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A Holiday Wish

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. My holiday wish for my friends at TTCM is to see everyone back next year for another great season of camping.

Have a great holiday season and a prosperous New Year.



Your President
Roger

Stuff from the Secretary

To all chapter presidents
If there is a change to this office please inform me with the address and phone number of the new president. Also, if you want something on the May meeting agenda please let me know. At this time no one has contacted me with anything.

Leo

Florida Luncheon

The Florida Luncheon will be held at Fred's in Plant City. The address is:

1401 Martin Luther King Blvd
Plant City, FL 33563

It will be held on January 29, 2015 at 2pm.

All TTCM members are invited.

Please call Carolyn Fitzpatrick at 517-782-4650 to make your reservation.

In Memory

Wilson (Bill) Carb passed away on November 22. He was a Member at Large. Please keep his wife, Stella, and the rest of his family in your thoughts.

Business from Bellevue

I want to thank the Restless Ones and Double Dozen for helping to move all the picnic tables to the lower shelter and stacking them for the winter.

Also, thank you to Dick Hamlin for getting all the equipment winterized.

I know there were many people who helped close Bellevue for the winter and it is much appreciated. So a big THANK YOU to everyone who helped!!

Don't forget there will be a planning committee meeting opening weekend on Saturday at 10:30am. So come to the clubhouse and bring your ideas!

Herm Hazard

Bellevue Campground Director

Voice of the Vice

It's still hard to believe that winter is upon us, be it a little too early. I hope any of our members who escape the winter be safe in your travels and for everyone else the campgrounds open in 4 ½ months.

The Halloween outing was well attended despite the weather not being the best. The Friday night burgers and beer tasting raised \$193.00. Thanks to Pat Story for the great home brew and our chef, Ron Bootchek, who flipped burgers all night. We were able to draft the Hilderbrant's and our friend Al Ladd to be judges for the costume contest. The kids games caused a lot of smiles for the kids. Thank you to the adults who helped out and to the Titan's who pitched in wherever they were needed. Thank you to the River Raisins who took care of the pumpkin judging and to the Restless Ones who served up a great breakfast.

The silent auction raised another \$416.00. Thank you to everyone who purchased burgers and bid on the auction items. This is how we keep fees low and still have the money for projects. We have another auction coming up in May so please think about items to donate for our Memorial weekend auction.

The tables at Bellevue will get engraved with the donors name and TTCM number. If you would still like to donate to the cause please send your donation to Brenda with a note as to what it is for.

BIG Plans are in the works for the 2015 All American Rally. It's sure to be a LARGE time so again mark your calendars and attend events at your campgrounds.

Happy Holidays
Daryl and Sharon



**Remember Dues are due on
December 31st. After that date
you will need to submit a
remittance fee with it.**



**Send Dues To
Leo Fitzpatrick
TTCM Secretary
2985 Irish Acres Dr.
Jackson, MI 49201**

From my family to yours



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Melissa Murrie – Newsletter Editor

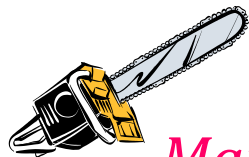


YEP, LADIES IT'S ON!

Bellevue campground needs fire wood, so



we're going to do it!



Mark your calendars for Friday May, 1, 2, 3

Ladies Wood Cutting Weekend Bellevue Campground

Ages 18 to 88, all TTCM women come out for the weekend and help clean up the trails and get much needed fire wood.

If everyone helps out, everyone gets the benefits. If you think you can't help, come anyway and we'll find an easy job for you!

Friday	8:00 p.m.	Welcome at the Rec Hall
Sat	9:00 a.m.	Equipment Lessons
	9:30 a.m.	Brush and twig removal then we go for the bigger stuff
	4:30 p.m.	We call it a day, clean up, rest up, and wait for our President, Roger Vogel, to serve us <u>dinner at 6:00 p.m.</u>



Please RSVP so we can know how to plan the work load and the dinner

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RV/Motorhome Hall of Fame Brick

Well the brick is in at the RV/Motorhome Hall of Fame. There are pictures however due to some technical difficulties the newsletter editor could not get them up this time. They will be in the next newsletter.

If you are out and about this winter and want to take a road trip to Elkhart, IN be sure to stop in and see our brick.

You can visit the Hall of Fame at www.rvmhhalloffame.org.

Dick Hamlin



FYI

If you have not paid your 2015 dues this will be your last newsletter. The next newsletter goes out on February 1, 2015.

Associate Member Spotlight

This is the second year for National RV Refrigeration to be a sponsor of TTCM the following is a review of what they do.

In 1993 my uncle Ray Miller started working on refrigerators. That repair business turned into fabrication parts for new household gas refrigerators. He then decided to sell his RV repair side of the business. I purchased the company in 2006 and started working on refrigerators. By 2007 we moved the business to my home and I went full time. As the business grew I added a part time helper and we started looking at more exposure. In the spring of 2011 we moved to our current address of 5660 N. SR 5 which is north of Shipshewana. I added full time help in the spring of 2013 and also added AC service. Business has been solid on both refrigerators and AC service. I expect it to increase more down the road.

We are authorized to do warranty work on Dometic and Norcold refrigerators and on Dometic and Coleman AC's. We also do warranty work on Norcold and Nova Kool marine refrigerators.

Thanks for the support that TTCM gives me.

Leon Herschberger



FOR SALE

2010 Forest River rPod 151 **\$8,800**

Length (ft/m)	16
Dry Weight (lbs/kg)	1937
Payload Capacity (lbs/kgs)	1304
GVWR (lbs/kgs)	3241
Hitch Weight (lbs/kgs)	241
Fresh Water Tank Capacity (gal)	36
Gray Water Tank Capacity (gal)	35
Black Water Tank Capacity (gal)	35
LP Bottle w/ Cover (lbs)	20
Max Sleeping Count	2

Interior Package:

Raised Panel Cabinet Doors w/Residential Hidden Hinges

Decorator Window Treatments w/Mini Blinds

6 Gal. GE DSI Water Heater

2 Burner Cooktop

3 Speed Fantastic Fan in Bathroom

Detachable Organizers in Bathroom

4.2 Cu. Ft. 3-Way Refrigerator

Cargo Netting in Kitchen

Decorator Shower Curtain

Battery, Water, and Holding Tank Monitor Panel

Exterior Package:

Dual Battery Rack

Spare Tire/Carrier & Cover

Patio Light

Tinted Safety Glass Windows

Aluminum Split Spoke Rims

Laminlux 1000 Gel-Coated Fiberglass

Front and Rear Stabilizer Jacks

Folding Assist Grab Handle at Door

Goodyear Radial Tires

Independent Torsion Axle w/Ultrulube Hubs

Detachable 30 AMP Power Cord

Options:

Air Conditioning – 11K BTU Low Profile

Convection Microwave Oven

AM/FM/CD/DVD/TV Combo w/Antenna and Booster

Upgrades Completed at or Since Purchase:

Fiberglass Exterior Professionally Waxed 2010

New Running Lights on Rear Spoiler 2013

Dinette Back Cushions Reupholstered 2014

Fabric Available for Dinette Bottom Cushions and Throw Pillows

New Running Lights on Wheelwells 2013

Tongue Repainted 2013

Disclosure – the decals on the front and driver's side of the trailer are peeling off and the manufacturer will not replace them.

If interested please contact Judy Collins @ Judith_collins@nps.gov

Associate Members

M&M Camping Center Inc.
2960 W. Jefferson
Trenton, MI 48183
1-800-523-6876
www.mm-rvcenter.com



All Brands RV Repair, Inc.
2727 Oakland Ave.
Elkhart, IN 46517
1-574-903-3099
www.allbrandrv.com



Caswell RV
260 South Dexter St.
Ionia, MI 48846
1-800-435-0877
www.caswellrv.com



Kollhoff Insurance
4109 Lake Ave.
Ashtabula, OH 44004
1-800-998-9810
www.kollhoffinsurance.com



National RV Refrigeration
Leon Herschberger - Owner
5660 N SR 5
Shipshewana, IN 46565
260-768-7059
www.fixyourfridge.com



A Christmas Story – The RV Edition

*Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the RV
Not one person was stirring, unbelievably
The stockings were hung 'cross the slide out with care
In hopes that St. Nicholas could find them in the middle of
nowhere*

*The children were nestled all snug in their bunk beds
While visions of sugar plums danced in their heads
And we in our warmest clothes, for the heater was about to
snap
Had just settled down for a long winter's nap*

*When out in the campground there arose such a clatter
I sprang from the bunk to see what was the matter
Down the ladder and to the window I flew like a flash
Tore open the blinds and rubbed the fingerprints off the glass*

*The moon light shining on the new fallen snow
Gave the appearance of mid-day to the power pedestals below
When, what to my wondering eyes should appear
But, a miniature sleigh and eight tiny reindeer*

*No one wakes in the camper without causing a stir
No matter how silent and nimble they were
So the family came running to join me at the window now
To watch what was occurring beyond the slide out's bow*

*We saw a little old driver, so lively and quick
We all knew in a moment it must be St. Nick
More rapid than a truck with breaks burning, his coursers they
came
And he whistled and shouted and called them by name*

*Now Dasher, now Dancer, now Prancer and Vixen
On Comet, on Cupid, on Donner and Blitzen
To the top of the vinyl roof, to the top of the fiber glass wall
Now dash away, dash away, dash away all!*

*As an awning before the wild hurricane flies
When met with an obstacle, rips off and mounts to the sky
So up to the top of the camper the coursers they flew
With a very heavy sleigh full of toys and St. Nicholas, too.*

*Then, with a loud creak above us, I heard on that vinyl roof
The prancing and pawing of each little hoof
"The way that they sound, they will rip it to shreds!"
Said Dad as his eye balls popped out of his head*

*As we looked away from the window and were turning around
Down from the air vent St. Nicholas came with a bound
We gasped at the sight, not believing what we had seen here
But, with a wink of his eye, we knew we had nothing to fear*

*He was dressed all in fur, from his head to his foot
And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot
A bundle of toys he had flung on his back
And Dad winced at the site, for we had no more room to pack*

*To our stockings he went, counting eight in all
Hung up with care above the slide out wall
In the glow of our tree did we watch with delight
As he continued his work in our camper that night*

*He gave what we each wished for, because he always knows
And then he checked that the cold hadn't frozen our hose
Then laying his finger aside of his nose
And giving a nod, up the air vent he rose*

*He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a shout
And away they all flew like that awning the wind ripped out
But, I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight
Merry Christmas to all and to all a good-night!*



2015 Dues Remittance

Dear TTCM Member:

It's that time again to renew your TTCM membership.

This year we would like to make sure we have your most current information on file.

Dues are payable to TTCM by December 31st and are \$30.00.

If received after December 31st you will need to include a \$10.00 reinstate fee.

We are still trying to reduce newsletter cost and if available please include your e-mail address.

If paying at the All American Rally or Bellevue's Halloween Rally please fill out form and bring with your payment.

If paying by mail please return the lower portion with your payment.

Please return remittance form with payment

Payable to **TTCM** and mail to

Leo Fitzpatrick

2985 Irish Acres Dr.

Jackson, MI 49201

Name: _____ TTCM # _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

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From I-69/I-94 - north on I-69, Exit 48. Go west on M-78, approx. 2 miles. South Ionia Road to W. Baseline Rd. East to 16 Mile Road. 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.