



# T.T.C.M



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## From Around the Campfire

Fellow Members,

On April 17, 18, 19<sup>th</sup> the campgrounds were opened again for another season of camping. I hope all of our members are well and have had a safe and healthy winter. I'm looking forward to seeing all of you this summer.

We need folks to donate time to help our campground directors get the work done. Our campground directors and their assistants are volunteers and could use your help. We need help landscaping, cleaning of the flower beds, chopping wood, painting, carpentry, anything would be appreciated. We as members should not expect free camping to do these things. We are all owners and should do it because it improves the grounds for everyone and it's our responsibility as owners. I know a lot of folks work all week and the last thing anyone wants is to go camping and work. Let's face it everything is going up. Folks should come up and help out and pay the \$12.00 per night it helps pay for the operating costs. No one expects you to work every time you come up camping, do it as a weekend outing with your chapter. If every chapter did one weekend a season look what you could get accomplished. If you're a MAL looking for a chapter to join up with for that weekend to help out get some of your friends together and pitch in. The other thing is we need to project good will toward one another. Understand these are just suggestions but it will work. We are still trying to build something for the future.

Bellevue is where the All American Rally is this year, the theme is Las Vegas it's going to be fun week end so come and join in.

Sincerely,

Roger M Vogel  
President TTCM

## Calendar of Events

- May 17<sup>th</sup> - Potluck Dinner - Bellevue
- May 22<sup>nd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> - Memorial Day Pig Roast  
- Bellevue
- June 22<sup>nd</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> - Sewing Bee - Hesperia
- Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> - All American Rally -  
Bellevue
- Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> - Sewing Bee - Hesperia



## In Memory

We, Bruce and Lynn Jarrett, are grieving to the bottom of our soul. Our oldest son, Don, age 45, died Saturday, April 11, 2015 at 7am. We will be having a memorial service sometime early fall in Michigan for friends and family and on his birthday weekend, October 17<sup>th</sup>, in Illinois for his friends there.

He loved camping with the TTCM group and spending time growing up on the TTCM properties. I'm sure it influenced his enjoyment in re-enacting as an adult.

He died from multiple organ failure caused from being very, very ill. Too ill for his body to even fight back. Our grief is profound, but God is good!

## Voice of the Vice

Memorial Day is getting close, so please send in those reservations and invite a veteran!

We will have some additional information concerning the AAR at the May meeting. Your campgrounds are open with improvements to the water systems at both campgrounds so get out and enjoy. Buy-A-Brick forms will be available at the May meeting or call me anytime.

Don't forget to also get your Floating Charm necklace or bracelet! They have been a huge hit!

Daryl



## Wood Cutting at Bellevue

TTCM ladies cut, split and stacked fire wood for Bellevue campground.

While most members were at the May meeting in Hesperia, 4 strong, willing, and able ladies spent the day getting ready for fun by the fire this summer!

Cheryl Vogel, Terry Montgomery, Christine May, and Tina Mullins wielded chain saws, ran the Kubota and log splitter. Russ May and Bruce Montgomery added the eye candy (the ladies had to have something to look at while on break).

While having the most perfect weather, they cut the log pile in half.



After returning from Hesperia, our President Roger Vogel and wife Cheryl, served dinner for the ladies. Brats and pasta salad finished off the productive day!

A big thank you to Herm Hazard and Roger Vogel for showing Christine and Russ how to use all the equipment on the day before.

## **Business from Bellevue**

As your new directors, Herm Hazard and Bill Oates, we invite you to join us at Bellevue now that we are open for the season.

First, we would like to thank the Double Dozen girls for their work on the landscape, the flowers and the new pavers they put down, and the guys for all they did getting the picnic tables put around at the sites and cutting down the tree in the circle that was struck by lightning. Also thank the MAL's that were there and helped us.

The planning committee meeting was held as scheduled on Saturday with many new ideas discussed, the minutes will be published in the newsletter.

One of the new ideas that got a lot of discussion was having a crock pot dinner on the 3rd Saturday of the month and celebrate all the birthdays that month. The first one will be held on May 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:30. Please bring your favorite crockpot meal or just a dish to pass and come enjoy the fellowship.

One day Dick and I had lunch at Turkeyville and while we were there we were looking at the Dinner Theater schedule and starting May 7 the title is SEX PLEASE WE ARE 60, which sounds interesting, so come on out camping and go see the dinner theater.

Also don't forget the Pig Roast coming up memorial week-end, get your registrations in. We look forward to seeing you at the campground and when you come out look for the pirate ship coming soon to the playground.

Hope to see you all soon!

Herm Hazard & Bill Oates

### **Just a Friendly Reminder**

Now that the camping season is in full swing please remember that if you have a golf cart to turn in your insurance to the campground director. If you plan on driving your golf cart at night it needs to have working headlights. Also, if you camp at both campgrounds make sure you have a copy on file at both places.

If you have something to add to the calendar of events please let me know. This is the best way to keep all the events going on in one place!

Melissa

### **Don't Forget**

#### **Memorial Weekend Pig Roast**

Lots of fun, fellowship, and pig to go around! If you have never attended this event you are missing out! Let's get this camping season kicked off with a big party!



## Happy Wanderers

Well, we are back again for another camping season in 2015. So far everyone made it through the miserable winter. But is it over??

The Happy Wanderers had a couple of outings during the off-camping season. We met at Whitlows Restaurant in November on election night with 29 people – members and guests. Plenty of conversation going on, too.

In March, we met for our organizational meeting and potluck and more conversation at Merle and Mary Bonter's home in Ravenna. The weather actually cooperated for a change. Last year we hit a huge snow bank and were delayed until we dug out with the help of a county truck and a nice man with a plow and shovel. Very different this year. We discussed many issues at this meeting and set up Happy Wanderers camping schedule. Thank you Merle and Mary for your hospitality!

Well, now I'm getting my soap box again because people complain that we're not friendly and there's nothing to do at Hesperia. Well, there's always something to do if you look in the right places and it depends on what you're thinking when you include "nothing to do." Here's a thought:

"Somebody said it couldn't be done, but I with a smile replied. Well, maybe it couldn't, but I would be one who wouldn't say so til I tried."

Sounds good to me – right? Wouldn't it be ideal if we all could be happy and smile every day? I know we're not perfect and we live in a non-perfect world. However, on a day when we are happy, we could challenge ourselves to share a smile and cheer someone up. Remember your face will not crack and fall apart when you smile, it goes back to normal. Try it! So much for getting things done and smiling!

Camping will be different this year without my brothers Dick and Bob Pulsifer. Dick is in an assisted living home, Joyce is in a nursing home, and Bob passed away last August.

Leona Hershberger will be going to an assisted living home May 1<sup>st</sup>, but will still come camping when able. She turned 98 on April 15<sup>th</sup>! Happy Birthday Leona! She has been a TTCM member since October 1967 and vows to be a 50 year member. Good Luck!

Rick Ronning will look like a new man this year. He has lost (at last count) 70 pounds.

Well, hopefully we'll see you at Hesperia campground and don't forget to SMILE!

Ruth Heimann  
Reporter

## BELLEVUE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

APRIL 18, 2015

Meeting called to order by Director Herm Hazard at 10am. In attendance Dick Hamlin DT, Harriet Conklin HC, Carolyn Fitzpatrick RO, Inez Cummings MAL, Jim Carriveau DD, Bruce Alm DD, Sherry Murrie HC.

First item discussed was how to increase interaction with members when they are at the campground, to that end we will be having monthly dinners with games to follow. The dinners are going to be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month at 5:30pm. The first one is a crockpot dinner (or any dish you want to bring). If you have a favorite game feel free to bring it along.

We need to bring electric down to the area by the basketball court and lower bathrooms. There will be a need to get a new permit. Additionally while that is being done it would be best to bring the water down to that area, it will be best to bring the water down from the storage area as it will be a downhill run and will make it easier to blow out for winter. The electric had been funded for this, the water would be around \$500-\$600 more plus the rental cost of the trencher. Dick Hamlin motioned to revisit the electric at the basketball court and add the water from the storage area, seconded by Bruce Alm. Motion carried.

The next issue is the golf carts, a 50/50 drawing will be started to fund getting one new golf cart and then replace the second one when money can be raised for it. We have had the golf carts for over 10 years and they were used when they were bought. The idea of also getting a gator like vehicle was brought up and the idea of doing internal financing was put on the table. This is something that needs to be further investigated.

Dead branches on trees by the bridge and two additional trees need to be removed. Inez Cummings will contact a family member to see if he will give us a quote for this. The Conklin/Murrie family wishes to replace the dead tree in the circle in memory of Gene Conklin.

Woodcutting: The wood shed has been approved in the past, would like to get it done this year and perhaps combine it with one of the woodcutting bees. It was brought up that with all the extra wood that we could explore the possibility of selling some to go towards buying the gator.

Need to get signs up at various locations and also paint the ones that are still up.

It was brought up that perhaps we could link our website to google or some other search engine, this is something that the entire membership would have to decide on.

The Bellevue garage sale does not have a chairperson or chapter to run this money maker for the campground. We need to put this in the next newsletter. The sale could be any time during the year, with the exception of the holiday weekends, to fit into anyone's schedule.

The old Sears 16 HP mower needs to be sold, it is worth less than \$100, it was voted to let Herm sell it via any means he can.

Rewiring the circle: This is on a three year plan, it is currently done in aluminum and needs to be replaced with copper. If this can be done sooner it will, but there are items that have a higher priority. Hesperia has TTCM's wire so there would not be any cost involved for the wire.

It was decided that Herm and Bill are to schedule a sit down with the inspector and see just what we can have as far as showers, flush toilets and washer/dryers. This will at least let us know just where we sit on that situation.

The pond needs to be dredged and then we could look to building a dock for fishing, remote control boats etc. Double Dozen has a member with the equipment to do this and they will bring the planning committee the information at the next meeting in June.

The kitchen at Bellevue is there for everyone's use, however, if a single person or family wishes to use it they should contact the director and there may be a small fee charged.

If you are parked at Bellevue on a site over three weeks it is expected that you keep the grass trimmed around your unit.

The following is a list of things that need to be done this year and perhaps someone will be able to help by taking on one of them or perhaps a chapter working on one of the larger projects:

Replace damaged fence in front of the campground, Paint eaves on the rec hall, Replace footings on the tin shed, Repair patio furniture, Install hood for range as soon as possible after it arrives.

The project of sealing the rec hall floor was discussed at length and the consensus of the committee is that it should be done by professionals so that we have a recourse if the product used does not hold up.

The pop machine no longer works and cannot be repaired, Herm is going to speak to someone in Saginaw, if anyone has any information on getting a replacement please let Herm know.

The committee was shown a wooden pirate ship for the playground, the price for this would be around \$2,000.00. Everyone liked the idea and there would be \$3,000.00 left over for additional items at a later date.

Adjourned at 12:20pm

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