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Fellow Campers

The weather is changing, leaves are turning, and summer is coming to a close. I love camping during this time of year, cold fresh air and the smell of campfires.

I'd like to thank everyone that worked at the All American Rally. They did a great job and it shows what can happen when everyone pulls together. Next year's All American Rally is going to be the Las Vegas theme at Bellevue, looking forward to seeing everyone there.

I would like to congratulate all the officers that were re-elected and congratulations to Herman Hazard on his election to campground director at Bellevue.

I would like to thank the campground directors and their assistants from Hesperia and Bellevue for the great job they did this summer. Steve and Murl from Hesperia and Dawn and Darrel, Dick, Herman, and the Dailey's for helping out at Bellevue.

The Halloween outing is the first weekend in October and is always a good time. The campgrounds will be closing the week end of the 18th, 19th of October. If you can come out and give us a hand it would be appreciated. I hope all the snow birds going south have a safe trip. I hope to see everyone next season, ready to camp.

Your President
Roger

Calendar of Events

October 3rd - 5th - Halloween Rally -
Bellevue

October 17th - 19th - Campground Closing
Weekend - **Corrected from Sept.
Newsletter**

December 31st - Annual membership dues
DUE!

April 2014 - Campgrounds will REOPEN!

Planning Committee Meetings - April 18th,
June 20th, August 15th

Message to the Members

There have been 10 wash tub fire pots that have been repaired at the Bellevue Campground. If you use them please be careful with them and also return them back to the wood pile so everyone can enjoy them. Please be careful when returning them that way they will last longer. I also have extra parts for any repairs needed and will fix them when broken.

Thanks and enjoy!
Bruce & Terry Montgomery



In Remembrance



Robert (Bob) Pulsifer

10-26-25 ~ 8-26-14

Trailer # 1092

Charter & Lifetime Member

Was current President of

Happy Wanderers

Please keep his family in your thoughts.

Thank You

We would like to thank all of the members who sent a card or message, came to the funeral, gave a hug, or sent their condolences to our family. Gene was a big part of this club and he will never be forgotten!

Thank you!

The Family of Gene Conklin



Stuff from the Secretary

It is time for all treasures to get there non-profit papers turned in again. I have received non-profit papers from: TTCM, Dragon Train, Blossomland, and Happy Wanderers.

Remember all dues are due by DECEMBER 31st. Please remember to include the form (located in your newsletter) with your remittance.

Leo Fitzpatrick
TTCM Secretary

I would like to thank the chapters and members you sent cards, calls, and prayers as I recover from (Carotid) surgery. I had a 90% blockage on the left side and was operated on 4th of September. I was lucky they performed the surgery because I had a blood clot forming. Everything is going well at this time.

Also, my wife, Carolyn, and I will be celebrating our 50th wedding anniversary on October 17th. We will be having an open house at our home in Jackson on October 18th from 6 to 9pm. This was the work of our three kids.

Leo Fitzpatrick

Fantastic Fall Foods

Now that fall is upon us there is a plethora of yummy foods to make. Here is a quick Autumn Apple Cake to try:

Ingredients:

5-7 apples (peeled, cored, and sliced thin

1 (9oz.) yellow cake mix

2 Tbsp. sugar

1 Tbsp. ground cinnamon

1 stick real butter

Fill a 9x13 pan ½ full of sliced apples. Sprinkle the apples with the dry cake mix. Combine sugar and cinnamon and sprinkle over the cake mix. Melt butter and drizzle over the cake mix.

Bake for 30 minutes or until golden brown. You can serve this with ice cream or even substitute the apples for other fruits. Mix it up and enjoy this easy yummy treat.

Happy Wanderers

Well, I have some catching up to do since I missed the last deadline for the TTCM newsletter.

Our chapter met in August for the Corn Roast and potluck dinner. We had no breakfast scheduled but Deb & Rick Ronning announced on Friday night they would do waffles again. We had sausage in the freezer, so we open the ray to anyone who wanted to come. We had 21 there and it ended up as a donation instead of a rally fee. The food was delicious as usual. (Good Cooks)

There were 9 Happy Wanderers that attended the All American Rally in Hesperia. Although my sister, Leona, and I missed part of the rally, it was a good rally. Leona Hershberger is 97 years old and is still camping. Her trailer number is 2124 and has been a Happy Wanderer since 1967. WOW! We are over-joyed at the new steps that were built for easier access into the trailer. We can't thank you enough to all those who helped in the project. We feel blessed to be part of such a caring group. Thanks to Cindy and George Behler for all the rides in their gold cart and for phone calls or encouragement on the passing of our brother, Robert (Bob) Pulsifer. He was our President of Happy Wanderers. Bob was a life time and charter member.

Rick and Deb Ronning mourn the passing of Rick's dad, Russell Ronning, former member of Happy Wanderers.

Happy Wanderers had a brief meeting to appoint Bill Carpenter as President and Rick Ronning as Vice President. Our next election is in September of 2015.

I can't believe we are nearing the end of the camping season. Where did the summer go? I have a few leaves that are falling from lack of rain. We didn't always get rain when others did.

We have a scheduled rally for September 12th – 14th that is open to everyone. It's easier to fix food for more than less.

Birthday wishes go out to Mary Bonter (#4107) on her 80th Birthday.

It's almost time to wish everyone a safe trip to their winter destination and hope to see them next spring. It's time to think about winterizing the trailer and covering it for safe keeping.

Thanks to Lefty and helpers for all their help all summer to make camping more fun.

See you next time – God willing!

Ruth Heimann
Reporter

Thoughts from the Treasurer

WOW what a great rally. It was so nice to see everyone working together to put on such a big event and make it a great success. The campground looked amazing and everyone pulled together no matter what chapter you were with to make it a great event. To see everyone sitting around laughing and having a wonderful time with all our camping family made it even better. Thank you to the rally chairpersons (Carolyn and Cyndi) for taking on the rally and making it look easy..... The theme choice was so much fun and it was fun to go around and see how each chapter supported their team... and the boiled peanuts and the taters at the progressive were my favorite but me being a southern girl what do you expect. I have been giving the Rally Report and all the receipts we are just waiting for the final bank statement to close out the rally records. (Rally report elsewhere in the newsletter)

Ok let's talk winter storage for your campers and the campgrounds. You may store your unit at either campground but you must fill out a new storage form (available from the campground director) before you leave for the winter. The fee is by donation only and payable at the time you turn in your form. You will not be able to get to your unit until next year when we open.

Tree cutting in Hesperia is complete and we made \$35,167.92 and all of that was put into savings. We will still need to pay around 10% tax on that amount but I won't have the exact figure until I get the taxes done in the spring.

Badge order.....

I have some badge orders that I need to put in for two new members and some replacement badges on order so if anyone needs badges or rockers for purchase please e-mail me or call and I can include it in my next order. I would like to turn it in before the end of the year so if I can get your orders by Nov. 15th that would be helpful.

Have a safe and healthy winter and see you in spring.

Brenda Hilderbrandt

TTCM Treasurer

2015 Dues are due by December 31st

Please remember to include the form found in the newsletter. We need to make sure we have correct and current address.

Also if you have an email address please include so that we can email your newsletter to you. The cost of printing and mailing is increasing and this is one way we can save the club money.

All American Rally 2014 Recap

The 2014 All American Rally is over. It was a lot of fun, and everyone had a good time.

There were 8 chapters represented, Restless Ones, Golden Agers, Happy Wanderers, Duneland Winnies, Blossomland, Mals, Draggin Train, and Double Dozen.

The theme of the rally was the Irish 12. The 12 big ten teams, and Notre Dame. We started out on Friday night with the minute to win it games in which your chapter [team] could win points. The floor was packed with people, even Dick Hamlin and Herm Hazard participated. Saturday was filled with many more games and you earned more points. Sunday was your last chance to earn those points and help your team to be #1.

1 st .	25 points	U of M	[Restless Ones]
2 nd .	22 points	Notre Dame	[MALS]
3 rd .	21 points	Purdue	[Duneland Winnies]
4 th .	16 points	Iowa	[Blossomland]
5 th .	13 points	Penn State	[Golden Agers]
6 th .	7 points	Nebraska	[Double Dozen]
7 th .	2 points	M S U	[Happy Wanderers]
8 th .	0 points	Minnesota	[Draggin Train]

We actually had trophies for all the different games and competition. Thanks to Brenda and Ray Hilderbrandt.

I would like to thank everyone who came and participated in the rally. Without your participation, help, and time this rally would not have been successful. Thanks to the following.

George Behler for all the work in refinishing the grill, and making the grill top for the stove, and for all the help on everything else.

Cyndi Behler for being co-chair and parking chair. You did one fantastic job, and everything else that you did.

Brenda and Ray Hilderbrandt for all the great trophies, and ribbons, and Dizzy Football, and all the other numerous things you did. We could not have done it without you.

Chuck Dickinson and Family and all the MALS for the Minute to Win it games, which were out of this world. Everyone participated and had a great time doing it. The MALS were wonderful at keeping everyone and everything organized and in place. Great Job. The MALS also did hospitality for the whole weekend. We never ran out of coffee.

Thank you for a great job well done. Chuck also set up the church service and had a great minister. Thanks again.

Blossomland for doing the kids 10cent auction and doing both bingos children's and adult's. You really deserved a drink or two after dealing with all those children.

John Gilmore from Restless Ones for taking on the euchre tournament and doing a great job.

Sharon and Nicole Westphal from Duneland Winnies for doing the children games. Every child had a great time and walked away with many things.

Gene Kowatch, Roger Steinbarger and Lee Duttonhaver from Restless Ones for doing a superb job on the tractor rodeo. Everyone loved it. I think you need to remove the fire pit the next time. Ha! Ha!

Kay Kowatch for doing a mighty fine job on the registration.

Double Dozen for putting on the walking tacos and the Saturday night games. They sure were enjoyed by all. Thanks to Tina Mullins for all her help and instructions to you at the last minute.

Restless Ones for the 10 cent auction and all the help in serving and preparing the food. Thanks for being hosts and everything that you did for the rally.

Golden Agers for the cake roulette and also hosting and everything you did for the rally.

Roger Merkins from the Golden Agers who helped build the horseshoe pits and also ran the horseshoe tournament. Thanks for a good job.

Last but not least, Lefty and Steve McNeal for getting the campground ready. You two did a great job and everything looked wonderful, mowed and green. The place looked great.

As you can see, it took a lot of people from a lot of different chapters to put this rally together. With everyone working together for one great cause we achieved the Victory we were working for. Thanks to everyone for a great job. Let us continue to keep working together for the good of TTCM.

The financial report for the All American is also included.

Thanks
Carolyn

News from the North

Closing weekend is October 17th and 18th with water being shut off on the 19th please come out and help put the Hesperia campground to sleep for the winter.

Don't forget that the 1st planning committee meeting is the first weekend we open in April and is the most important because it is the last one before the May meeting. Come out and let us know of your concerns or just voice your comments.

This camping season has gone by far too fast. We hope everyone has enjoyed it here at Hesperia.

It is impossible to mention everyone who has gone that extra mile to do all the work that has been done to make the campground what it is today. Thank you all.

2014 All American Rally was a great success with the minute to win it and tractor rodeo just to mention a couple of the activities. Anyone not attending sure missed out on a great time.

Looking forward to the 2015 All American at Bellevue.

Your Hesperia Directors

Lefty and Steve

All American Rally Financial Statement

Income

Seed money	1500.00	
Registrations	1820.00	74 units
Concession Stand	435.50	
Cake Roulette	209.50	
Adult 10 cent auction	191.00	
Surplus food sales	104.36	
Donut sale	36.40	
Total	\$4296.76	Income

Expenses

Food and supplies	897.55	
Minister	50.00	
Key tags for rally bags		238.50
Extra dumpster	150.00	
Rally stickers	183.06	
Seed money	1500.00	
Total expenses	\$3019.11	
Total PROFIT for rally	\$ 1,277.65	

Great Job Everyone

Correction

In the minutes from the general membership meeting under the treasurer's report it is stated that the normal amount given to All American Rally is \$1200. This should read \$1500.

Send Dues To

Leo Fitzpatrick
TTCM Secretary
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Bellevue's Business

Before we talk about next year I want to THANK EACH OF YOU who showed me your support with your vote. I have talked with our president and with Bill Oates of Draggin Train and Bill has agreed to be my assistant. He and I will work together to make sure the campground is well taken care of.

I plan to try to communicate with the membership on a more regular basis to help get things back on track. Every member needs to know what is going on at the campground.

There are many things that have to be done at the campground and I plan on presenting them at the Spring Planning committee meeting in April. Please come and discuss them and help plan what happens. Remember that the All American Rally will be here in Bellevue next year and we all will need to make this place look like Las Vegas, complete with lights and fountains. If your chapter has a BIG plan for the rally come spend some time at the campground and work on you project here.

Each of you is a part of this campground and I would like to meet with you and hear all of your ideas. We can also use your help as a property tender. While working as a property tender you will receive a week of camping free. So let's all get involved and come enjoy this beautiful campground!

Herman Hazard
Bellevue Campground Director
4549

Notes from the Newsletter Editor

Just a reminder that your next newsletter will published on December 1st. If you have something to put into that newsletter please have it to me by November 20th.

Voice of the Vice

Summer has come and gone. We've had some great camping with a number of things accomplished at both our campgrounds. To everyone who has come out to support and pitch in THANK YOU! This is what allows us to keep our camping fees at \$12 a night.

The Halloween outing at Bellevue is fast approaching and we are trying something a little different on Friday night. The Winnie Wagon will be utilized to cook up gourmet style burgers and served with hand cut fries. For those of age the World famous Pat Story Red Ale will be available for sampling. All this goodness for just \$10. The proceeds from these amazing burgers will go to the playground fund.

As always Buy-a-Brick forms can be sent to me. If you need a form please let me know. Let's keep adding to the wonderful bricks that are at our campgrounds.

Daryl

Fall Behind

Don't forget that before you go to bed on November 1st you set your clock back an hour! Bring on that extra hour of sleep!

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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.