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Since 1963

AROUND THE CAMP FIRE

Make sure you register for the ALL AMERICAN RALLY IN Bellevue for this coming Labor Day weekend; it is Las Vegas themes please check our website for the latest info about the ALL AMERICAN RALLY. Speaking about our website, did you know you can receive the newsletter through?

E-mail, and on the web site. We sent out letters to every member to submit your information there was a stamped self address envelope please send it back in. the reason we are doing this all the e-mail addresses were lost between the transition of the old and new editor. So we decided it would be a good time to update and build a new data base. We are getting older and need the information for your safety. I know some folks live off the grid and still use stamped mail but if we can cut down on mailings it will be easier for the editor to get out a newsletter faster to you.

We have some camp ground improvements the new water systems are in both camp grounds and it has been a success the new system is food grade peroxide that has cleaned up the water, has made it drinkable and doesn't smell. The next time your camping at the either camp ground please thank the camp ground directors and assistants for doing a great job, remember these men do this out of the goodness of their heart for free, it's a lot of work, if you need something just go up and ask and they will be glad to help you, so be kind when talking to these men they do a great job for us. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the All American Rally.

OK that's it LETS GO CAMPING.

Roger 013



From the Secretary of TTCM new members

Please welcome new members to TTCM

Mr. Daniel Burgess of Bellevue TTCM #4781

Mr. & Mrs. Fred & Sandy Brandel from Muskegon TTCM #4782

Mr. William Fisher of Clinton TWP TTCM #4783

Mr. Mrs. Rich & Pat Blankette of Muskegon TTCM #4784

Mrs. Lori Chmielewski of New Era TTCM #4785

A reminder that 2016 dues will be taken at the All American Rally in August. The deadline for 2016 dues is December 31, 2015. Please come to the All-American Rally this year the clubs in charge have been working hard for your enjoyment.

Leo Fitzpatrick

TTCM Secretary

From the Editor

I would like to thank every one for your patience while we rebuild our email and direct mail database. I will have to apologize as the process is a little slow not only updating our files but also creating an email contact list that was lost. I can assure you I am working on it daily.

To help with the contact list for those of you that have email please send me a quick "Howdy" to ttcmeditorjim@gmail.com it will be greatly appreciated!

Thank you all

God bless

Jim



From Inez

I just want to remind you all about the All American Rally Sept. 4 thru 7 on Labor Day Weekend. If you have not been to a rally before, I think that this one you really should attend. The theme is "Las Vegas". So bring stuff to decorate your RV's, there will be judging. There should be a notice in this paper for registering for it. There will be something for everyone, from the "Big kids to the little ones. There even is a pirate ship at the playground now.

I have been in TTCM for 37 years now and have never missed an All American Rally. So get your registration in and come have a great time. The MAL'S will have a meeting and maybe a potluck sometime that weekend. A notice will be posted at the Rec. Hall. Hope to see a lot of you there.

See you.

Inez Cummings Bellevue's Rep. of the MAL'S

They say a negative comment brings a negative reaction...As a negative comment moves along it grows exponentially. By the time it gets to its originator it is such a different comment that cannot be recognized even by its originator, it spreads like a virus.

A positive comment travels nowhere... Lets see the positive and make it heard! Lets help not hinder! Lets build and not destroy to make life a blessing.

Reminder from the Treasurer

Do you use a golf cart at either campground?

You must have a copy of your current golf cart insurance on file with the Campground Director.

Golf carts can't be operated by children under the age of 16 and must have lights turned on if using at night.

You must also observe the speed limit and drive with caution just as you would with any motor vehicle.

Thank you for your corporation in this matter.

Brenda Hilderbrandt

TTCM Treasurer



BELLEVUE CAMPGROUND PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

JUNE 19, 2015 at 10:00 A.M.

Chapters in attendance were: Dick Hamlin for Draggin Train, Inez Cummings fro MAL, Missy Conklin for Happy Campers, JoAnn Inghram for Blossom Land and Bruce Alm for Double Dozen. Absent was Happy Hitchers, Duneland Winnies and River Raisen.

Meeting was called to order by Director Herman. Old business was the posting of members numbers on units by use of plaques or plexi boards that are visible on the units on site or in storage. This is going to be mandatory.

In case of emergency, some members can not be notified because of no identification on their units. While in campground an emergency number is needed for contact purpose, especially those in storage. We would like to try and get phone numbers of members in case of an emergency on grounds. We plan on posting emergency numbers for ambulance and such around the campground.

It was reported that we have around \$250.00 towards the Gator that's wanted. Donations are needed towards this project.

Bill Oates reported on the proposal on Passport America. It's 50 % off camping fees. There will need to be some changes made in our by-laws to accept this proposal. It will have to be taken to the membership meeting for approval.

There was discussion on a Trac-Phone for Bellevue at \$19.99 a month with Talk, Text and Web. Only one phone is needed. Nothing was decided at this time.

Bruce Alm reported on the finishing of the clubhouse floor. The company he contacted wants around \$7,500 to \$10,000. We have \$1,230.79 in the account for the floor. After much discussion it was decided that we could probably sand or grind it down, put a sealer on it instead at a later date.

Bill Oates will have the hood to the stove installed by the All American Rally. Everyone agreed.

No one has come forward to chair the garage sale this year. It is a big undertaking. Hopefully next year will be different. If advertised well be can make \$1,000. But, we need items. Maybe this will give the members time to get stuff together.

Several questions were asked: What is the annual cost for maintenance of the water system? Why did Herm get a bill for \$730.00? Wasn't this already paid for?? We have to pay every year to have peroxide put in the system. Everyone agreed that the water smells a whole lot better now.

How can things be done at the campgrounds without the approval of the planning committee??

All projects scheduled or not are to go through the planning committee according to the By-Laws. Are we not going to follow our By-Laws? That's what they were designed for.

Inez move to adjourn the meeting, seconded by JoAnn. Meeting was adjourned at 11:22 A.M.

Minutes taken by Sharon Westerhouse

On Going Earmarked Special Funds

Current as of 7/16/2015

Bellevue

Pig Roast = \$361.98

Pig Roast Band = \$1,289.00 (payable to Daryl Westphal)

Wood Shed = \$369.00

Stove Hood = \$159.00

Playground = \$5,387.27

Table & Chairs = \$104.61

Beautification = \$459.29

Kitchen Supplies = \$245.00

Clubhouse floor = \$1,278.79

Gator = **-\$4,375.21 (\$395.00 title transfer?)**

Hesperia

Picnic Tables = \$75.55

Clubhouse storage and supplies = \$163.57

June 2015 sewing bee = \$147.30

Beautification = \$442.98

Water Projects = \$448.23

Playground = \$139.00

Stove = \$11.02

Horseshoe pit = \$116.00

Electrical Upgrade = 100.00

Tractor = \$448.35

Yard sale profit = \$399.11 (to be transferred to a fund at a later date when decided)

Combined

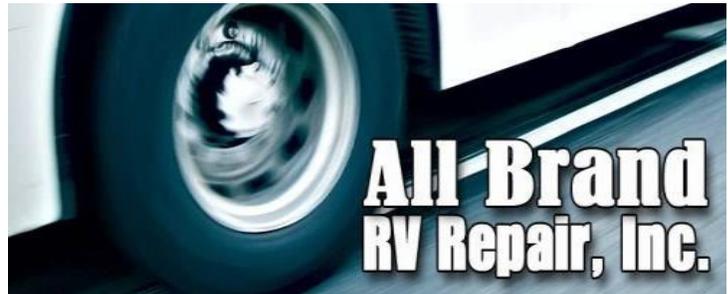
Teen Titans = \$704.60 (can only be used with teen advisor's permission)

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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

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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.