope everyone had an enjoyable camping season and looking forward to seeing you ALL in the spring.

Lefty

P.S. Our prayers and blessing go out to Doris Robbins during her illness. GET WELL SOON!!!!!!

### ***More News from the North-***

Well, we had our first after-the-season-camping at the Montague VFW in Montague for an all-you-can-eat fish fry. About 28 loyal campers were there, including guests. Edna & Ron McCastle, George & Cyndi Behler, Dee McGahan, (Leftly was in Tennessee). Jerry Settler just happen to be there and stopped by to say hello. We were sure glad to see Chuck & Fran Irwin. I didn't get a chance to mingle with everyone, but it was good to see them. Don't forget to send you membership renewal to Joyce Carpenter by December 15<sup>th</sup>, so she can get it to Sharon Westerhouse by December 31.

Our next outing is tentatively set for February 4, 2011 at the Montague VFW, same as November was. (Weather Permitting) This event will not be rescheduled. Our organization meeting will be held March 5<sup>th</sup> at the Sullivan Twp. Hall, with a potluck, meeting and cards and games to follow. More news later on that.

I'd like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Remember to thank God for his present / presence.

Travel safely to your destination and we'll see you next time.....smile!!

Ruth Heimann  
Reporter



### ***News from the South-***

Hello from Texas & Alabama. Tom & I would like to thank all of you that came out to the campground this year to help with the campground. It was a big help to me when Tom was incapacitated with his treatments for cancer. We are looking forward to a good year next year. We have some outside groups signed up to use the campground next year which will help support the campground.

We are hoping to have an outing to repair and improve the playground area. We will publish that and hope that we can get a turn out for it. We will keep you informed to what is going on.

We want to wish everyone a great holiday and we are looking forward to a fruitful 2011. Hope you are too. Have a good winter.

Herman Hazard & Tom Westerhouse  
Co-directors for Bellevue



### ***Rally Report-***

Hello everyone. I hop that everyone is enjoying all the good weather that Mother Nature has given us. We usually are not blessed with warm weather like this to end the season. I'd like to apologize for not having a Rally Report to you in October's Newsletter. I was having trouble with this computer that I couldn't solve in time to beat the deadline. So I gave up and decided that November would be just as good. Besides, now I have all the info I need to give you a proper report thanks to Doris Van Dyke (HW) who was the treasure and kept excellent records. Thanks to everyone who attended and turned in all receipts in order to get reimbursed. Thank for all your cooperation.

Today is "Columbus Day" and we just received the statement from the bank so we can finalize the rally account. I'm extremely excited to say we did not go in the red this year thanks to the rest of my committee. Ruth Heimann & Bob Pulsifer did an excellent job on buying everything we needed. It's called smart buying and crunch time. We didn't have the luxury of buying anything we didn't need or thought we had the money for. On the other hand we put on a great rally for everyone to enjoy. When I put on my first rally approx. 18 yrs ago (oh how time flies) in Hesperia we had approx. 153 units in the campground which gave us plenty of money to work with to do the little things you can't do when you have less than 75 units attending. Thanks Ruth & Bob and the rest of Happy Wanderers. Oh! Before I go any further we have a profit of \$61.38. Blossomland generously gave us the profit from their raffle to use in case we went in the red. However, we didn't need to use it so we donated it to the Hesperia Campground like they asked us to do if we didn't use it. Thank you so much Blossomland you have a great heart!!!

Like I stated earlier the rally was great. The only so called problem that we had was with Mother Nature. She decided to give us rain, blowing wind and cold weather. It felt like winter was coming any minute. Just ask Debi SeeWald. She had the perfect attire Saturday night with her duty pants & jacket. No-way was she going to be cold. However, I'm not allowed to tell what she had on or show any pictures. Thanks Deb, it was fun.

With this years theme the 50's one thing that I wanted to have was a juke box. I thought it would be the one thing to help set the atmosphere of the theme. But finding one was a challenge. I asked around the campground for someone who might know how we could get one to borrow or

what I thought would be easier, build our own. Well word got around and it made it to Bellevue. First thing I knew I got a call from Linda Vella (DD) saying she knew someone who was going to make one special for the rally. I was excited and couldn't wait to find out who was going to make it and what the finale finished piece was going to look like. (Most people that know me well know I'm very patient at times). I was told not to worry that it was coming along great and looked fantastic. Well to finish a long story short, Jim & Darlene Owens (RR) were the ones making it. Jim was building it and Darlene was doing the art work. We had just finished decorating the building when Bruce and Gayle Alm delivered the Juke Box to the building. It looked great. It worked out for all our music and announcements. I wish that Jim and Darlene were there to see it. We voted unanimously to give them a blue ribbon for a job well done. We appreciate everything you did for us Jim & Darlene. I have pictures I'm sending to you soon I hope!!

I have so many people to thank. RO's you went beyond the call of duty when it came to helping out. Gordon Dennis you did a great job parking everyone. Dewey thank you for helping out with cleaning the grills. All the ladies helping out where ever they could. They knew just what to do on the events you chaired and every other area needing help. All of you are super. Lefty you did a super job with the campground. It looked great everyone liked the way it looked. I also had quite a few people say how much they liked the help you gave them. I was told that no matter the need you were there. Thank you. Jim Annis also helped with the parking. Between Jim and Gordon I didn't worry about a thing. Thank you to those who helped with decorating the building. The building looked super with the tables, walls, windows and everything hanging from the ceiling thanks to Deb Seewald. The Juke Box was a special addition to the 50's look that we wanted. I want to especially thank my co-chair Ruth Heimann & Bob Pulsifer for all the work they did. For the pre-registration Ruth handled and help she gave Bob Pulsifer buying food, helping to keep our cost down so not to go over budget and most of all putting up with me. Thank you Ruth & Bob. To Doris for the treasury work she did. Thank you Dee & Edna for taking over registration, collecting the parking money and GA's (Cindy, Carol, Brenda and Debbie) for checking everyone in, handing out all the goody bags in the cold weather we were blessed with. Another special couple are Carl & Linda Quinn. New members early this past summer who I've gotten to know well and also brought me the band we had for church. The "Sr. Gentlemen". I was able to listen to them all summer when they would rehearse at the campground. For those who missed the church service you missed some great music we may have even earned a new member too. Who knows. We will have to wait and see.

Thank you Tom and Sharon for support when I needed it. You have always been supportive of everything I have done. Ron & Edna McCastle, what can I say about you? Ron had been helping me unload the van and load it back up on the weekends while I was camping alone each weekend. Ron and Edna were there each weekend that I needed help (as were others) and we developed a special friendship. Thank you for putting up with me all summer. You are great.

Let's remember Hesperia needs time to heal from this past summer. So does T.T.C.M. So I hope that everyone will keep that in mind when thinking about camping next summer. If you're not happy with any of our officers then think about running for an office or find someone who will and support that person. I hope that all of the negativity will stay home next year. Let's start fresh in the spring. Bring new ideas to the table. Call me at (2310865-32360 if you want to share an idea. I enjoy putting on rallies if I can get enough help. My leg slows me down. I can't do things the way I used to but I enjoy putting on a rally. So call. Let's see what exciting new ideas we can dream up. We need your new ideas for campground wide rallies.

I need to close this long news article. Thank you again for all your help and support, but most of all thank you for all the new and extended friendships I have made. I will cherish each and every one. Thank you!!!!

Liz VerPlank 008

### ***OFFICAL NOTICE-***

As MAL president and in accordance to the by-laws of TTCM, I am to place this notice in the newsletter.

Article X, Paragraph E,

Subparagraph 1. "A notice shall be placed in the newsletter requesting the names of those members desirous having their names placed in nomination."

Subparagraph 2. "... Each nominee must have his or her resume postmarked by May 1st and mailed to the MAL president...."

2011 is election year. Resumes are to be postmarked no later than May 1, 2011.

Please mail your resumes to:

Thomas Crisfield

MAL President

187 N 22nd Street

Battle Creek, MI 49015

### ***Florida luncheon-***

Thursday, January 20th at Perkins Restaurant in Bartow, Florida

Everyone is welcome to come. The address is 150 E. Van Fleet Dr. Bartow, Florida 33830. The luncheon will start at 1:00. Everyone orders what they want off the menu. Call Mary and Richard Jaeschke at 616 485-3950 and let them know if you can come. If you forget to call come anyway. We always have plenty of room.



### ***Keep in your prayers-***

The family of Ken Baker of Hesperia MI. Ken passed away on Saturday, November 20, 2010. Ken was a M.A.L. and the widower of Betty.

The family of Joan Westphal of Turtle Creek, IN. Joan passed away on Friday, December 3, 2010. Joan was a Duneland Winnie and the wife of Don.

They both will be missed greatly!

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

The next newsletter will be the January/February Newsletter which will be sent out the beginning of February. If you would like an article in the next Newsletter please submit them to me by January 29.

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.

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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 16<sup>th</sup>. 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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