

NAM *Members' Committee*

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"We stand alone and our voice is small. – We stand together and we will be heard." Barbara Mazingo, NAM

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COMPANY TRIES TO EXTORT MONEY FROM FORMER TAI MEMBERS - STILL / AGAIN !!

Former TAI members are reporting telephone contacts from a company representing themselves to own the former TAI contract and demanding dues money. Most of the people complaining seem to be older former members.

The threat goes something like this:

1. If you don't pay - we'll sue.
(answer: give it your best shot.)
2. I'm going to call you every night until you send us your money.
(answer: knock yourself out.)

You get the idea. If they can scare you into sending them money - they win.

HERE'S WHAT WE NEED TO DO NOW:

When you are contacted by these people do the following **right away**

- Write a detailed note of what was said in the conversation.
- Sign and date that note.
- Send a copy of it
(and a copy of the form on the next page) to the address at the top of the page and of course, send a copy to us.

IF YOU LIVE IN A DIFFERENT STATE let us know.

We will help you file your complaint with the appropriate state and/or federal office.

There is help for you.

You are not alone.

OPEN LETTER TO MR. RAY NOVELLI AND PEOPLE LIKE HIM

Dear Mr. Novelli:

You appear to have acquired the opportunity to market your camping system(s) to former members of defunct camping systems. Even that is questionable - but beside the point for this purpose.

Here is the issue we put to you:

Every time one of your minions tries to coerce a former member of someone else's camping system into sending you money - a visceral enemy is created and entrenched.

Stop being stupid.

Make a valid offer to these people that they might join your system and have legitimate and enforceable expectations. Let the ones go who do not want anything to do with you.

That's it. It's that simple.

Look past the short term gain of a few hundred dollars. You will lose more than you gain.

Why, some of those you offend might follow you and your companies from state to state, bankruptcy to bankruptcy, court hearing to court hearing - just to keep everyone informed of your activities.

A lot of old codgers who used to be afraid of you, Vopnford, etc., have become angry and courageous. They are actively searching for, and finding, allies in powerful places.

Wise up!

Cut your losses and start building something positive.

Dan Hopper, Chmn
NAM

VOPNFORD INDICTED

The following article is quoted from an article in the Omaha World Herald. It was published Saturday, March 25, 2000:

Indictments Include Tax-Evasion Case

BY DEBORAH ALEXANDER
WORLD-HERALD STAFF WRITER

Two people accused of failing to pay taxes on about \$1.25 million in income from a camp-membership business in Blair, NE, have been indicted by a federal grand jury.

U.S. Attorney Tom Monaghan said David Vopnford of Picayune, MS, and his ex-wife, Barbara Vopnford of Blair, are accused of failing to pay the taxes in 1994 and 1995 through their ownership of Thousand Adventures.

The indictment was among 24 that were unsealed Friday.

Thousand Adventures was forced into bankruptcy in 1997. About 70,000 campers signed up as members at a cost of about \$6,000 each to gain access to the company's 58 campgrounds.

MONEY SAVERS FOR RV CAMPERS

Southern Leisure RV Resort (LA):, Initiation Fee: \$0.00. Annual Dues: \$69.00, Nightly Fee \$6.00, Coast to Coast and RPI optional. (318) 256-3453 (NEW Nr.) Ask for Bill Bain.

Timber Lodge RV Resort (TX): Initiation Fee: \$0.00. Annual Dues: \$99.00. Nightly Fee \$0.00. Coast to Coast, RPI and AOR optional. (800)874-9690. Ask for Mr. Jerde. Tell them that you are interested in the membership that he described to the National Association for Members, Mr. Hopper.

Sugar Beach Resorts (AL): Initiation Fee: \$0.00. Annual Dues: \$199.00. Coast to Coast is optional. This offering is for orphaned members at this special rate for either of two parks in (Wilderness RV Park [Alabama] or King George RV Resort [Georgia]). It can be dropped after the first year or kept if you wish for as long as your dues are current. They offer two weeks in and one week out. More than 300 members of TAI or All Seasons, etc. have accepted the offer so far. Call George Kalaris at (800) 852-1206. Tell them that the NAM sent you.

If you have never been a member of a campground before you can join this one for a total first year cost of \$545. Second and successive year dues would be the same as above. They are not owned or controlled by TAI, Travel America, etc...

The Escapees RV Club: Initiation: \$10.00 plus first year's dues, Nightly Fee varies, Annual Dues: \$50.00. The Escapees have a full network of support services for, the serious RVer... folks who travel extensively or spend a lot of time RVing. Over 50,000 members enjoy discount long distance phone calls, mail forwarding service, group medical coverage, voice mail, and a dozen other support services. RV life-style education and social companionship are offered at more than 100 Escapee rallies held throughout the USA. Call (888)757-2582. Tell them we recommended them.

Passport America: No entry fees or hidden costs, only \$39 per year for 50% off the nightly rate at hundreds of campgrounds across the US. Call (800) 681-6810 (Tell them we recommended them.) <http://www.join2save.com>

Flying 'J': The "Flying J Real Value" membership is free.

You can pick up a Real Value brochure at any Flying J location, fill out the attached application and mail.

As a member of this club, you receive:

- 1¢ per gallon discount on diesel and gasoline with every minimum 20-gallon purchase
- 5¢ per gallon discount on propane
- Free RV dump stations
- Special RV fueling islands
- Prepaid calling card privileges (5 min. free on sign up)
(435) 734-6428
www.flyingj.com

FRAUDULENT TRANSFER LAWSUIT IN IOWA TRAVEL AMERICA FINALLY REPLIES

I will call Eric Lam and find out what is the status of this...

WHERE'S THE TRUSTEE?

Why hasn't the Bankruptcy Trustee acted in the Ohio bankruptcy to make the Debtor (Thousand Adventures of Ohio/Travel America) comply with the terms of the confirmed plan? Doesn't he have that duty? Why didn't the Trustee even attend most of the court hearings where important issues pertaining to this bankruptcy were heard? How can the Trustee be alert to "possible" fraud by such a debtor or issues of bad faith as in the Michigan bankruptcy of these same bankruptcy proponents. *We are concerned and would really like to know what's going on here.*

The US Trustee for Ohio is:

DONALD M. ROBINER, UNITED STATES TRUSTEE
200 PUBLIC SQUARE, SUITE 20-3300
CLEVELAND OH 44114

For Columbus, OH it is:

ALEXANDER G. BARKAN, ASSISTANT U.S. TRUSTEE
170 N. HIGH STREET, SUITE 200
COLUMBUS OH 43215-2403

WHAT IS THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR MEMBERS? (NAM)

NAM was organized to advocate for ALL people who use campground resorts, condominiums, and timeshares. We want to stabilize and improve the rights members should have in their contracts. Many of us, speaking with one voice can make things change for the better. NAM is that voice. We will work with government agencies, campground resort owners/developers, and others to stabilize, improve, and enforce, the rights you get in your contract.

You can help. Join the NAM — Make a Difference

Send us the following information, it will not be provided to any non-government organization and will not be used for commercial purposes by anyone: *Note: The NAM may "not" obligate you in any way to pay money for any purpose without your explicit consent.*

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

email address: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ - _____

I am interested in supporting the NAM.

I want to:

Receive the NAM newsletter.

Reproduce/distribute my copy of the newsletter.

Make a donation to support NAM activities.

I am enclosing a check for \$ _____

Report on issues in my state. State: _____

Attend hearings in my state.

Join a state team.

We also want your comments and suggestions.

__(Please attach your comments and suggestions.)__

Please send this information to:

NAM

4740 Silver Oak Street

Dayton, OH 45424-4650

Thank you,

Dan Hopper, Chmn

DO THE RIGHT THING — ANYWAY

There comes a time in each of our lives when we ask ourselves "Is this world any better because I was here? Have I made a difference? Is that difference for the better?"

It is NEVER too late to try.

I ran across the following poem. Don't know who wrote it originally. It has made a difference for me:

1. People are illogical, unreasonable, and self centered.
Love and trust them anyway.
2. If you do good, people will accuse you of having selfish, ulterior motives.
Do good anyway.
3. If you are successful, you win false friends and true enemies.
Succeed anyway.
4. The good you do today will be forgotten tomorrow.
Do good anyway.
5. Honesty and frankness make you vulnerable.
Be honest and frank anyway.
6. The biggest men (or women) with the biggest ideas can be shot down by the smallest men (or women) with the smallest minds.
Think big anyway.
7. People favor underdogs, but follow the top dogs.
Fight for a few underdogs anyway.
8. What you spend years building may be destroyed overnight.
Build anyway.
9. People really need help but may attack you if you do help them.
Help them anyway.
10. Give the world the best you have and....
Give the world your best anyway.

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Treasurer, Members' Committee (NAM)

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