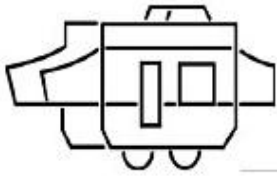


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A Holiday Wish

Hello Everyone

Now that winter is falling upon us and the Holidays are coming it's time to reflect on family and good friends and that we all have something to be thankful for. This has been a tough year for a lot of our friends in the club, some that are going through tough times and some that are on the mend at this moment, we should keep all of our members in our thoughts and prayers. My holiday wish for my camping family is health, love, 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

All TTCM dues for 2014 are due NOW

Your \$30.00 dues must be paid by December 31st.

After that an additional \$10.00 reinstatement fee applies. New members check your membership card for the year the dues were paid for.

Please make checks payable to **TTCM** and send them to:

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I can be reached at 517-782-4650 or 517-990-4568 (cell).

In Memory

TTCM lost one of its last co-founding members. Mabel McKenzie, who was the wife of Cletus McKenzie (001), passed away September 18th, 2013. She was 95 years old. Thoughts and prayers are with her family.



Something from the Senior Advisor

I guess that by now you all know that I took a backside dive from the top of a utility pole while working on a speaker for the rally. When the dust had settled it turned out that I had broken my pelvis bone in 9 places and had broken vertebrae, L-4 & L-5. I could not move my right leg if I had wanted to.

One of my nurses figured that the reason the injury was all in one spot was because I had too much plastic in my billfold. If I had more cash it would have been softer and maybe not so much damage would have been done.

I want to thank everyone for their cards, thoughts, and prayers. A very special thank you has to go out to Inez Cummings because I was not allowed to leave Rehab until I could prove that I had a place to go that was wheel chair accessible. I stayed at her house until I was able to get out of the wheelchair and walk again. It wasn't easy but if you work at it anything is possible if you had the Lord on your side.

By the time you read this I will be in Foley, AL. I had committed to work on an addition to Church there. I am not going to let a sky dive with a landing on my butt keep me from helping others.

I look forward to seeing most of you at our spring meeting. We have a lot to cover. I think we should look at why we have liability insurance to cover a guest, but not for a member.

In closing, I would like to wish each of you and your family a very MERRY CHRISTMAS AND MY PRAYER IS THAT NEXT YEAR WILL BE BETTER THAN THE LAST. Also we need to get some sanity in our nation's capital and live within our means.

Dick Hamlin
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Election Information

Members wishing to run for officers of TTCM must turn in their resume to the MAL President before May 1st. Charles Dickinson is the MAL President. His address is 1110 S. Luce Ave., Fremont, MI 49412. The current officers have said they will run for another term. Those officers are: President: Roger Vogel, Vice President: Daryl Westphal, Secretary: Leo Fitzpatrick, Treasure: Brenda Hilderbrandt, Bellevue Director: Kork Wielinga, Hesperia Director: Phillip McGahan.

Happy Wanderers News

Happy Wanderers met for their fall outing on November 6th at Whitlows Restaurant with 24 members and guests. We had a great turn out. Everyone arrived on time and stayed after to visit.

It was suggested that we send cards to Liz VerPlank, who is in the hospital until Thanksgiving for intense therapy on her right foot, a sympathy card to Bob Pulsifer, whose youngest son passed away, and Dick Hamlin, who is recovering from an accident at the Bellevue Campground. I'm sure all cards would be appreciated.

Just a reminder that dues are due by or before December 31st, 2013, you do not want to pay the penalty.

Happy Wanderers don't have any outing scheduled until March, when we have our organizational meeting to kick-off the new camping season. Doesn't that sound great! It's only 4 months away. I hope my unit is still worthy of another year. She's 35 years old and a little leaky. My camping partner (sister) is going to be 97 on April 15th. She still is mowing her lawn & tending to her housework. It sort of makes me feel bad that I had to buy a rider when she still pushes hers. Oh well!

Our chapter would like to wish everyone "Happy Holidays." Drive carefully this winter and be careful walking in the snow and ice.

Don't forget the All American Rally is in Hesperia in 2014 and the theme is "Sports." Happy Wanderers drew Michigan State. Start saving all your memorabilia, it's never too soon to start.

After the first of the year, start cleaning out your house for the yard sale in Hesperia.

Well so long for now. See you at the campground in the spring (sounds good doesn't it!?)

Ruth Heimann

Reporter

P.S. "Thanks" to Melissa for deciphering my letter for printing in the newsletter.

Remember your next newsletter will come out February 1st, 2014! If you have something to put in the newsletter please get it to me by January 20th!

All American Rally 2013 Wrap-Up

The party is over, memories have been made, and numbers have finally been crunched. However, before I get to those numbers I would like to talk about the Rally itself. I truly hope that those who came had a wonderful time. It was a lot of work and I had A LOT of help.

I have had a few people ask who won the big raffle. Here are the winners: 1st Place (Diamond Earrings) – June Smith, 2nd Place (Gold Coin) – Sherry Murrie, 3rd Place (Pearl Necklace) – Sharon Westphal. Thank you to everyone who bought tickets!

The booklet with a brief history of TTCM, that each unit received in their goodie bag, was a big project and I hope that everyone took time to read it. It really gives you an insight of how this organization came to be. For those of you who did not go to the rally we are going to try to get it put onto our website.

So now for the numbers:

We had 81 registered units with a total of about 200 people in attendance.

Total income – \$10,327.23

Total expense –\$10,028.80

Once again thank you to everyone who came and celebrated 50 years of this great club and to those who helped me make this rally a wonderful event!

Melissa Murrie
2013 All American Rally Chairman

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All American Rally 2014

The All American Rally 2014 will be held in Hesperia and hosted by Golden Agers and the Restless Ones.

The theme is the Irish Twelve. This represents the Big 12 and Notre Dame.

The teams were picked at random at the General meeting in September.

Teams Chapters

Michigan Wolverines *** Happy Campers

Mich. State Spartans Happy Wanderers

Penn State Nittany Lions Golden Agers

Iowa Hawkeyes Blossomland

Illinois Fighting Illini *** Restless Ones

Indiana Hoosiers Grand Valley

Minnesota Golden Gophers Draggin Train

Northwestern Wildcats Teens

Ohio State Buckeyes Happy Hitchers

Purdue Boilermakers Duneland Winnies

Wisconsin Badgers River Raisin

Nebraska Corn Huskers Double Dozen

Notre Dame Fighting Irish MALS

If your chapter is not going to the rally, or does not want to participate, or would like to exchange your team with another chapter you may do this.

***You may trade. We would like all trades done by the May meeting. There has been 1 trade already. Happy Campers traded U of M with the Restless Ones with Illinois. If you need any further information please get in touch with Carolyn at 517-782-4650 or Cindy at 231-894-6191. Thank you

You may look on the internet for school stuff. One good site is www.collegefootballstore.com

Florida Luncheon

Florida luncheon for all TTCM members will be held on Thursday January 30, 2014 at Fred's at 1380 North Broadway Bartow Florida {this is directly behind Perkins} in the parking lot. Time 2:00 pm

For reservations: Please call Carolyn Fitzpatrick at 517-782-4650 this number is good in Michigan and Florida.

FOR SALE

Wooden Picnic Tables for sale. \$15.00 each. Call Hesperia Campground at 231-854-9913.

Don't forget to get your 2014 Dues sent in by December 31st!!

A few pictures from the All American Rally 2013 You can see more at www.ttcm.org



From the Laptop of the Editor

It has been a long year, but overall a good one. I would like to take a moment to thank those people who have helped me throughout this year with the newsletter. First off my parents, Deral & Sherry Murrie, each month they help me proofread, fold, tape, and stamp all the newsletters. They make the process go so much faster. Also thank you to those people who helped me this summer – Inez Cummings, Dick Hamlin, Herm Hazard, and Diane Knust! Also, thank you to those members who send me stuff to put in the newsletter – you help make it what it is! And for anyone I may have forgotten – THANK YOU!

From my family to yours - I would like to wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year!

Melissa Murrie
Newsletter Editor

Tired of Leftover Peppermint Candy?

I found this “recipe” that uses the green and red peppermint candies to make a plate to set holiday décor on.

What you need:

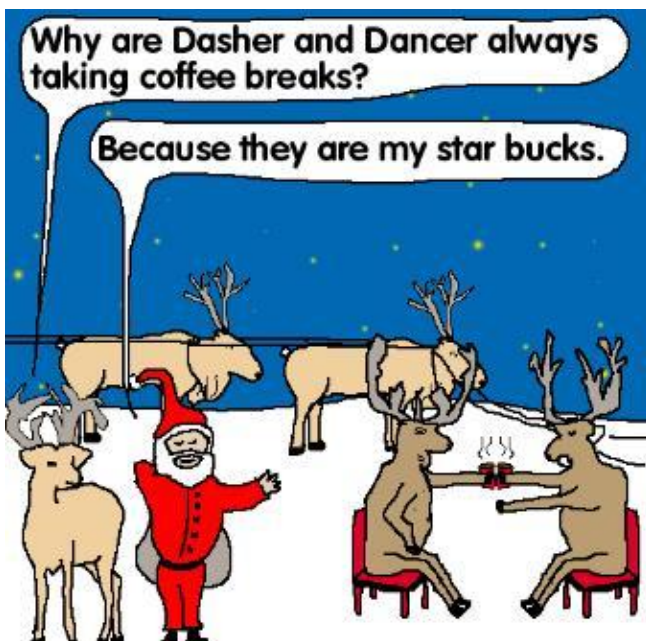
40+ peppermint candies (red & green)

Cookie sheet

Aluminum foil

1. Preheat oven to 350°F
2. Place foil on cookie sheet.
3. Arrange unwrapped peppermints on foil (make sure they are touching each other)
4. Bake 8 minutes. Checking it often. When it is all melted together remove from oven.
5. Leave on cookie sheet until completely cooled.
6. Peel off foil and its ready for use.

Be creative and come up with your own designs. There are lots of colors of mints you could use!



TTCM Membership meeting September, 2nd 2013 at Bellevue

The president and secretary are present to conduct the business of TTCM.

Opening prayer , Pledged to the Flag

Roll call : All officers present except Senior Advisor Richard Hamlin. Chapters all present except GV.

President Vogel welcome all that came to the meeting and welcome new members that were here.

He thanked the Happy Campers and there helpers Blossom Land for a good rally. He said that this meeting will be conducted as a business meeting and set the rules for members to follow. Anyone who has a problem with a person or officer is to send a letter to the secretary for the board to see and this letter must be signed. In handling of the By-Laws in voting a stand up vote will be taken. A member will have two minutes to give his or her opinion and a one minute time for response. The sergeant of arms will keep a time on this.

The secretary asked for a motion to approve the minutes as printed of the Executive Meeting of May 2, 2013. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Bruce Alm and 2nd by Joe Schwartz. Motion carried.

By-Law changes: A motion by Jim Carriveau we accept the By-Laws as printed 2nd by Dan O'Dell discussion: Inez Cummings said we cannot vote on the By-Laws because it said that it was the first draft. The By-Law committee said that it was an honest mistake not to put the finale draft on the form. There was no vote on the motion to accept the By-Laws at this time. President Vogel called for a Five minute recess to discuss it with the officers and By-Law committee. After further checking it was decided the By-Laws were approved by Executive Board meeting in May and there were no changes or deletions of those given to the board at that meeting therefore a motion is needed in regard to that. A motion by Gala Alm that the first draft be the finale draft and was 2nd by Steve McNeil. Stand up vote almost everyone in the room. There were eight no votes. Motion carried.

By Laws:

Article IV Membership Section C Past Presidents- delete the words and camping fees waived. Discussion: Ross Keddle of Happy Hitchers gave his input on the matter. Deral Murrie asked that we grandfather them in. Tina Mullins didn't think that when this was put in place that people would be using this as there summer home for free. We as a club cannot afford to do this anymore. Inez Cummings said that those that did live here paid

their way. The vote by stand up approved by a large number of members present. Eight no"s. Change approved.

Article IV Life Members Section D Change in language and delete free use of all club campgrounds. The following discussion took place: Sherry Murrie said that her father and mother gave a lot to TTCM and many others continue to serve, David Rogers said that we appreciate what they have given in the past but TTCM cannot continue the way it"s going. Darlene Owens said that this involved only four families. Bill Oates said that those that got free camping paid for their electric. President Vogel gave the current cost of camping at \$360.00 a month times six equals \$2160.00. Lefty McGahan Hesperia director said if you want to volunteer do it for free. A stand up vote was taken . Approved by membership.

Art IV Section F and G : Move F and G under Recreational Vehicle Ownership . Approve Change passed with stand up vote.

Article IV section H; Delete Temporary Membership. Approved change passed with stand up vote.

Article IV section F. : Recreational Vehicle Ownership : In the event that a member or couple, no longer own an RV due to finances, age, or illness, may continue their membership without regards to the provision of recreational vehicle ownership in Article IV sub-paragraph A. Approved change passed with a standing vote.

Article IV section G. Surviving Spouse: A spouse of a surviving member may continue their membership without regards to the provision of recreational vehicle ownership article IV sub-paragraph A. Approved change passed with stand up vote.

Article IV section H Disabled Member: A disabled member or couple may continue their membership without regards to the provision of recreational ownership in article IV sub-paragraph A. Approved change passed with stand up vote.

Article V dues and fees: Section B: Delete Life Members- Nil Approved change passed with stand up vote.

Article V Section D: Add from the All American Rally to December 31st. Article V section D:dues are payable from the All American Rally to December 31st of each calendar year for which membership shall be automatically suspended for non-payment of dues (NPD) and shall forfeit all rights and privileges of membership. Approved changes passed with stand up vote.

Article V Section E: Change January 31st to January 1st. Members whose dues are remitted and received after January 1st shall not be reinstated unless such sum of money received as

dues shall be accompanied by an additional sum of money designated as reinstatement fee, the amount of which shall be established by the Board of Directors. Decals/ numbers are not part of the reinstatement fee. Approved change passed with stand up vote.

Article V1: Government

Section C . Addition of the Teen Adult to the Board of Directors with a vote. A motion to rescind this section until the executive board meets in May by Joshua Smith and 2nd by Edna McCastle. Change voted down by stand up vote will resolve at the excutive board meeting in May 2014.

Article X Duties of officers, trustees, and others Section C. Add to secretary. Send a monthly report of all new/reinstated members to the treasure and newsletter editor. Approved change passed with a stand up vote.

Article X Section D : Delete : shall make a monthly report of all new / reinstated members and issue same. Approved change passed with stand up vote..

Article X section E: Members -at- large: Add a new paragraph for #3 about Write-ins, then change numbers for 3-4-5-6 Add: 3. A member for two (2) years in good standing may submit their names and which office they desirous to run for Only as a write – in candidate. Change numbers 3-4 and 4-5 and 5-6 . Approved change passed with stand up vote.

Article X section F: Campground Director/Trustee Change on a monthly basis to a weekly basis. Shall provide a detailed report of all moneys received and disbursed on a weekly basis. A decision to table this change until May 2014 was made to clear up all the details. No Vote taken. Along with this article was the planning committee meetings which were not brought up per President Vogel and will be discussed in May at the executive board meeting.

Article XIII Conduct of Members:

Section B. Delete: There will be no alcohol beverages allowed in any of the TTCM Buildings. Approved the change with a stand up vote.

Article XIV Forming Chapters: Delete: Step 4:

The chapter must be incorporated in the state of Michigan. Further discussion was held and treasure Hiderbrandt said she was in favor before , but after talking with Michelle at the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs/Nonprofit corporation , does not recommend changing it. There was more discussion and a vote was taken and the change was voted down.

Resume meeting 12:30 pm.

Correspondence received by the secretary. Secretary received no correspondence at this time. A motion to accept the secretaries report as given by Steve McNeil and 2nd by Jim Carriveau. Motion carried.

Treasures report : Brenda said there was an audit conducted and all books were up to date. We made some major funding for roof repairs. Books are always open for members to check. A motion to accept the treasures report by Joe Schwartz and 2nd by Steve McNeil. Motion Passed.

Directors report: Kork Wielinga said the meeting was held and ideas were discussed. The minutes will be in the next news letter along with their (Bellevue) Planning Meeting.

Hesperia Director McGhan said that Edna McCastle chaired that meeting and those minutes will be in the next newsletter. Wood cutting work bee is September 20th thru the 22nd. Help is always needed. A motion to accept the directors report as presented was made by Jim Carriveau and 2nd by Chuck Dickerson. Motion passed.

Teen Report: Tina Mullins thanked everyone for buying raffle tickets from the teens. The money will be used for a projection type screen in the Bellevue hall.

MAL report: Chuck Dickerson was elected as the representative for MAL. This was his first time here at Bellevue and everyone was very good to him and his wife.

By-Law chairperson Carolyn Fitzpatrick thanked her committee for the many hours they worked on getting the by-laws done> Those members were: Chuck Dickerson, Jon Baker, Gayla Alm. A motion to accept all three reports by Steve McNeil and 2nd by Bruce Alm. Motion carried.

The All American Report by Mellisa Murrie: she thanked those that came and helped with things that had to be done. She did not have any money report to give at this time. A motion to accept the All American report as given, was made by Inez Cummins and 2nd by Bill Oates. Motion was turned down.

Old Business: The \$500.00 for the RV Museum has been raised. Seeing this was Dick Hamlins baby we will wait and let Dick handle what he wants on it.

Treasures report on new insurance that will take effect in January. They will be in Hesperia in a short time to measure the buildings. All books were audited.

New Business: Visitor fees will be looked at in May by the executive board. Roger Vogel said that the cycle club had a good time here and left a profit for TTCM. There was no

problems with this group and they would like to come again. Seasonal rates will be looked at again in May. A suggested \$1500 per season which must be paid in full at the start of the season. Nothing is set in stone at this time.

Timber select cutting at Hesperia was discussed. A forester said that this is the time to help the current trees grow bigger. The man who will do the cutting uses horses so there will be little damaged to the ground. This man has done some work for our members and comes with good credentials. Lefty has secured landing spots from neighbors that will get some of the tops. The treasurer said the funds would not interfere with our 501C. A Motion by Jim Carriveau we allow the wood cutting 2nd by Roger Steinbarger. Motion passed.

Campground rules: (6) Must move every three weeks. A motion to eliminate rule 6 by Joshau Smith and 2nd by Jim Carriveau. Motion carried.

Garage sale chairmen for both campgrounds. Joshau Smith said his wife would do Bellevue and Edna McCastle will do Hesperia.

Memorial Bricks: Daryl Westphal said they have finished the walk at Bellevue and will continue getting bricks as soon as he gets enough to order.

Election of Officers and Directors will take place next year at the All American rally at Hesperia. Those that seek an office should send your resume to the MAL president by May 1st of 2014.

All American Rally for 2014 will be hosted by The Restless Ones and the Golden Agers. The theme will be Irish and Big (12). Chapters will draw for one of the teams after this meeting. Now is the time to get your teams colors.

Rally reports of Chapters and Officers:

BL Thanked the HC for a great rally.

DD Reported a great rally and thanked those that purchased the chicken dinners.

DT Could see there was a lot of planning and hard work for a great rally.

DLW The park looks great and the decoration were outstanding.

GA WE all had a great time there was a lot of effort to pull this one out.

GV Absent

HC Thanked the committee for a great rally but was disappointed in the by-law changes.

HH Thanked the host for a fun rally.

HW The two of us had a great time.

MAL The pot luck was good and it was nice to meet new members we had a good time.

RO Happy to be a part of the rally.

RR Thanks for a great party.

Senior Advisor unable to attend but we know he hated to miss this one.

VP Those of us that were here had a good time and could see that a lot of work was done by the host.

Treas: Enjoyed the rally and thank the rally committee.

Secretary: had a great time and the games were very good.

Hesperia Director had a good time.

Bellevue Director Good time.

President Thanked the committee for a great rally.

A motion to adjourn by Gordon Dennis and 2nd by Linda Wielinga, Motion Carried

Leo Fitzpatrick Secretary

****only edited for spacing issues****

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