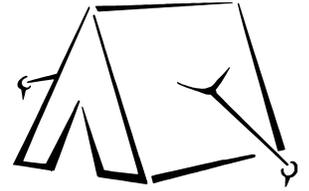


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From The President

Now that winter has a blanket of snow on the campgrounds, it is time to reflect on all the members who made last season so terrific. There are far too many to mention...you know who you are. THANK YOU!

I would also like to thank everyone who supported me for president in the last election. My goal is to bring the TTCM family together. As a board we are all committed to making TTCM a place that everyone wants to come.

I would like to tell you a little bit about myself. I believe there is no such thing as a silly question. I prefer direct questions. With that you will receive a direct answer and if I cannot answer you right then I will get the answer for you. I'm always open to suggestions and encourage ideas on how to improve TTCM as a whole.

Looking forward to serving you.

Roger



WELCOME CORNER

Leo Strandberg #3099 HW



Upcoming Events

- April – Campground Openings
- May 5 – May Meeting (Bellevue)
- May 25-28 – Memorial Weekend
- July 5-8 – Fourth of July Rally - Bellevue (Duneland Winnies & Blossomland)
- September – All American Rally (Hesperia)



“Stay”-cation



If you have an attraction or an event that is near one of our campgrounds please send the information to the Newsletter Editor. I will be creating a “Stay”-cation section for upcoming newsletters. We have 2 beautiful campgrounds – Let’s use them!!



From the Laptop of the Editor



I hope that you are enjoying the new layout of our Newsletter! If there is something you really like or do not like...let me know. This is for your information so you should have a voice in its creation.

Couple of housekeeping notes:

Deadlines: If you have something you would like put in the newsletter please have it to me by the 25th of the month previous to publication date.

Electronic Newsletter: Please, please, please if you have access to a computer or smart phone think about having your newsletter sent you to you via email. It is free and you will receive it as soon as I finish creating it. You can also view our newsletter online at www.TTCM.org! With the price of postage going up it is costing the club more and more to send out the newsletter by postal mail. This money could be put to better use in the club.

From the desk of the Treasurer:

Hope everyone had a safe and Happy New Year and is looking forward to 2012.

First and foremost I would like to thank Kathy Rollenhagen for answering all the questions that I have had during the last few months. We did have a hard time with the changeover with the TTCM computer being broke but once I had it fixed (still under warranty) and got caught up with the accounts everything is going well.

Kathy Rollenhagen and Sharon Westerhouse have been very helpful with all their knowledge and have been answering all many questions.

I would also like to thank Lefty (Hesperia Campground Director) and Edna (Hesperia Treasurer aka Mother superior) for giving me the opportunity to train on Quick books with them the last few months of the 2011 camping season. It really did help when Kathy was going over everything with me to have had done it a few times. Thanks to the women of the round table at Hesperia, Cyndi Behler and Jon and Phyllis Baker for their support and their extra help also.

Thanks to everyone for their support and confidence in me, and I am always willing to answer any questions. I am just a phone call or e-mail away in the off season or a tap on the trailer door during the summer.

I want to thank our Secretary Leo for getting me all the renewals in a timely manner so I can keep the books up to date.

And a big thanks to Roger for keeping me (aka The Princess) calm with all my frantic

What do we mean when we say "Nonprofit"?

A nonprofit has no owners and its purpose is not to enrich the people who run it.

Nonprofit organizations can and do earn money; however, they must use it for their stated nonprofit purposes, not for the private gain of any individual. Indeed, they are legally barred from distributing any profits they earn to the people that control them such as directors, officers, or members.

Camping revenue for 2011

Bellevue \$16,950.00 - Guest camping \$709.00

Hesperia \$18,360.00 - Guest camping \$1,230.00

All of these totals are up from 2010

Look forward to seeing you all in the coming season!

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FOR SALE



Do you have something related to camping that you would like to sell??? Send the basic information to the newsletter editor and I will place an ad in future newsletters!

Voice of the Vice

Hello fellow campers, I've been asked several times what I would like to help accomplished in the next 3 years as vice president of our club and my immediate answer is "to have fun". I'm sure everyone agrees that we must attract new members for our continued success. I encourage everyone to offer suggestions to your chapter representative so we may discuss and implement some positive changes starting with the May executive board meeting. We also thought that a monthly review from each campground highlighting special events and places to see in the area could encourage more families to come out camping. Please include the basics of Who, What, Where and When. This is my submission for the Bellevue area.

Who: Daryl and Sharon Westphal

What: The Olivet Fireman's festival

Where: Olivet, Michigan

When: The last weekend in July

Sharon and I just happened to be at Bellevue last July, Dick Hamlin told us about the festival in Olivet. On Friday afternoon the local fire department held their water ball competition, if you have never seen this it takes a lot of skill and team work and it's a nice way to beat the heat in late July. There were also several vendors set up downtown. Friday also starts the town wide garage sale which continues Saturday Olivet is a little bigger than it looks and I was assured that everything we bought was needed for something.

Saturday there were several more vendors and we had some pretty good tacos and a great pulled pork sandwich and some apple pie and just a little ice cream. The Firefighters set up a custom water slide that ran down the hill next to the Fire Station every kid in town was there. I believe they were serving sno-cones and other treats inside the station. The good old fashion small town parade started at noon, great spots for viewing were easy to find and the parade was a lot of fun. If we have any classic car or muscle car fans in the club you will enjoy the car show which was set up on the square at the college complete with a DJ and of course more food.

We went back to the campground for a break and headed back to Olivet that evening as I was told one of the best fire work shows you will ever see is held at the ball field next to the Fire Station. We had some time to kill before dark and found the town beer garden, purchased a few more raffle tickets and enjoyed the sweet sounds of karaoke. The raffle went as expected. WOW! The fire work show was worth the price of admission which is zero! This show went way beyond shows we've seen in much larger cities. If you enjoy small town fun on a great summer weekend head to Bellevue the last weekend in July.

If you have a review to offer get it to our newsletter editor. This club is only as good as WE make it.

Daryl



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From 1-69/1-94 - north on 1-69, Exit 48. Go west on M-78, approx. 2 miles. South on Ionia Rd. to W. Baseline Rd. East to 16th. Turn left at stop sign and follow for ¼ mile. Campground on the left.

Hesperia Campground

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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 the south side.