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**PLEASE REMEMBER TO FILL OUT THE SURVEY AND RETURN!**

**The survey was published in the April newsletter or is available on the website: [www.ttcm.org](http://www.ttcm.org)**

Hi everyone, first I would like to thank Cyndi Behler and all the people that provided the nice lunch after the May meeting. It provides a great way of getting to know and talk to the Members that we don't normally have contact with, lots of good conversations. During the meeting a member made the comment that only the Chapter Presidents and the Executive Board could participate in the meeting. Well, I made the comment that if you have something to say we'll listen. All Members are welcome, and we encourage your input. Camping 🏕️ season is Here, have fun and enjoy the Campgrounds.

Gene

Hello, I do believe that spring has sprung and left already. Summer is warming up nicely and drying up from all the rain. Please be sure and check in with the Property Tenders or Campground Director to Pay for your Stay, they all have plenty to do without having to drive around figuring who paid and who didn't. That's a big help, let's all help where we can.

If you see anything that needs to be addressed, feel free to mention it to the Tenders, Directors or a Board Member, we will do what we can to make your stay at the Campground the best it can be. Fire up them grills and burn something or heck grill a pizza, that's way overdue. Hope to see ya soon, Go Camping,...

George Behler

Hello Fellow Campers!

It was nice seeing everyone at the May meeting. The books got audited and everything was in order. If your Chapter did not get a copy of the financials distributed at the meeting, please let me know and I will send them. The best way to contact me is through my TTCM email which is [ttcmtreasurer14@gmail.com](mailto:ttcmtreasurer14@gmail.com)

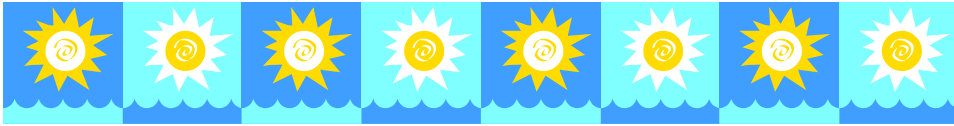
When you read this, it will be past Memorial weekend and the Pig Roast at the Bellevue campground. We are also celebrating a 40<sup>th</sup> birthday for one of the Mullins clan there. The Mullins' have been members for many years. Thanks to everyone in advance for helping with the event!

I hope everyone has an enjoyable camping season. There are many activities planned and I hope to see you at the All-American Rally at Bellevue.

Regards,

Cheryl Vogel

TTCM Treasurer



Hello Everyone,

Hopefully we are all out camping or have been camping already. Hope everyone is planning a great Memorial Day Weekend. Let's not forget that the Pig Roast is next weekend. Looking forward to this one, we all have so much fun.

I hope everyone will get out and enjoy our beautiful Campgrounds and make new friends. Please welcome our new members to the club and make them feel at home.

I would like to encourage our younger members to think of new ideas for camping weekends! If you have some ideas, please come and talk to one of our Executive Committee (myself including). We must have our younger members active and participating in order to move this club forward.

In this newsletter the Minutes to the Officers Meeting is published and if anyone has comments or ideas, please talk to your Chapter President and do not be discouraged by anyone. Keep your ideas moving forward! We need your input. Also, anyone who gets 2 new members (with separate TCM numbers), from January – December of the same year, will get their membership paid for the following year.

The Sewing Bee is this month June 16- 21. Come on out Ladies and have some fun. You don't have to sew (you can do other crafts) to enjoy each other's company while you craft. Anyone with ideas for sewing or crafts you can call Nancy Hellman or Beth. I am so looking forward to my week of sewing with the ladies. I would like to have a conversation about appliqué work, so ladies bring some scraps with you and let's have a sewing party.

Please fill out your Survey that was published earlier. It is very important that we get everyone's input. We do have a By-Law's Committee and if anyone's interested in joining them contact Gene Kowatch or Carolyn Fitzpatrick. We do need young members to join them and learn how it is done.

Happy Camping  
Sandy Jarrell  
Secretary

#### Bellevue Campground

Thank you to everyone who came out to open the campground. John & Jessica Hutchins, Jim Carriveau, Bob & Sally Booker, Roger & Cheryl Vogel, and Dick Hamlin. Cheryl and Sally thank you for weeding around the clubhouse. The guys went to the woods and cut trees that were blocking the paths.

JoAnn Ingraham (Blossom Land), Jessica Hutchins (MALS), Cheryl Vogel (Double Dozen), Dick Hamlin (Draggin' Train), Bill Oates (Campground Director) attended the campground planning meeting.

By the time members get this newsletter we will have had our pig roast.

Bill Oates & Herman Hazard

## HESPERIA CAMPGROUNDS

We had a planning meeting on April 27th with a few members present.

We discussed buying another cook stove to go with the one we purchased three years ago. and dispose of the big gas stove which is costing us money burning 8 pilot lights 24/7. Will put the two stoves in that place. We had \$200.00 in a cook stove fund last year and got enough donations to purchase the stove. I would like to thank George and Cyndi Behler, Gene and Kay Kowatch, Phil and Dee McGahan and Bob and Clione Carr for the donations.

The restaurant style stove is up for sale to the membership, please see separate article.

We are planning on painting the ceiling tiles in the club house and replacing the ones that need it. If anyone would like to help with this project let me know.

It was asked if there was an interest in a yard sale, there was no remarks at the time. If anyone is interested please let me know.

We have been doing some cleaning in the club house, thanks Jenny Gust for the help. The guys have been getting the outside work done.

The June sewing Bee is coming up June 17 - 21, looking for a good turnout.

Campground Director,

Clione and Bob Carr and Lefty McGahan



### FOR SALE

Restaurant style stove with six burners,  
grill on one side and two large ovens.  
Make offer to Clione Carr  
([rjcg@casair.net](mailto:rjcg@casair.net)) or call Hesperia  
campground at 231-338-6124.

Purchaser must haul.

## HESPERIA SEWING BEE 2019!

It will soon be time for our June Sewing Bee. So, ladies get those machines and projects ready to go.

Pay the \$10.00 fee Monday am to either Nancy or Beth.

Would someone like to demonstrate and teach a small project for the ladies to make? That is always so much fun. If you would like to do this, please bring a list of supplies needed for the class so they can purchase items before the class starts.

Always look forward to any show and tell items, so bring your work for us to oooh and aaah over! We have so much talent in our little group; it is just amazing.

Question if there will be coupons this year or not. Nancy may not be able to do that this year, but we can discuss at Monday's meeting and also discuss if there is interest in doing a shop hop as many of the ladies like to check out what the shops are showing and then the ladies' lunch is always nice.

See ya in June!

Nancy Hellman 231-788-1645 and  
Beth Gay 517-869-2303 or cell 517-748-3748.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**June 15<sup>th</sup>      Community Dinner 5pm - Hesperia**

**June 17th-21<sup>st</sup>   Sewing Bee - Hesperia**

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

**Paul & Gail Johnson**

**Shane Loney**

Hello fellow campers,

I am writing this to let you know that I am stepping down as the web master for TTCM. I have been the web master for over ten years and now living in Florida makes it a little hard for me to keep up with things going on at the campgrounds. We weren't able to camp at TTCM at all last year, but we hope to spend time there this year. Sandy Jarrell will be taking over my position and I am sure she will do a fine job.

Camp On  
Danny Gatchell

Call to Order – by Gene Kowatch at 10:03 am

Prayer – Dick Hamlin

Roll Call – Here Blossom Land, Double Dozen, Draggin Train, Duneland Winnies, Golden Agers, Grand Valley, Happy Wanders, MALS (Hesperia), Restless Ones, President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Senior Advisor, Bellevue Director, Hesperia Director. Not here Happy Campers, Happy Hitchers, River Raisin.

Minutes of Previous Meeting- Motion to except the minutes as read by Phillip McGahan Jr. and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gordon Dennis

President Report – Thank you Larri Hoople for all her work and dedication to Hesperia. Larri has resigned and Clione Carr will now be the Director of Hesperia with Lefty’s Assistance. Clione has been a hard worker for our Hesperia Campground. Board agreed with Gene, that Clione Carr would be a great director for Hesperia.

Vice President Report – Thank you to Larri for all she has done for Hesperia. Please fill out the Survey that has been in the newsletter. It is very important that the Chapter Presidents make sure their chapter fills them out, so the board knows what the membership wants.

Treasurer Report – Our profit //loss for 2018 as of 12/31/18 is.....\$1798.54

Total in all accounts as of 12/31/18 is.....\$123,052.72

Savings is .....\$78,051.95

Bellevue Checking account is.....\$2,834.17

Hesperia Checking account is.....\$2,492.57

Special earmarked funds account is.....\$13,967.02

Debit Cards have been issued for both campgrounds to reduce the number of checks written.

Motion was made to move account for all our “Special Funds” over to a bank near Cheryl Vogel, so the club does not have to pay charges for moving monies in and out of Funds Account. Motion by Dick Hamlin 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scott Bouwman.

Secretary Report– Chapter Presidents need to get their Chapters Incorporation Paper to the Secretary before December 31. Chapter Presidents We, the Officers, need to know who the Chapter Officers are.

Their name, the position held, and at a minimum a contact phone number.

It would be of great benefit if you would provide us with an email address also. This is of great importance, there are times went an answer is needed and snail mail takes too long.

So please get this to me ASAP. This is your Chapters responsibility.

Club Membership cards Cheaper if I go to Staples,

I can get them for: 500 for \$14.99 Otherwise it cost me 100 cards for \$10. Plus Ink.

Two Associates Members didn’t send renewals yet. One is on the way. I am still trying to get a hold of JTS RV Pentwater at this time.

We must get more phone numbers and email addresses. Postage stamps, Ink & Paper are expensive and there are times things need to be sent out ASAP. Not only for the secretary but Newsletter also!

Bellevue Campground - Passed the Water test and we are up and running. Timber around the clubhouse must be replaced and the discussion was to replace with Landscaping Blocks roughly \$154 to replace them. Replacing the Door on the upper picnic shelter. The Downhill Water project has been canceled and those funds will be moved to other funds. Herm has been sick in Texas and wishes he could be here but is hoping for the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of June to be at Bellevue.

Where did each campground, put the money that was raised at the last All American (from Raffles)? We raise this money and never here where it ended up going (which fund)! Cheryl Vogel will look into this and give a report in the newsletter. Cheryl will make a report on where the monies went.

Hesperia Campground – Joe said thank you for putting up with him for the last year. They are getting rid of the big black stove/oven. There is \$200 in the stove fund and other members have agreed to donate funds for the purchase of a new stove. Old Stove is going to be offered up for sale to club members first please contact Clione Carr for more information.

There needs to be a tidy up the campground week or weekend, wooden benches need painting, and the wood pile is low (need more cut).

Committees:

All- American Rally: Our Host for this is Roger Vogel. The theme this year is going to be Oktoberfest, with German Foods. He will need your help so please ask Roger if there is anything that he needs help with.

By-Laws: We have a new By-law Committee Carolyn Fitzpatrick, Doris Vandyke & JoAnne Ingraham. They will be reviewing all of our Surveys to see what the membership is thinking about the subjects of meetings and more. The by-laws committee will be looking at a wide variety of things. Discussion on how many planning committee meetings.

Halloween Outing: We are in Need a host. Double Dozen may do it, but Debbie Steenberg will check with her Chapter. We will still need others to help fill in with activities. Let's get some volunteers for this.

Membership: May 2, 2015 it was Proposed membership drive incentive as follows: TTCM Members who recruit at least 2 new members between January 1<sup>st</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup> shall have their dues waved for the following year. Cheryl Vogel made a motion to continue this policy. Second by Bill Fox

Newsletter: Cyndi would like to have more email addresses as the cost of paper newsletters keeps rising. She currently Snail mails 70 newsletters. That is 70 @\$0.55 plus printing of how ever many pages the newsletter is. Cyndi will give those names to their chapter presidents and they must get their email addresses. More members to sign up with email addresses.

Website: We are in need a new Webmaster. Max and Sandy Jarrell have volunteered to be webmasters. There are those who worry about the website not being secure. There is no worry as there is no personal information that is passed on this website. The cost of our website is \$198.00 per year. Sandy said that she may be able to get that price lowered.

Unfinished Business:

Estimate on Tree Harvesting at Bellevue – Bill got sidetrack and thought that it was too wet. It was also discussed to find someone for both campgrounds to selectively cut trees. Bill Fox said he knew someone who could do it. He is going to check and get back to Gene Kowatch.

50 Year Plaques - There is a couple of names to be added to the 50-year plaques in the club houses. Scott Bouwman has volunteered to engrave them and return them. He is donating them to the club.

Audit Books – Kay Kowatch, Bill Fox, and Rhonda Fox volunteered to audit our TTCM books.

New Business:

Sending Flowers & Cards – With much discussion, it was decided to leave this up to each chapter to send flowers or cards to members who have passed on.

Survey - Opening Weekend, Planning Committee Meetings Dates, May Meeting Date. The survey has been in the first 2 newsletters. Chapter presidents it is up to you to get your chapters to fill them out and return them to the secretary.

Motion to adjourn made by Gordon Dennis and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dick Hamlin

Close 11:45 am

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**EDITOR NOTE:**

**Please have articles for the July newsletter submitted to me by June 20<sup>th</sup>! Please send to [ttcmeditorcyndi@gmail.com](mailto:ttcmeditorcyndi@gmail.com).**

**Also, with the rise of postage to 55 cents, I would like to encourage anyone who has email but is still receiving the newsletter by “snail mail” to please consider getting the publication by email.**

**Thank you!**

**Cyndi Behler**

# All American Rally



**August 30<sup>th</sup> thru September 2, 2019 at Bellevue**

*Preregistration Deadline: August 18, 2019*

**Pre-Registration Fee (before Aug 18th): \$25 Family / \$15 Single\***

**Late Registration Fee (after Aug 18th): \$30 Family / \$20 Single\*\***

*\*does not include camping fees of \$12/night for members  
(Camping fees \$12/night will be paid at entrance when you arrive)*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address (*Confirmation will be sent via email*): \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_ TTCM Number: \_\_\_\_\_

# Adults: \_\_\_\_\_ # Teens: \_\_\_\_\_ #Children (please include ages): \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Unit: \_\_\_\_\_ Length: \_\_\_\_\_ Handicap Parking Needed? Yes No

Expected Arrival Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail payment (checks payable to TTCM) and this form to:**  
Roger Vogel, 13219 Burgundy, Warren, Mi 48089  
586-757-2466



# Before You Blow Your BREAKER!!

Take a minute and see how many AMPS you could be using in your RV's 30 or 50 AMP electrical system. It's surprising how fast the AMPS add up which will cause your breaker or the resort's breaker to "trip". Knowing the AMPS of all the electrical appliances in your RV can help you manage electrical usage and prevent the inconvenience of:

## "MY ELECTRICITY WENT OUT"

The following is a list of the typical appliances used and the average AMPS required to operate them:

Air conditioner – 15,000 BTU	12.5 amps	Hand vacuum	2 amps
Refrigerator	2.7 amps	Electric fry pan	10 amps
Electric water heater – 8 gallons	12.5 amps	Iron	10 amps
Microwave oven	12.8 amps	Food processor	6 amps
Electric coffee pot	9 amps	Crock pot	1.5 amps
Toaster	10 amps	1100 watt heater	10 amps
Hair dryer	10 amps	Television	2 amps

In the morning - if you start your air conditioner, the hot water heater is on, then you start your coffee pot, make some toast and watch TV - you're pulling 55 amps. If you also cook some bacon in the microwave at the same time, LOOK OUT! Many RVs have a switch so you can run only the microwave OR water heater, but some RVs do not have this feature.

Most electrical products show how many watts or amps it takes to operate the appliance right on the product itself, if not check the printed instructions. If it shows the watts, divide the watts by 120 (volts) and that gives you the amps; to get the watts, multiply the amps by 120 (volts).

It's worth your time to take an inventory of the AMPS each of your electrical appliances uses. You can manage your total usage at any time and this will greatly reduce the inconvenience of:

## "MY ELECTRICITY WENT OUT"

# IMPORTANT

Be Sure to Shut the Breaker  
Off Before Plugging Into and  
Unplugging Your Electrical Cord.  
THANK YOU !!!



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**At end of Babcock Road turn right (West).**  
Campground is approx. 0.8 miles on your right.

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**DIRECTIONS:**

**From Hesperia:** head 3.5 miles West on M-20.  
**From White Cloud:** West 16.5 miles on M-20.

# LET'S GO CAMPING!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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