



T.T.C.M



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From Around the Campfire

April is upon us and the campgrounds are going to be opening for the season on weekend of the 18th. Double Dozen will be having an outing that weekend to help get the campground ready as long as the weather is okay. Everyone is welcome to come up and help. I am looking forward to a great camping season.

We will be having our meeting in May at Bellevue with the full board and I'm looking forward to seeing everyone. I know there are few projects that need to get done and we will be discussing them at the meeting.

If your RV was stored on the campgrounds and is on a site you need to get it moved or you will be responsible for the accrued camping fees.

Just a friendly reminder make sure everyone with a golf cart has an insurance slip for your camp ground director also make sure they are in good running condition, and must have head lights to run at night. Remember your campground directors need help through the season so volunteer for property tender or just come up and give them a hand. It is our camping club and it is our responsibility to keep up the grounds.

If you have any ideas for the board I would love to hear from you. If you have ideas for campground improvements or projects talk to the campground directors. LET'S GO CAMPING.

Sincerely

Roger M. Vogel

Calendar of Events

April 17th - 19th - Campground Opening

April 18th - 10am - Campground Planning Committee Meetings @ respective campground grounds

May 1st - 3rd - Ladies Wood Cutting Weekend - Bellevue

May 2nd - Board of Directors Meeting - Hesperia - 10am

May 22nd - 25th - Memorial Day Pig Roast - Bellevue

June 22nd - 27th - Sewing Bee - Hesperia

Sept. 4th - 7th - All American Rally - Bellevue

Sept. 21st - 26th - Sewing Bee - Hesperia

ATTENTION GOLF CART OWNERS

Remember to bring a copy of your current insurance showing your coverage on the golf cart so we can have in on file at the campground. If you use both campgrounds, you will need one for each campground office. You must turn it in to the Campground Director before you begin using it on the campground property.

Voice of the Vice

Spring has finally arrived and a new camping season is almost here. It will be nice to get reacquainted with all our TTCM members. Please send in your forms for Memorial Day weekend. The earlier we get them the easier it is to plan the weekend. Don't forget an auction item and INVITE A VETERAN TO JOIN US.

Chapters it is time to get ready for the May board meeting bring and keep those positive ideas coming. On that note, Sharon and I had an unusual experience, while selling Floating Charm Necklaces as a playground fundraiser at a campground in the Florida Keys. A couple walked up and asked what TTCM stood for because it certainly could not be the same club they belong to up in Michigan. After they mentioned they were members of the Happy Hitchers and that had just arrived for a couple of days so they could visit another TTCM member in Key West. Jim and Julie Cascio purchased a necklace and said goodbye. Later that evening we met them at a local restaurant and discussed the current state of our club. Jim and Julie have been long time members and have enjoyed camping at Bellevue, but did express their concern over the clubs lack of movement on improvements in which they had help raise funds for: specifically, modern restroom facilities as well as transforming the pond into a campground asset. These items and many others have been talked about, debated, planned for, and dismissed for far too long. It is time to develop long-term plans for both campgrounds. We have two meetings a year to accomplish the business of this club it is time to move forward to ensure the longevity of this organization.

Finally the Buy a Brick campaign is always available to our members contact me for information.

Daryl

Ladies Wood Cutting Weekend

Where: Bellevue Campground

When: May 1st, 2nd, 3rd

Who: Ladies 18 – 88

Why: Cutting wood and cleaning trails

Dinner will be served by President Roger Vogel

We will be having lessons to learn how to use the equipment, then clearing the smaller stuff, and then getting the bigger stuff.

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

Christine May: christinemay100@att.net or 586-558-8567

Tina Mullins: tmullins@cass.net or 734-279-2077

Cheryl Vogel: ladyhog55@att.net or 586-255-120265

Business from Bellevue

The weather is finally warming up which means camping season is right around the corner!

Opening weekend is April 17th - April 19th. Please come out and help get things ready for a great season.

Remember campground planning committee meeting will be April 18th at 10am in the club house. Please bring your ideas for improvement to the meeting.

Look forward to seeing you all around the campground!

Herm Hazard

News from the North

The snow is slowly melting and should be gone by opening weekend!

Opening weekend - April 17th thru 19th, we will need all the help we can get!

Chapter presidents, please bring your ideas to the planning meeting on April 18th at 10 am in the clubhouse. Meeting is open to anyone who wishes to attend.

Yard Sale: We need someone to chair this event. Drop your treasures off anytime!

Lefty and Steve

For Sale

2010 Forest River rPod 151 - \$8,800.

For more information, please see the Nov/Dec 2014 newsletter. If interested please contact Judy Collin at Judith_Collins@nps.gov.

If you have something to sell please send me an email with the information.

Floating Charm Necklaces

Just a reminder that the Duneland Winnies are selling floating charm necklaces. They are \$10 apiece and come with three charms. There are lots of charms to choose from!

You can get them during camping functions this year.



On Going Earmarked Special Funds

Current as of 3/2/2015

Bellevue

Pig Roast = \$455.26

Pig Roast Band = \$1,179.00 (paid to Daryl Westphal)

Wood Shed = \$369.00

Stove Hood = \$159.00

Playground = \$5,382.27

Table & Chairs = \$84.61

Beautification = \$459.29

Kitchen Supplies = \$245.00

Clubhouse floor = \$1230.79

Hesperia

Picnic Tables = \$647.89

Clubhouse storage and supplies = \$163.57

Kitchen sink and faucet = \$163.57

June 2015 sewing bee = \$147.30

Beautification = \$649.00

Vacuum cleaner = \$101.00

Water Project = \$523.23

Playground = 139.00

Stove = 623.90

Horseshoe pit = \$116.00

Steam Mop = \$67.41

Combined

Teens = \$487.10 (can only be used with teen advisor's permission)

From the Secretary

Executive Board Meeting will be held on May 2, 2015 at Hesperia campground at 10:00 A.M.. The following items may be discussed at this meeting.

Getting rid of clutter in the buildings

Check equipment and if not used get rid of with proper authority.

Bellevue: Stove vent, large phone bill, painting the floor [money put aside for this], removing the stage to increase the floor space, Displaying the quilt that was made by all chapters 2 years ago. Get someone who knows how to fix the ovens so they work properly.

Hesperia: Getting rid of all picnic tables that are not usable and scrap metal. Hood vent over stove and get someone who knows how to fix the ovens. Use beautification fund to fix memorial bricks.

This will give both directors a chance to look into and discuss solutions.

All American Rally Decoration Reminder

Here is the list of which casino each chapter picked. Only a few months until the big rally!!

BL - Circus Circus

HW - Bellagio

DD - Paris Las Vegas

MAL - MGM

DT - Mirage

RO - Cosmopolitan

DLW - Treasure Island

RR - New York-New York

GA - Caesars Palace

GV - Flamingo

HC - Luxor

HH - Golden Nugget

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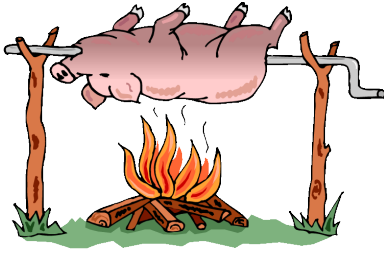
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MEMORIAL



**19th Annual TTCM Bellevue
Memorial Weekend Pig Roast**

May 22 - 25, 2014

Pig Roast dinner will be held on Saturday

Point 'n Finger's will be playing Saturday evening



Breakfast will be served on Sunday morning

Deadline for registration is May 15th

Please make your check payable to Donna Carriveau and mail to:

24884 Saxony Ave.

Eastpointe, MI 48021

Name: _____ **TTCM #** _____

Number of Adults @ \$7.50 each _____ = _____

Number of Teens @ \$7.50 each _____ = _____

Number of Children 12 & under @ \$3.50 each _____ = _____

Total = _____

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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
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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.