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From Around the Campfire

I would like to thank everyone at Hesperia that made us feel so welcomed at the All American Rally this year. Liz did a great job and everything went off without a hitch. In 2013 the All American Rally is at Bellevue and we will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of TTCM so let's all come and enjoy the festivities. I would like to thank Lefty and all the members who volunteered throughout the summer to get the work done at Hesperia, great job on the camp ground. I would also like to thank all the members who volunteered at Bellevue to help work on the camp ground this year. A big thanks to all you folks. Hope to see you all at the Halloween outing at Bellevue.

Your President

Roger



Voice of the Vice

What a year for TTCM! I feel we accomplished a lot and had a lot of fun doing it. The All American Rally was outstanding, great food, great campfires and even a great general membership meeting. The entire crew from Hesperia deserves a thank you from the membership. We kicked off the buy a brick program and I have received a few orders. Please get them in as I need a minimum of 10 to send in an order.

Daryl

Upcoming Events

October 19th – 20th – Campground Closing

November 25th – Articles due for Nov/Dec
Newsletter

December 31st – Dues need to be paid



**HAPPY
HALLOWEEN**



Hello!

Welcome

#4741 – Paul & Jan Peach
#4742 – Sharon Ward
#4743 – Butch & Tammy Coulier



Welcome Back

#4551 – Rick & Zona Blackburn

The Secretary Speaks

As head of the remodel of the kitchen at Hesperia I would like to thank the following for their help and donations: Jim & Mike Annis, Steve McNeal, Ron Page, George Behler, Robert & Clion Carr, Lorri Hoople, Gordon Dennis, Ron McCastle, Ray and Brenda Hilderbrandt and Lefty for their work. The additional sink will be put in next year. Of the \$2000 put up for the remodel we have spent \$1300. I also want to thank Grand Valley for the donation for the extra 2 electric wiring circuits in the kitchen.

All Chapters please get your non-profit corporation papers in to the secretary. This will be the last year to do this if there is a change to the by-laws this coming year. Also please send a copy of all new officers of your chapters so they can be informed of special meetings and events. We have asked in the past that all chapters send a copy of their members addresses, phone numbers to the secretary to be put on file.

The All American Rally held in Hesperia was a great event for all that attended. Many members paid their TTCM dues for 2013. TTCM dues for 2013 are now being collected. If you mail your dues please indicate on the check memo your TTCM number.

**Send dues to:
Leo Fitzpatrick
2985 Irish Acres Dr.
Jackson, Mich. 49201.**



Please remember to make checks payable to:
TTCM

I will be at the Halloween campout at Bellevue and will collect dues there.

Leo Fitzpatrick

Tidbits from the Treasurer



Ring Ring.....

Hello to all the TTCM property tenders and anyone who is on phone duty at either campground.

Please be aware that we do get solicitation calls at the campgrounds, and you should know that any businesses that we do business with on a regular basis have my contact information.

So if someone calls and offers the campground advertising or they just want to confirm something about our phone number or listing please just hang up without saying anything...they try to get you to say yes and no because they record the calls then they can just put your yes or no to any question they like and makes it sound like you ordered whatever their selling!!

I have put both campgrounds on the DO NOT CALL LIST. It takes about 31 days for this to take effect and is supposed to last for 5 years.

Thank you for your help with this matter

To all the members who receive mail at the campgrounds.

Please make sure you go to the post office and have your mail forwarded to your off season address before the campground closes.

If I receive any personal mail I will hold it until next year unless you make special arrangements with me.

Thank you for your help with this matter.



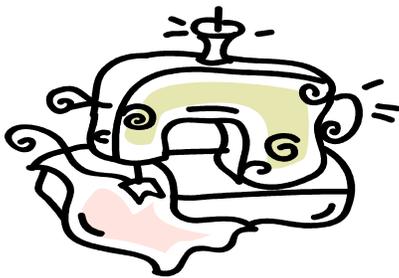
Brenda



Sewing Bee - Hesperia

Another fun week of sewing machine's running at full speed at Hesperia. We had 18 women working their hearts and hands out. The September week is doing what you want to do. Everyone was busy either making baskets from ice cream buckets, they all turn out good each one was different. Tuesday was a shopping day. Many of us came back with less money in our hands, but what good deals we made. It was a full week of making quilts--table runners--pillow cases--wreathes--Christmas socks--everyone was enjoying themselves. A lot of laughing especially when we nicknamed a sewer "SPARKY" for cutting the electric cord with her cutter. Good thing we didn't lose power. Then of course the good meals that were prepared for us each night and our husbands joined in on the eats too. No one went away hungry. It was so great for us women to have a meal waiting when we finished working so hard at the sweat shop all day and part of the night. With this year's sewing bees over our leader, Nancy Hellman, can try to relax and start planning for our June Sewing Bee. You see she has so much free time on her hands, like doing the Christmas bazaar--Church projects--family things, just to name a few. So keep going Nancy we LOVE YOU!!!

Your Sewing Buddies

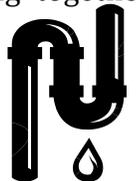


News from the North

As I'm sitting here drinking my morning coffee, looking at all the women sewing thinking where has the year gone? Where has it gone since the All American Rally? What have we been doing? Yes, we have a new shed, a new kitchen and a made over club house. So we got a lot done and it was all hard work and thanks to the TTCM members' working as a whole team it went smoothly and was a wonderful job done. We thought after the rally we could relax but then something happened just days after the rally. Giant grounds moles attacked the grounds of Hesperia campground. They were looking the underground water system. Oh, did the moles have fun; they went from little holes to giant holes. All over the park looking for the water pipes but to only find more tree roots. Then they found water pipes and leaks. It was a mess up here for 3 weeks. Shoveling here and then there, checking the blue prints, and then dig again. Well, most of the holes are filled and have new pipes together, but still MORE TO DO. All I can say is a BIG THANK YOU to the ground moles, who happen to be some great men from TTCM who work eight long days. Thank you to the women who made our lunch every day.

Now with the closing of the campground fast approaching for another season I look back and think all went well this year. You always have some problems and you all worked as a team together. We have pulled everything together and had a GREAT SUMMER!!!

Phil "Lefty"
Hesperia Camp Director



**Don't forget to pay your TTCM
Dues before December 31, 2012!!!**

Fall Recipe Ideas



Fellow Campers,

I found these recipes from pickyourown.org for roasting pumpkin seeds and thought you might enjoy! I'm including the directions for preparation in case, like me, you don't know how and 4 different recipes.

Step 1 - Clean the seeds.

When you are carving your pumpkin, separate the seeds from the pumpkin flesh and strings. Wash them well (usually putting them in a big bowl of water and rubbing them between your hands is a fast way to clean them) and let them drain in a strainer for about 30 minutes, then spread them out on a baking pan. Now just use a hair dryer to dry them quickly!



Step 2 - Preheat the oven to 275 F.

Step 3 - Spread the seeds on a cookie sheet and season them.

Spread the seeds evenly over a cookie sheet and lightly baste the seeds with melted butter, margarine, or vegetable oil. There are many variations. Here are the most popular, in order of popularity:

Savory: 4 tablespoons melted butter, 1/2 teaspoon garlic salt and 2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce

Lemony: 4 tablespoons melted butter, 1 teaspoon 'Mrs. Dash' or lemon pepper

Halloweeny: 4 tablespoons melted butter, 1 teaspoon cinnamon, 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger, 1/2 teaspoon salt, and 1/2 teaspoon ground allspice.

Spicy: 4 tablespoons melted butter, 1 teaspoon cayenne pepper, 1/2 teaspoon thyme, 1/2 teaspoon salt and 1/2 teaspoon pepper

Natural: 1 teaspoon sea salt or other salt, 4 tablespoons melted butter,

Step 3 - Roast the seeds

Heat them in a 275-degree oven for 10 to 20 minutes until golden brown. DO KEEP AN EYE ON THEM, checking every few minutes and stir about every 5 minutes. Some ovens run hot and it can be as little as 10 minutes or as long as 30 minutes to roast them. Sprinkle with salt and serve hot or cold.

For milder flavor, simmer the cleaned seeds for about an hour in salted water and fry in deep oil. Or mix a tablespoon of oil or margarine to each cup of nuts and roast them at 250 degrees for 10 - 15 minutes until they're golden. Sprinkle them with salt.

Personal Note: I used the seeds of 2 pie pumpkins (about 1.5 cups of seeds) and 4 Tablespoons of butter on my no-stick cookie tray was WAY too much. I would recommend halving it. I also stirred them after 10 minutes (and then every 5) and roasted them for a total of 25 minutes.

Another Tip: After I cored and seeded my pumpkins and removed the stem, I quartered the pie pumpkins and then I steamed them on the stove with the skin on for about 15-20 minutes. Be sure you have enough water in the stockpot so the pot won't dry out! You can also microwave the quarters. Just place them in a microwave-safe dish, put a few inches of water in the dish, cover and microwave on high. Check after 15 minutes. If not ready (soft), continue cooking on high for 5 minute-increments until ready. The pumpkin fell away from the skin easily and now I have pumpkin to use in my recipes. Just substitute for canned pumpkin but NOT pie filling. If your 'pumpkin puree' seems to be a bit watery, put it in a fine sieve/strainer and push the water out so your baked goods don't turn out too mushy. Mine turned out fine and I didn't have to strain it. You can also freeze the pumpkin for use at a later time. If you freeze it in 1 cup-batches, you'll always know how much to thaw. Keep in mind that you may have to strain the thawed pumpkin though!

Submitted by Lisa Modelski

Hello again everyone,

This is hopefully my last report on the 2012 All American Rally. I'm not sure where to begin. For those of you who were not able to attend, the rally went off without a hitch. Everything went real well and from the reports I have been given, every-one had a great time.

The committee could not have pulled it off if it were not for all the people and chapters who volunteered. It takes help from everyone to do a rally like this. Besides this is a membership rally to be put on for the members. It's for all the members to get together to share in fellowship and fun towards the end of the camping season. It was great to see some friends that we haven't since last year.

Two people that I must thank first and most of all are Ruth Heimann and Bob Pulsifer both of HW. They worked their hineys off. Ruth was in charge of pre-registration and the co-chairman and Bob was the rally treasure and food coordinator. The three of us sat down, decided what we needed day by day of the rally and Bob and Ruth went shopping from there. They did a great job buying everything we needed and getting deals where they could to keep cost down. Bob also had to make sure that all the receipts were turned in so that everything balanced out of course. I put this info in to give you an idea of what it takes to pull off an All American Rally, especially for our new members. So thank you Ruth and Bob for all your help again.

The rally went off without a hitch. Registrations started out slow. We were getting a little worried, and anxious, as it takes at least 60 units at full pre-registration fees to be able to pay back the seed money. When some of the registrations are for single units coming in to camp, that means you need more than the 60. So, like I said, we were a little worried at the beginning. With the economy not what it should be and then the added problem of the gas prices we were not sure how many we were to expect. So registrations finally picked up at the dead line. At the end of the rally we ended up with 54 full paid registrations and 9 single registrations for a total of 63 total units. We kept getting calls from members asking if it was too late to come a few days before the rally started. It is never too late to come. But just remember in the future you might have to pay a late fee.

Thank you to all who came to support the rally. We are so glad you came and had a great time.

I need and would like to thank those who donated tank prices for the rally. They are Tractor and Supply for the hats, ACE hardware of North Muskegon for the chair, Shoreline Vision (Ron & Linda Smith) for getting all the eye care items and Double Dozen for getting the goodie bag "60's" items. Also to the chapters and individuals who brought items too. For me this is the hardest area of the rally trying to make sure everyone gets a tank/door prize. So your participation in this area is greatly appreciated.

I met with Brenda Hilderbrandt on September 15th, 2012 to finish my part of the rally report. We have a temporary profit of **\$378.47** for the 2012 All American Rally. I say temporary because we need to wait until all of the checks clear before we can say that is the final dollar amount. When everything clears with the bank, we can close the account. I would like to thank Brenda for helping Bob, Ruth and I for all of her help. She made everything easy for us and helped us step by step so we understood what to do. Thank you Brenda.

I would also like to thank Roger Vogel (TTCM President) and the executive board for the beautiful plaque given to me during the membership meeting on Labor Day. It was very unexpected and thoughtful. It has been a pleasure chairing the All American rally throughout the years. TTCM has taught me many things over the past 24 ½ years. Within 1 or 2 years I was already holding an office at the chapter level and holding my first All American Rally never having done anything like that before. I learned a lot quickly. Tom & Sharon Westerhouse guided me all the way as well as many others over the years. Edna & Ron well you know how I feel.

A special thank you goes out to Lefty for making sure the campground was ready. The campground looked beautiful and was ready to go. Also thank you to Leo for the beautiful kitchen and pantry. Having all that new space to put things and the updated electrical made everything much easier. Thanks to Larri Hoople and her "gang" who made the building look beautiful. They worked their butts off to get everything done for everyone to enjoy. You did a **superb** job. And last but not least Dewey, my husband, for putting up with me while I worked on the rally. And thanks to all who hopefully read this long article.

In closing, thank you to everyone who has ever helped me. There are many of you out there and for your generosity I will be forever grateful. Thank you!!

Liz V. 008

Bellevue Garage Sale

Fall has arrived and as you pack up your trailer and your summer items be sure to remember Bellevue's garage sale and set them aside. If you are unable to store your items until the start of the 2013 camping season please let me know and we can make some arrangements to get the stuff from you. You can call me at (269) 565-5891.

We are going to try something new this year – on Saturday night once the garage sale is over we will be selling Swiss steak dinners. The menu will look something like this: Swiss steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, roll, dessert, punch and coffee. If this makes your mouth water then keep your eyes peeled for more information and a reservation sheet in upcoming newsletters.

Also, on a side note, if you find any old TTCM newsletters please let me know. I would gladly pick them from you! I would like to thank Double Dozen, Restless Ones, Duneland Winnies, and River Raisins for helping me fill in the holes that I had. There are still holes so please help me out!

Thank you,

Sherry Murrie



All American Rally 2013

Well with the 2012 All American Rally behind us it's time to start thinking about the 2013 All American Rally. I, along with a few others, have already been doing A LOT of thinking and planning! We have had numerous people/groups sign up for activities and responsibilities already and I want to say THANK YOU! For those who still would like to sign up for something I will be putting in a list in a future newsletter.

Please remember to work on the squares given to your chapter president/representative at the All American Rally meeting. If you have questions please call or email.

Looking forward to a great 50th year!

Melissa Murrie – Rally Co-Chair



For Sale



16,000 pound Slider 5th Wheel Reese Hitch with rails - \$400. Please call 231-865-3236.

Happy Wanderers are selling a grill on wheels. The burners and guts work and are in good condition. The grill surface needs some work. There are some pitted areas in it but they can be repaired. Asking price \$50.00. If interested, please call Liz at 231-865-3236 (home) or at Hesperia campground.

All American Rally At Hesperia September 2, 2012 General Membership Meeting

President Vogel called the meeting to order at 10 A.M. The opening prayer was led by Sherry Murrie. The pledge to flag was delivered by the membership. A moment of silence for members who have passed away this past year.

Roll Call: All officers present, chapters not present were River Raisin, Grand Valley, and Happy Hitchers all the rest of chapters present.

President Vogel entertain a motion to accept the executive meeting minutes of May as printed. Melissa Murrie asked that the names of Sherry Murrie be used instead of hers on two occasions. The secretary will adjust those correction. A motion by Elizabeth VerPlank they be accepted as printed with the correction noted, 2nd by Steve McNeal. Motion approved.

President Vogel welcomed all that came to the meeting. He asked that new members Tom and Shelia Housler stand. They were given a round of applause..

Correspondence Received by the Secretary: A letter regarding the raise increase from JoAnn Ingram was addressed by President Vogel and she was satisfied by that answer.

Treasure report: Brenda Hilderbrant gave each chapter president a copy of her report. A motion by Steve McNeal we accept the report seconded by Tom Stryzykowski. Motion approved.

Hesperia Report by Director Philip McGhan (Lefty): The storage shed is finished and the Kitchen is nearing completion. There are several water leaks in the campground and no way to isolate them. They will start digging this coming Tuesday to install shutoffs and repair leaks. He thanked the chapters for donating money for this project.

Bellevue Report by Director Kork Wielinga: He reported a leak in the upper area which will be fixed this coming week. The roofs were all done and gutters installed on the main building and upper shelter. Screens were put on the windows to let air into the buildings. He said any help is always needed. A motion to accept the campgrounds report was made by Elizabeth VerPlank and seconded by Steve McNeal. Motion approved.

MAL report by Inez Cummings: She thanked the All American Committee for the job they did at the rally. They had a good turnout for their dinner and meeting. The new President of the MAL's is Chuck Dickerson of Fremont who was elected by the members of MAL. He will take over after this meeting.

The By-Law Committee presented changes to the by-laws that members requested. There will be a standing vote on two of the changes with no discussion to let the committee know the feelings of the general membership. The first change was to change the meeting date of the general membership to another date. The standing vote was 32 for and 35 not to change. No change to that by-law. The next change to the by-law was free camping. Again there will be no discussion on the change it is just to see if the membership wants the change. A standing vote was taken and the vast majority stood up. The by-law committee will look into it with a survey of the membership with choices to select from. There is a cost of mailing and it will come up at the May meeting in 2013.

Vice President Daryl addressed the survey for new members on face book. He is working with Dan Gatchal to adjust the format. He would like to see both campgrounds have an open house to show off what we have here. The brick funds collected will stay at the campgrounds they were purchased at. As chairman of the roof replacement at Bellevue the price tag was \$7144.99 with some additional expenses coming in. They saved the campgrounds a large sum for the labor the members gave.

Treasure Brenda Hilderbrant gave a report on the Tax ID number that is being used. She was able to get all of this from are tax accountant Cox Accounting of Muskegon. We can use the tax Id when buying items for the campgrounds that are not used for resale. Any items bought for the purpose of resale must pay the taxes on those items. (Pop & Ice) A motion by Elizabeth VerPlank we accept this report 2nd by Bruce Alm. Motion carried.

All American report by Elizabeth VerPlank: She thanked all that came 63 units down from 2010 rally that had 75. She thanked Ray and Brenda for donating the bags used for the goodie bags, and Ron and Linda Smith for the items used in bags. A special thank you to Bob Pulsifer and Ruth Heimann for all they did. A motion to accept the report by Steve McNeal and 2nd by Ron Smith. Motion approved.

Treasure Brenda Hilderbrant would like to entertain a motion that monies received from the ten cent auction, cake roulette, and the ten cent brown bag drawing be used to offset the rally cost and any profits be put back into the general fund. A motion to do this was made by Cheryl Vogel and 2nd by Elizabeth VerPlank. Motion carried.

The All American Rally 2013 at Bellevue; Co Chairs Melissa and Sherry Murrie. Both gave reports on what will be done for it. The theme will be 50 years of TTCM with the colors being gold and black. A packet was given to each chapter present with a quilt design with instruction on what to do with the square. More information will be seen in the upcoming newsletters.

Old Business: The treasure was asked how much money we could make before paying taxes: She responded that we can make as much as we want as long as it goes into the operations of the campgrounds and it foster in new membership. Example: garage sale monies are used for the campgrounds.

New Business: Tom Strzyzkowski asked that the seed money for the All American be raised to \$2500.00 they are helping with that rally. President Vogel said it had to do with money and it would have to come before the executive board meeting in May at Hesperia.

Senior Advisor Richard Hamlin said that this being the 50th year of TTCM that we purchased a brick at the RV Hall Of Fame in Indiana at a cost of \$500 a brick. This would be done by donations. President Vogel said he would start it off with \$100 and was given another by Joseph Schwartz for a total of \$200 with an additional funds to be raised \$300.

Treasure Brenda Hilderbrant gave a report on the ACA collection notice she received and went over with the attorney representing TTCM. It was discovered that the ACA is nothing but a scam. When they call the adjust the recording to suit their selves. Joe Anderson said they have been on the watch list of the Attorney General. She has sent a letter to ACA instructed them to stop sending notices or this matter will be sent to the Attorney General. She has not received any reply since that time. The monies in question are \$700 plus the previous treasure (Cathy Rollenhagen) paid the first ACA notice. Several members applauded the work of Brenda in the handling of this matter. She said that she has completed the audit of both campgrounds and her books were audited by Charles Dickerson and Doris McCastle all the books are in order.

A report on the funds for improvements to the Hesperia campgrounds was given by Leo Fitzpatrick; Shed estimate was for \$2000.00 overall cost \$2065.00 Kitchen project estimated cost \$2000.00 currently at \$1300.00 with an additional counter top and third sink to be added next year.

TTCM Editor asked that all meetings be put in the newsletter. After a long discussion we will continue to put them in, this will be reviewed later to see what the cost will be. Richard Hamlin thanked her for the job she is doing.

Open Discussion: President Vogel was asked about given oil rights up at Hesperia. The treasure said it would change are tax code. This also pertains to cell towers. We will not allow anything that will change our tax code. The campground directors have the right to place those who do not want to move every three weeks.

Review campground rules; some of the rules will be adjusted and posted so everyone can see. Common sense should be used by all campers etc.: turn off air conditioners when in on site storage, put out fires when retiring, respect your neighbors, turn off outside lights after retiring. A problem with parking at the All American by a member who was asked to move but didn't will be addressed at the May meeting along with the use of alcohol in the buildings which requires a by-law change. President Vogel said that we are all adults and we should conduct our self. A request that we amend rule #6 was made and will be addressed at the May meeting at Hesperia.

Dan Gatchell reported that the individual chapters do not need to be incorporated. He explained that the TTCM is already incorporated therefore we don't need the individual chapters to file the papers. We will continue to have all chapters send their papers to the secretary this year until the by-law is changed. We will not have to file in 2014.

President Vogel would like to have more than one executive board meeting a year this is another by-law change. He can call a special meeting if the need arises. He would like a separate meeting for by-law changes to keep the annual meeting shorter.

Bruce Alm would like to see both campgrounds meet together instead of meeting separately with a meeting place between both campgrounds. The response from those who attended where favorable in the joint meeting. Requires a by-law change.

Committees for both campgrounds.

Bellevue garage sale: Sherry Murrie Hesperia Garage sale: Edna McCastle

Kitchen Supplies Bellevue Sherry Murrie

The health department requires that three sinks be in placed at kitchens that serve food. We will make the adjustments to comply with the rules. Hesperia will get another sink in June.

At the All American Rally there are 251 members of TTCM reported by Brenda Hilderbrandt.

Chapter reports:

BL: Judith Collins said that her club was separated due to someone not moving it could have been avoided if that person would have moved. The rally was done in a good manner.

DD: Thanked the rally chairman for the good work her committee did.

DT: No Comment.

DLW: Good time hope to see everyone next year.

GA: Thanked the rally people for a good event.

GV: Absent.

HC: the campground looks good see you next year.

HH: absent.

HW: The old members came thru for their chapter hope everyone had a good time.

MAL: We had a good turnout of the MALS at this rally.

RO: Thanked the committee for all the work they put into this rally.

RR: Absent.

Senior advisor: the campgrounds need all the help they can get from the members.

Vice President: as an officer it looked like everyone had a good time, thanks to the rally host for a good job.

Treasurer: Thanked everyone who had something to do with the rally and thanked the board for supporting it.

Secretary: Thanked the rally host and for the continue help the members give to TTCM.

Hesperia Director: We hope everyone enjoyed there campout at Hesperia, a lot of work went into getting the grounds to look this good.

Bellevue Director: No comment.

President: What a wonderful feeling you get here at Hesperia the member share a true meaning of helping the Director here. The Host and committee did a wonderful job with this rally. Hope to see all of you next year at the 50th All American Rally at Bellevue.

A motion to adjourn by Melissa Murrie 2nd by Tom Strzyzkowski Motion carried. Meeting adjourn at 12:45

Submitted by TTCM Secretary Leo Fitzpatrick

JOINT PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING - SEPTEMBER 2, 2012
HESPERIA

PRESENT: Phil McGahan, Hesperia Campground Director HCG
Liz VerPlank, Happy Wanderer's
Steve McNeil, Golden Ager's
Bruce Alm - Double Dozen
Dick Hamlin - Draggin Train
Inez Cummings - MAL
Carolyn Fitzpatrick - Restless One's
Jim Annis, MAL rep Hesperia
Chuck Dickinson, MAL
Daryl Westphal, Vice President
Melissa Murrie, Happy Campers
Don Westphal, Duneland Winnies

Meeting called to order at 2:30 by Hesperia CGD

HCG: We have done a lot this year to campground and rec hall. Starting this coming Tuesday (9/5), we will begin working to locate the water lines and put in shut off valves. The rough cost estimate for this is \$500.00.

Inez C.: aren't there diagrams available?

HCG: Yes, Steve McNeil and I will look at the available blueprints before we begin.

Steve M: will not know the exact cost, do not completely trust the drawings and will update prints where needed. This project will make it easier to blow out the lines at closing.

Dick H: Are you installing a quick disconnect?

Steve M: Each shut off valve will be put in a crock

Inez C: are crocks included in the cost

Steve M: Will not know the complete cost until it is dug up

Dick H: it would be nice to get the electric away from the water. Get moisture away from switch gear; it will last longer.

Steve M: We will need to get a contractors grade compressor

Dick H: feels this falls under maintenance, go ahead and do it

Daryl: You may get enough in donations this weekend to cover it

HCG: The leveling of site nine will not cost anything as we have the gravel and equipment needed

Daryl W: So, no major improvements for Hesperia Campground?

HCG: NO.

Bruce Alm: Can this project be completed this year?

HCG: That's what we are shooting for.

Bruce A: We should have one committee for planning. It would stop the we/they.

Liz V: Reason joint committees is because not all chapters are represented, even at the All American

Jim A: Separate dates?

Bruce A: August - June and April, have one committee

Carolyn F: Joint planning meeting is not necessary at the All American

Bruce A: Wouldn't need it if we had joint

Liz V: Also, do joint campground committee meeting in August prior to All American

Carolyn F: Part of by-law committee changes, it would be nice to have officer at meetings

Liz V: TTCM President has a right to be here

Steve M: What about two meetings a year half way between the two campgrounds?

HCG: All Chapter Presidents need to get more input from their members.

Daryl W: Especially for May meeting. This year we had a lot of good input.

Bruce A: Numbering of sites at Bellevue.

Daryl W: Numbering of sites at Bellevue is not practical. We need to determine the best way.

Dick H: Put it into the minutes to explain the difference. Hesperia is licensed as SITE camping; Bellevue is licensed as group camping, groups A through H. Roger has a list given to him. We don't have room to number sites at Bellevue.

Bruce A: Could numbers be put on electrical stanchions?

Dick H: Murrie's and Conklin's are the only help that Kork has had. Kork is overwhelmed.

Inez C: After opening weekend, no one has been there.

Melissa M: Since first of June, there has been someone else there

Dick H: Sherry Murrie has done a remarkable job. Blossomland painted the fence.

Liz V: It is up to the membership to get out and help

Carolyn F: Restless One's do help at both campgrounds

Liz V: people from Hesperia can't travel down there

Inez C: Hesperia has older people; Bellevue has working people.

Daryl: There is no way we could've gotten everything done without the help of our membership. Dick Hamlin and Don Westphal were a big help!

Chuck D: How do you know where everyone is?

Liz V: How would you know where people are?

Inez C: hanger thing in window

Steve M: Hesperia property tenders check the hang tags daily

Dick H: Why are hang tags not being used?

Daryl W: At Bellevue, the hangtags are put in windows.

HCG: Why can't the site numbers and hang tags be put on the electrical stanchions?

Daryl W: If we can't trust our members to pay, then we have bigger problems.

Liz V: during week?

Dick H: Hesperia is dictating that Bellevue be numbered.

Liz V: clarified question

Melissa M: looking for work that needs to be done?

Daryl W: things ARE getting done.

Inez C: same people 90% of the time

Bruce A: there is a difference

Carolyn F: there is not a lot of people at Hesperia during the week.

Daryl W: Bruce, are there any major projects at Bellevue?

Bruce A: No, just maintenance stuff

Dick H: Antenna and speakers were taken down when the roof was done

Liz V: Then go to executive board

Bruce A: Antenna did come up at August meeting. Earlier someone had donated an antenna, but that fell through. Topic is not dead.

Daryl: Brick project? We need a detailed plan from Hesperia? You also have another fire ring? Any thoughts on where you might put it?

HCG: Would like to research area in front of club house

Bruce A: Who is paying for bricks?

Daryl W: Individuals pay. They can use the order form in the newsletter. Bricks cost \$20.00 but we are charging \$40.00. The \$20.00 per brick will be put into the beautification fund.

Carolyn F: Leo asked me to report that he has spent \$2065.00 for shed and \$1300.00 in the kitchen. He has about \$750.00 left. Grand Valley donated \$50.00 for two more electrical units in the island. He will be back in Hesperia on Friday to complete this.

Daryl W: Roof project: \$7,144.99 in supplies and the dumpster cost \$375.00. Brenda has been given all receipts. There are shingles left over to do remaining storage buildings in Bellevue. There will still be some left to be kept on hand. There was very little waste. They used 2341.70 of earmarked funds, \$5300.00 additional monies spent.

Joan Jansma reported that she was approached to hold a Blue Grass Festival at Hesperia camp ground. What do we need to do to make this happen?

Daryl W: pick a weekend, if you have a sponsoring chapter. What a great opportunity to promote the campground.

Dick H: Make sure they bring in their own equipment.

Liz V: Motion to adjourn meeting.

Steve M: Seconded motion

Meeting closed at 3:28 pm

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