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**May - Board of Directors Meeting**

**May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at Hesperia; Starts Promptly at 10a.m.**



### **Around the Campfire**

April is here and the campgrounds are going to be opening for the season on weekend of the 19<sup>th</sup>. I'm looking forward to a great camping season. We will be having our annual Board of Directors meeting in May, at Hesperia, with the full board and I'm looking forward to seeing everyone. I plan on making a few more trips up to Hesperia this season; it's always a good time.

I know there a few projects that need to get done and we will be discussing them at the meeting. I know there are electrical and water issues, in fact the water issues in Hesperia have been addressed already. These issues have gone on so long now they are in need of repair.

Just a friendly reminder, please make sure everyone with a golf cart has an insurance slip for your campground director. Also make sure there in good running condition and they must have head lights to run at night.

Remember your campground directors need help through the season so volunteer to property tender or just come up and give them a hand, it's not just their job it's all of our responsibility to take care of the camp grounds. If you have any ideas for the board I would love to hear from you and any ideas for camp ground improvements, go through your planning committee. LET'S GO CAMPING.

Roger M. Vogel



### **Voice of the Vice**

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the campgrounds soon. I have ordered the bricks and we are looking forward to getting them installed and ready for the 50<sup>th</sup> All American. If you would like to have your brick in place for the rally please order soon.

The May meeting at Hesperia will be here before you know it. Last year all chapters were present and we hope this continues, this is what makes our club work.

The Memorial Day camp-out at Bellevue is coming together nicely, the band is booked and I'm sure Double Dozen is getting everything ready for another great pig roast. The auction has been able to support this weekend and again we are asking that everyone bring something nice for the Saturday auction. We would also like to encourage our members to bring a guest or 2 that weekend, what a better way to show off our campground.

Daryl



## Tidbits from the Treasurer

Welcome back TTCM members

Reminder to all golf cart users.....



Please remember to bring your current golf cart insurance form and turn it in to the campground director before you begin to use your golf cart on TTCM property.

Remember you have follow posted speed limits and let's all be safe out there.

## Bellevue Garage Sale

Spring has sprung which means spring cleaning! So while you are cleaning, pack up those items that are just collecting dust and bring them to the campground for our sale on July 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup>. We hope to have a HUGE sale and we need your help to make it happen. Don't forget we will be doing a Swiss steak dinner Saturday after the sale. The registration will be in the newsletter soon. If you have questions please feel free to call me at 269-565-5891.



Sherry Murrie – Garage Sale Chairperson

## Bellevue Memorial Weekend Pig Roast

We have been busy planning the 17th annual Pig Roast at the Bellevue Campground on Memorial Weekend. You can find a registration in this newsletter and it will be printed again in the May newsletter. Please register early so that we know what size pig is needed. If you do not register ahead of time there might not be enough for you to order that weekend. Make sure you get your registration in ASAP! Double Dozen will be cooking the pig and serving the dinner on Saturday. We will also be organizing an ice cream social.

The Duneland Winnies are again bringing back the band Point'n Finger to entertain us on Saturday evening. They are also organizing the auction which will run like last year. We again are asking for items to be donated for the auction. The auction is very important - the funds raised from these auctions each year have paid for the band to return the next year. We are able to get this great entertainment without increasing registrations fees.

We are looking for volunteers for the following. Please contact me if you are interested.

**Sunday Morning Breakfast** - You will decide the menu, purchase the items needed, cook, serve and clean up.

**Sunday Lunch** - We can go back to making bean soup from the leftovers if there is someone willing to take this on.

**Kids' games**

**Sunday evening bingo**

Looking forward to a great camping season!

Debbie Steenbergh (DD)

248-930-6897



## In Memory of

Sherman VerPlank - TTCM #1345. Sherman passed away on January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013. He was a TTCM and Happy Wanderers member, joining in 1964. He was a former Vice-President of TTCM. He was a continuous member for 49 years, although, he was not a charter member; he joined shortly after. Sherm was married to Laraine and they celebrated over 50 years of married life. Sherm was the father of Duane (Liz) VerPlank. If you would like to send a card to Laraine:

Mrs. Laraine VerPlank  
Christain Haven Home  
704 Pennoyer Ave.  
Grand Haven, MI 49417



He will be missed!

Carolyn Schwartz #4297 passed away in Alamogordo, NM on February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013. She is survived by her husband Joe and family.

## **OPEN** Campgrounds Open

Remember our campgrounds open the weekend of April 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, and 21<sup>st</sup>! Many hands make light work...come give a helping hand and get them ready for the 50<sup>th</sup> camping season! Yippee!!

## Upcoming Events

April 19<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>th</sup> - Opening Weekend

April 20<sup>th</sup> - Planning Committee Meetings

May 4<sup>th</sup> - Board of Director's Meeting  
Hesperia Rec Hall - 10am

May 24<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> - Memorial Weekend

July 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> - Bellevue Garage Sale

August 30<sup>th</sup> - Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup> - All American Rally Bellevue

Please let me know if there is something you would like added to the upcoming events!

## ? TTCM 50 Year Trivia

**TTCM has owned 4 properties in the past 50 years. Where was each property located? Bonus points if you know in which order they were purchased!**

Answer will be published in the May newsletter.

January/February Question:  
How much was it to join TTCM in 1963?  
Answer: \$2.00.



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**Tentative Agenda**  
**(Please note this could and probably will change slightly)**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**May 4<sup>th</sup> - 10am sharp**  
**Hesperia Rec Hall**

Call to Order

Invocation

Pledge

Roll Call of Officers

Secretary Report

Correspondence

Approve General Membership Meeting Minutes - 2012

Treasurer Report

Bellevue Report

Planning Committee Report

Hesperia Report

Planning Committee Report

MAL Report

Standing Committee Report

All American Rally - 2013

Treasurer Annual Audit

Old Business

All American Seed Money

Campground Bricks

50<sup>th</sup> Brick - RV Hall of Fame

Campground rules

Board - tax school in Lansing

Newsletter cost

New Business

By-Law Changes

Control spending this year

Appoint two full time Co-directors - one for each campground

Procedures for property tenders - checking in campers

Chapter and Officer Comments

Adjourn

**\*\*If there is anything else that our members feel need to be discussed at the Board of Directors meeting please send them to Leo Fitzpatrick\*\***

# All American Rally 2013



## 50 Years of TTCM



### Celebrate the Good Times

Well we have already had 2 working bees to work on things for this HUGE rally! So many things going on and planned that I wonder if it will all get done in time. We still have a couple of things that I need individuals or chapters to sign up for. They are as follows:

Euchre

Ladder Ball

Rolling Pin Toss

Toilet Seat Toss

Kids Games

Kids Scavenger Hunt

Cribbage

There may be a few others but thanks to many members and chapters for already stepping up and helping me with this Rally!

Please remember to get your chapter banner to Sherry as soon as you can. We hope that you have had a fun time working on them! We are excited to see all the creative banners you have all come up with!

Until next month,

Melissa Murrie (Rally Co-chair)

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### 50 Years of TTCM Commemorative Rockers

This year we will be offering a rocker to go on your name badges. They will be gold with black lettering. Each rocker will read "50 Years of TTCM". If you would like one please send the bottom portion of this sheet and \$1.25 per rocker to:

**TTCM Rocker**

**7356 E. Day Rd.**

**Bellevue, MI 49021**

**Checks made out to: Happy Campers**

We will be accepting orders until June 30<sup>th</sup>. After that you will have to get one at the rally and they will be \$2.50 and on a first come first serve basis.

We (Melissa or Sherry Murrie or Harriet or Cindy Conklin) will take orders at the May Meeting and at any other time we are at the campground.

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### TTCM ROCKER ORDER FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_ TTCM # \_\_\_\_\_

# of Rockers \_\_\_\_\_ X \$1.25 = \_\_\_\_\_ Total Amount Due



# 17<sup>th</sup> Annual TTCM Bellevue Memorial Weekend Pig Roast



May 24 - 27 2013

**Deadline May 15! Please register early!**

Dinner will be Saturday May 25<sup>th</sup> - when the dog gone meat is done!!!

The Band Point'n Finger will be playing one night.



There will also be an auction held - This event is being organized by the Duneland Winnies

Please Donate items to the auction!



Remember if you want to have breakfast on Sunday morning, lunch Sunday afternoon, Bingo Sunday evening, and Children's games you or your chapter will need to step up and volunteer!



Come out and enjoy this wonderful weekend with your camping friends!  
Let's start the camping season off with a bang!

**Please make your check payable to Debbie Steenbergh and mail to:**  
28231 Lorenz  
Madison Heights, MI 48071

17th Annual TTCM Bellevue Pig Roast

Name \_\_\_\_\_ TTCM# \_\_\_\_\_

Number of adults @ \$7.50 each \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Teens @ \$7.50 each \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Number of children 12 and under @ \$3.50 each \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Total = \_\_\_\_\_

Melissa Murrie  
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**Bellevue Campground:**

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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 16<sup>th</sup>. 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.