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Spring President's Letter-

Happy spring to each of you. It won't be much longer and all of the snowbirds will be coming home to roost for the summer. I think that we are all ready for summer and anxious to get our RV out and hit the road.

There are several things that I need to remind you of in no special order.

Campground Opening- What can you do to help get things up and going? There is a list of things that are needed each spring to get our campgrounds up and running. Our campgrounds will open on the third weekend of April. Would you please consider stopping by for the weekend to lend a hand where needed?

Campground Planning Committee Meeting- This meeting is held 3 times each summer. It gives our members a chance to have input on things that are done at each Campground, minutes are kept so that we have a record for funding approval. This meeting will be held on opening weekend at each campground. Any member can attend however, only appointed members of the committee are allowed to vote.

Spring Officers Meeting- This year the meeting will be held at our Hesperia campground. Each Chapter President is expected to attend. If for any reason the President can't attend he can assign any chapter member a Proxy that allows that person to stand in and vote for the Chapter. This meeting is where everything that the planning committee has discussed and the minutes are read and all special funding for each campground is approved. The 2010 year end Treasurers report will be given to each chapter and discussed. Funding for each campground will be approved for the 2011 camping season.

2011 Election- If you are considering running for a TTCM office you must prepare a resume that will be published in this newsletter and placing you on the official ballot for the office you desire. This must be mailed to the MAL Rep. who is the person in charge of the election. In order for your resume to be valid it must be postmarked by May 1st and mailed to Tom Crisfield. Any resume received after this date will be considered late and not be published. (This is per our By-Laws)

Property Tender for each Campground- We need your help at both of our parks. With the price of fuel going sky hi, this is a way you can camp for a week free at either of your Campgrounds. Why not talk to your Campground Director for more information?

I have a new E-Mail address- It will be changed on the back of this newsletter. It is Double0606@sbcglobal.net. Now that I have left Texas and the hole in the ground I have been staying in all winter. I can use my cell phone and get E-Mail. I look forward to seeing each of you at one of our campgrounds over the summer, will you be there?

Dick Hamlin, President TTCM

From the Secretary's Desk-

I need to make a correction in last month's article under Property Tenders Duties. I had stated that the charge of the pumper was \$2.00. That is wrong!! The presidents decided two years ago at their meeting to change the charge to \$3.00. I wanted to be sure and correct that error.

I have sent the list of members that are delinquent in their dues to Debbie to publish. This is the last newsletter they will receive as Debbie has been instructed to remove the names from her mailing list. This will save approximately \$27.00 a month in postage. As I receive re-instatements I send her the names and addresses to put back on her mailing list.

We have approximately 240 members as of this writing in March. I'm hoping that when I get home, there will be more renewals waiting for me. With this economy and fuel prices being so high, I worry that this will hurt our membership. Hopefully, these members will re-instate and stay with us for the long haul.

With spring in the breeze, I hope to see you at our campgrounds some time. Let's have a good camping season and get out and support our campgrounds.

Sharon



News from the North-

Hello all I hope this finds everyone well and in good spirits if not we need the names so we can put them on sick call and in our prayers.

Spring has finally arrived after a long cold winter. It won't be long and the campgrounds will be opening. We will need help getting Hesperia open and I'm sure that Bellevue needs help too.

Just a reminder to anyone who would like to be Hesperia campground director or any other TTCM office to be sure and get your resume in and postmarked by May 1st.

I haven't heard from our president so I don't know what he has plans for this camping season. I'm sure we will find out at the May Meeting.

That's it for now. Hope to see all of you camping this year.

Lefty



News from the South-

By the time this is published, we'll be heading back to Michigan in time to get the campground ready for opening. Herman will be back from Texas and out to the campground before me. We hope that some of you will come out to help at opening. We have a lot to do to get ready for the camping season ahead.

We will be having our campground planning committee meeting so please have your chapter representative there for the meeting. The third weekend is opening and our meeting is on Saturday at 2:00. We need the chapter input from the representatives as to what is needed for the coming year.

The Executive Board meeting is the first Saturday of May at Hesperia. We will report your ideas at that time and what ever projects we decide to do. We will then ask for approval from the board. So, we need a good turn out for the planning committee meeting.

Hope to see you at the campground soon.
Tom Westerhouse & Herman Hazard
Co-Directors

Garage Sale-

This summer each of our campgrounds will be holding their annual sale. The money earned will go to a project that the Campground Planning committee has talked about and has approved. This means that the money will not have to come from the TTCM or Campground treasury. We need your help finding and bringing stuff to our campgrounds to sell and your help during the sale.

Keep in your prayers-

Gene Conklin and his family. Gene has been in the hospital with phenomena and heart problems. We wish the family all of the best and will give him a few weeks of time off this spring from mowing, while he recuperates.

The family of past member Ron Hale who was a long time member of Grand Valley, until the 2010 camping year, he passed away on December 17 after a battle with cancer. He was a member with his wife, Judy. Their daughter and son-in-law, Lori & Scott Bouwman are still members of Grand Valley.

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

Below are the duties of the President / Vice-President /Treasurer

PRESIDENT

Shall preside at all meetings of the club Executive Committee and Board of Directors; shall appoint all standing committees; shall be a member Ex officio of all committees; and shall have other such powers and duties as normally appertain to that office.

VICE-PRESIDENT

In the absence of the president assume and perform all the duties of the president. Vice-President should be in contact with the president so knows what is happening within the club. If members do not want to go to the directors and president is not able to be contacted, they can go to Vice-President with their concerns.

The Vice-President should receive all maintenance records from the directors monthly and report any equipment not maintained to the president and the Board of Directors.

Vice-President should be able to help out at either campground if requested, and do other duties as may be designated by Board of Directors or president.

TREASURER

Shall receive report monthly, from the Secretary, of all dues received by secretary with all money received. Deposit all money with proper accounting and make membership roster. Roster is to be copied and available to the chapter presidents and directors at the May meeting. Make an updated list of all new and reinstated members to the directors monthly from May – August. Order all badges for new members and see that all new members receive them.

The Treasurer is responsible for the selection of the financial institutions and to make any change in the accounts at the institutions. Arrange for the orderly and correct filing of signature cards on these accounts.

The Treasurer shall issue checks and/or drafts when they are presented and authorized in the appropriate manner. Be responsible to review the accounts of the financial institutions of the campgrounds and operating committees for accuracy and correct accountability. Currently if the campground paper work is mailed on Monday can be it reviewed by Thursday. Treasurer is to select members to help audit campground records annually. Treasurer shall keep accurate accounting of assets and liabilities of the club.

Shall submit to Board of Directory's in May previous year's financial report. Shall lease a safety deposit box at the bank and deposit club records – deeds, contracts or other significant documents.

Work with insurance agent to make sure all new equipment is covered on our policy along with all old equipment removed. Depreciate all Equipment.

Treasurer must be able to work with President, Secretary and Directory's for all problem solving and correct accounting, and available to go to both campgrounds if problems arise.

The Treasurer needs to have updated computer knowledge. Annually, prepares a complete and reconciled financial report immediately following the close of the fiscal year and have accountant audit books annually. Shall produce all financial records to accountant and file all statutory government financial reports in keeping with our tax status and make sure such are filed on time to proper authorities. All tax records are to be kept indefinitely in one place. (A requirement of the IRS for non-profit organizations.)

The feeling of the accountant, the IRS and the State of Michigan was that quick books pro is the best program for our type of organization. I feel this is the best program and if everyone works together instead of fighting it, it would work and would make all the jobs of the organization much easier for everyone.

From the Editor-

The next newsletter will be the March/April Newsletter which will be sent out the beginning of April. If you would like an article in the next Newsletter please submit them to me by March 26. 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

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This is the last newsletter for these members. If they desire to remain on the TTCM mailing list they will need to send \$35.00 to re-instate their membership to the TTCM Secretary, Sharon Westerhouse at:

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The newsletter Editor has been instructed to remove these names from her mailing list until further notified by the secretary.

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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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2960 W Jefferson
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260 S Dexter St
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