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Happy Holidays



2013 Dues are due by December 31, 2012

A Holiday Wish

Hello Everyone,
Now that winter is falling upon us and the Holidays are coming, it's time to reflect on family and good friends. We all have something to be thankful for. My wish for my family this holiday is health, love, and friendship and that we will see everyone back next year for another season of camping. Have a great holiday season and a prosperous New Year.

Your President

Roger M. Vogel



Voice of the Vice

With another year of camping in the books I hope that all our members enjoyed the season and are looking forward to next year and the 50th anniversary of TTCM. For those of you who ordered a Brick thanks. If you are thinking about it send in the order form. I'm ready to send in our first order and remember they do make great and lasting Christmas presents.

Daryl



Thoughts from the Treasurer

Final Tally from 2012 All American Rally at Hesperia

After meeting with Liz VerPlank and Bob Pulsifer and going through all the bills here is the final break down of the All American Rally.

Total units 69 (this includes last minute registrations)

Total income \$4098.57 (this includes the .10 auction, cake roulette, and brown bag auction monies totaling \$622.92)

Total expenses \$3571.10 (this includes \$1500.00 seed money, extra dumpster \$150.00, and rally stickers \$146.32.)

Total Profit \$527.47

As always please feel free to contact me with any questions. ~Brenda

Vice of the Vice-Wife

The girls from Duneland Winnies, as mentioned in a previous newsletter, with help from other girls from several chapters have been raising money for the playground at Bellevue by selling artistic rocks. They have earned \$40.74 to date and at the Halloween outing raffled a basket and made \$51.00, nice job girls! My granddaughter, Eliva, decided, on her own, to donate the \$1 she gets every time she aces her spelling test again to the playground fund. Her sister Valery thought that was a good idea and is doing the same. I'm going to match their donation at the end of the school year. I thought that some parents and or grandparents could get their children involved with their own ideas and give your children a vested interest in their playground. On that note the silent auction raised \$468 for the playground. Thanks to all those who participated and I hope you enjoy everything you won. I have a lot of Department 56 houses, Snow Babbie's and clothique Santa's all new or were displays, If anyone collects these or knows of someone who does I just need what I have into them and profits go to the playground. I will be sure to get them to you for Christmas. I can provide a detailed list if needed.

Contact me at 219-898-1555 or E-mail at dwestphal222@yahoo.com

Thanks again Sharon #4165



Bellevue Garage Sale

Do you have too much Christmas stuff or just things that you no longer use? Please think about setting them aside for the Bellevue Garage Sale. A date has not been picked, but as soon as it is it will be published in the newsletter.

Thank you,
Sherry Murrie
Garage Sale Chairperson



The Secretary Speaks

Dues for TTCM are due now: I am still receiving dues for \$25 that is the old rate the dues were increased to \$30.00 in 2011. Please make checks out to TTCM for \$30.00 and send them to Leo Fitzpatrick at 2985 Irish Acres Dr., Jackson, Mich. 49201. Dues that are postdated after January 31, 2013 will have to pay the \$10.00 reinstatement fee.

I have received only six incorporation papers (RO, DT, GA, TTCM, HW, BL so please send them to me.

I would like to thank all the members of the TTCM family for the support they have given to me in my first year as your secretary. I along with the other officers wish everyone a Happy and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Leo

The Scoop from the South

Wow, what a great 2012 camping season and ended with an effortless closing! I would like to thank all who helped in closing the Bellevue Campground for the 2012 season. All of the chapters helped, making my injury a lot easier.

Looking ahead to the next camping season...All you lumberjacks out there, we will need to cut up some of the trees that are down to have fire wood for our 2013 season. Plus, it will make it nice to be able to use the trails that are blocked by down trees.

Does anyone know that this is our anniversary year? Have any great ideas for our Bellevue campground? Call Kork at 269.358.0115 with any suggestions. Let's make this anniversary season be one of the best!

As another season comes and goes, we look forward to the great opportunities here in Bellevue. The 2013 season will be upon us before we know it! Looking forward to seeing all of you next year! Until then, please enjoy the off time!

From my camper to yours, I would like to wish you a happy and safe Holiday season!

Kork

Halloween Rally – Wrap-Up

Halloween Costume Winners

Age 0-4

Original – Ashlyn Adkins – MAL
Funniest – Camden Hernandez – DW
Scariest – Koralyynn Billaue – DD

Age 5-8

Original – Ken Vastine III – MAL
Funniest – Brenden Crisfield – MAL
Scariest – Hailey Hinds – DD

Age 9-12

Original – Evan Booker – MAL
Funniest – Allison Vastine – MAL
Scariest – Charlie Banning – MAL

Teens

Jessie Mullins – DD
Autumn Roberts – HC

Adults

Marcy Westphal – DW
Jenny Wagner – MAL

Thanks to Duneland Winnines for the BOO-tiful trophies. Also, to the River Raisin judges: Phyl Perry, Dave Morse, Bill Seegert and my other helpers: Shirley Morse and Darlene Seegert. They did a “GREAT” job!

Darlene Owens
RR President - #0194

Halloween Trailer Decoration Winners

First Place: David & Shirley Morse



Second Place: Stella & Bill Carb's Daughter
(I'm sorry the names are in my parent's trailer that is currently in Coldwater)



Third Place: Al & Georgie Ramos



Thank you to Jim and Darlene Owens for donating a prize for our First Place winner!

Melissa & Sherry Murrie

Stocking for Soldiers – Packing Party

During the first part of October the women and men of Restless Ones were busy stuffing stockings and packing boxes to send over to our soldiers serving overseas. Here are some pictures of their hard work.



50 Years of TTCM

It's hard to believe but the 50th year of TTCM is right around the corner. For those members that have been here for the long haul I bet it feels like it was just yesterday that you joined this amazing club. For those that have only been here for a few years I hope that the 2013 All American Rally will be one where you can learn about what made this club what it is today.

My mother and I have already been hard at work putting things together and we are both very excited about how things are coming together! I want to thank those people and clubs who have already volunteered to help us out for different activities. THANK YOU! I will be putting a list of activities, in a future newsletter, which we still need help with. I hope that those that have not volunteered will step up and help make this an outstanding All American Rally!

On that note, I want to remind the chapters to please be working on your banner square. It is important that we have all of these by the deadline. We have a special project that these will be used for and we want to make sure that every current chapter is included.

Also, remember to look for old newsletters and pictures. We have received many interesting and fun fact filled pieces of history to peruse through already, but we still need more. There are gaps in our history that we need filled in. Thank you again to those who have helped us out in this endeavor. It is greatly appreciated.

Finally, please be on the lookout for those raffles or other fundraisers that we might be doing during the camping season to help off-set the cost of this rally. We have so much planned and want to be able to do it all, but we cannot do it without some extra funds.

Hope you all have a wonderful holiday season and stay warm!

Melissa Murrie
All American Rally Co-Chair



A Note from the Newsletter Editor

I hope you have enjoyed your newsletter for the past year. I want to thank everyone that has complimented me on it. Thank you!

I have decided that 5 or 6 days is not enough time for me to be able to put everything together and get it printed, folded, and stamped. So starting with the January/February newsletter the due date will be the 20th of the previous month. So for the January/February newsletter articles will need to be to me by January 20th. I hope that this change in date does not cause too many problems and I hope you all understand why I need to make the change.

Thank you again for all your news and support. As always if you have any questions or comments my email is always available and if you see me at the campground my door is always open!

Melissa Murrie

On Going Ear-Marked Funds

Bellevue ongoing funds

Pig Roast \$125.83
Wood Shed \$369.00
Stove Hood \$309.00
Playground \$2408.51
Table and Chairs \$181.00

Hesperia ongoing funds

Fence \$26.57
Fire Pits \$3.63
Finish Mower \$221.51
Picnic Tables \$863.41
Round Cards Tables \$25.00
Clubhouse storage and supplies \$163.57
Milley Suchey Memorial Fund (maybe buy a brick) \$19.33
Kitchen Sink and Faucet \$75.00
Water Project \$434.77
Sept. 2013 sewing bee \$54.40

Combined Funds

Teen Fund \$29.50 (can only be used with teen advisors permission)
RV Museum Brick \$323.50

Happy holidays everyone,

It's hard to believe that 2013 is almost here. I hope that the holiday planning is going well and those who have or are about to leave for their winter destination are arriving without any road problems. I pray that no-one had any family or friends in the hurricane Sandy storms. What a mess they have out on the east coast. I wish I was one of you, lucky enough to be in a warmer place for the winter, hopefully next year. I think I said that last year. You never know, I just might make it.

As I read my article in the October News Letter I noticed I forgot to thank two very important people. They are Ruth Heimann and Bob Pulsifer. I'm sorry Ruth and Bob. You know I couldn't have pulled the All American off without all the work they did for me. The first rally I chaired OH.... so many years ago when I was younger, not knowing any better, I did most of the work myself, but now that's not the case. Bob and Ruth did the physical work that I can't do anymore and they're older than I am. They worked a lot harder and I appreciate everything they did for me. THANK YOU SO MUCH RUTH & BOB!!!

One other thing I forgot which is just as important. During one of the set up times for the building, when I called for help to set the building up, everyone came, even the teens. When the teens came to me and asked what they could do, I dismissed them telling them they were not needed and I didn't want them there helping.

I was wrong. I didn't realize what I did until it was brought to my attention. I apologize to the teens. That was not what I should have done. The teens in Bellevue are use to working and helping where they can. If we want our youth to be involved and continue in TTCM we need to be more mindful of how we treat them. As a past teen advisor I especially should have known better. So my apologies go out to the teens and especially to Phoenix Mullins. This just shows that we all must be on our toes and be mindful of our surroundings because our children are the best of our future.

Well, that's all I have for now. Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year everyone and I hope to see everyone next year.

Liz VerPlank
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The History of Christmas Recipes

For centuries, the celebration of the Christmas holiday has brought people together. Families throughout the world prepare special holiday foods together. And when people gather to celebrate this holiday, there is a wide assortment of food. The English traditionally serve goose, the Germans suckling pigs, and in America the holiday dinner usually centers around a turkey.

Cakes, Pies, Puddings and Breads

Christmas breads and cakes can be found in most countries that celebrate the holiday. The Danish have Danish Kringle which is an advent bread shaped like a pretzel. English Christmas puddings are actually like American fruitcakes, just more moist and with brandy in them. No less tasteless, unfortunately. The "figgy pudding" that we sing about is also a rich, dark fruit cake. Chocolate Yule Log cakes, like a moist chocolate cake rolled and shaped like a log, are also very popular in Great Britain. Panettone is an Italian Christmas bread with raisins and a lemon flavor. The Swedes prepare a braided bread called St. Lucia's crown that is served at dawn on December 13 to signal the beginning of the holiday season. The most spectacular of these cakes is the French Buche de Noel, or Christmas log. This cake resembles the traditional Yule log.



Member survey about free camping

Please mail and/or print & mail by 1-1-13. Mark "survey" on the envelope.

Send to: Gayla Reuter-Alm
1144 Heather Heath Drive
Howell, MI 48843

Indicate your choice regarding free camping. Member and spouse may each complete a survey ballot. Circle one per line.

*Current officers (Pres, V-P, Treasurer, Secretary) free ½ price full price

*Past-presidents & life-time members free ½ price full price
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Bellevue, MI 49021
269-763-3551
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

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 the south side.