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Hi Everyone, I hope everyone had a great Fourth of July. The parade and fireworks 🎆 where outstanding this year. We're fast approaching the All-American, don't forget to get ahold of Roger to see if you can do anything to help with the activities or setting up. For those that do the sewing 🐝 bee that's in September. Get your machines ready to rock and roll. I've heard from some of our members that they're to many dogs 🐕 that aren't restrained at the campsites. Please have lease or rope or an enclosure so they don't run out and scare or attack another dog. Thank you for your cooperation.

Gene

Wow.....Is it warm enough for everyone? Too bad we can't stretch this out through January or February. Oh well, good with the bad and cool with the hot, that's how it goes. Don't forget to check your roof over, make sure there are not any cracks or holes in your caulking. Keep your water changed out in the hot water heaters, help keep the sulfur smell away. Well I need to get back in the AC, I'm starting to melt. Hope to see you all soon. Go Camping

George Behler

Hello Everyone,
Hopefully everyone has had a chance to get out to our campgrounds and camp. I would like to Welcome all of our new members and some that have reinstated their membership. Our Sewing Bee Week was very fun even though it rained every day. We started the week with a fire in the club house to opening the windows for the warm weather. Looking for word to the September Sewing Bee, Ladies come and join us. You don't have to sew to join in; you can bring your own crafts to work on. We enjoy everyone's company. Our All-American Rally is coming up fast. Contact Roger Vogel if there is something that you would like to volunteer for. I'm sure he needs more help.

I am put together the Agenda for the General Meeting next month. If any Chapter Presidents or Board members has something to go on it please email it to me or snail mail.

Sandy Jarrell

Secretary

Hello Fellow Campers!

Well now we are semi dry, but boy is it hot!! I am not complaining, as I like the heat. I do find that as I'm getting older that I don't tolerate the heat as well, but it sure is better than snow.

We had a couple of work weekends at Bellevue. I am happy to report that the stone borders are complete! Thanks to Danny Gatchell (it was great seeing you back in Michigan by the way), Gay & Pat Story for helping with the job. The first weekend, Justin & Tina Mullins did more than their share and Jonathon Hutchings helped too! If we all work together the jobs get done. I also have to thank Bill and Herm, the camp directors at Bellevue, for their help where it was needed.

As a give back to the campground, I frequently donation kitchen items to help keep the supply costs down. I was very disappointed when I returned after 2 weeks and all of the storage bags I bought, and they were the economy size that should have lasted the entire camping season, were gone. Someone was kind enough to leave the empty boxes.

There was only one event between the weeks I was there, and I asked the chairperson if they had used the entire box of storage bags, and they didn't use one. So that tells me that someone just took advantage and took something that belonged to the campground. This doesn't make any sense to me to take from yourself, as the campgrounds belong to every member. There is really nothing I can really do about this situation, but you can be sure that I won't buy supplies and leave them in the kitchen cupboards, and that is sad.

I will get off my soap box now and move on. There are still many more events happening at the campgrounds so get out and enjoy what is yours.

If you plan on attending the All-American taking place Labor Day weekend, please get your registrations in and don't wait until the last minute.

We have some fun things planned, so please consider coming and enjoying the rally.

Hope to see you soon!

Regards,

Cheryl Vogel

TTCM Treasurer

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 26 th	Fireman's Festival – Olivet
August 10 th	Community Dinner – Hesperia 5pm
August 30-Sept 2 nd	All-American Rally – Bellevue
Sept 2 nd	Membership meeting Bellevue 10 am
Sept 16-21 st	Sewing Bee – Hesperia
Sept 21 st	Lefty's Fish Fry – Hesperia

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Dan Angus & Rebecca Shroll

Chuck & Carole Greer

Michael & Andrea Malinoski

Tim & Kristine Stocks

Brent & Katelyn Torrey

Editor Note:

Please have articles for September newsletter to me by August 20th. Please email to ttcmeditorcyndi@gmail.com.

Thank you,
Cyndi Behler

MAL News

Hope you haven't been burning your Smore's this summer unless you're like my wife who likes to eat them like that. I do apologize it has taken so long to write; it has been a very busy summer for the Hutchins family. As many have already mentioned Bellevue is really looking sharp thanks to Roger and Cheryl for the bricks at the clubhouse and the flowers it looks great. Justin and Tina Mullins put in a lot of hard work along with myself and my dad Doug helping out the first few weeks. Just have to say that the pig roast was a first for us and we're glad we went. The food was great, and the band was amazing. We're looking forward to the All-American Rally coming up, be thinking of those MAL raffle items and of course the 10-cent auction; hoping we don't fill our new trailer this year! Jessica will be doing kids games and is needing ideas and volunteers please contact her if you'd like to be a part 517-416-3522. That's it for us have a great summer camping!

Johnathon & Jessica

Bellevue Campground

Thank you to the Story's and Gatchell's, they painted the front fences once again. The fences are in need of major repair and need to be replaced with plastic fence Danny Gatchell and Herman put the animals on the trails in the woods for a Geocache experience, come on out and give it a try. We had an accident one of our new tables hit an RV, hope the RV is okay. We are looking for a new pop machine the one we have quit and it's too old to repair, if anyone has an idea where we could get one at a reasonable price please let us know. We been getting ready for the Fireman's Parade which will have occurred before this newsletter reaches you all. Got the Toro mower back from repair, it's a matter of time how long it will last.

Herman & Bill

HESPERIA NEWS

Summer came with a lot of rain and now a heat wave and is dry.

I forgot to mention last month that the stove was purchased with all donations.

We had a 50/50 drawing to raise money to purchase the range hoods over Memorial Day Weekend and took in \$141.00. Gene Kowatch won the 50/50 and donated the money back to the fund, there were other donations besides. The hoods were purchased, and Leo Fitzpatrick got them installed before the 4th of July, and they look nice.

It has been decided to buy new ceiling tile for the club house. We held another 50/50 drawing over the 4th of July weekend. We took in \$308.00 and Merle Bonter was the lucky winner of \$154.00. Others have donated money towards this project and if anyone would like to send a donation it would be appreciated.

5:00 P.M. on the 4th of July we had an inside picnic, the hamburgers and hotdogs were furnished, and others brought salads and desserts and was well attended.

The fall sewing bee is also coming up on September 16 through the 20th.

Lefty's fish fry will be on Saturday September 21st.

Start getting your ideas ready for Halloween Bill and Rhonda Fox are heading up Halloween with games and things to do. If anyone has ideas let them know. It will be on the weekend of October 4,5 and 6th.

Directors,

Clione, Bob and Phil



Fellow campers

The All-American rally this year is at Bellevue camp ground, I'm looking for a few chapters to lend a hand for this year's rally, I'm looking for donations for goodie bags for the hospitality night and a chapter to run it , cake roulette for kids and adults, 10 cent auction kids and adults, need someone to run kids games, we need help in the kitchen for the dinner and pancake breakfast, the MAL rep needs to put together a meeting for the MAL's, the two camp ground Directors need to set up a joint camp ground meeting, any chapter wanting to sell raffle tickets the drawing will be Sunday night at the closing ceremony.

REMEMBER: everyone in the camp ground at the rally must have a reservation, if you want to camp this weekend you must pay to be at the rally, campground fees are collected by the campground assistant director so go and pay for camping please let's not make him look for you there will be also be an announcement when you can come up to camp ground office and pay your fee's.

Please call me if you can help with the rally my number is 586-480-4499 or text me at same number or E-mail me at tubbs752@att.net

This is a large undertaking and I could sure use the help.

Thank you Roger Vogel

All American Rally



August 30th 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

We are looking forward to seeing you at the All-American Rally!!

Your rally fees include an authentic German dinner and a breakfast.

There will be a fundraising burger dinner on Friday night with hospitality and check in.

Double Dozen will be having a fundraising lunch.

Bring items for the \$.10 auction (both kids and adults), and the cake roulette (both kids and adults). Since we have a lot of new members here is an explanation for these events. Keep in mind that the proceeds go towards the Rally.

\$.10 auction:

People donate things like they would for a garage sale. Raffle Tickets are sold for \$.10 and half the ticket is placed in a bag in front of the item you would like to win. If your lucky ticket is drawn, you win that item. If the item before the one you win has no tickets for that item, you win that item too.

Cake Roulette:

There is a board what you place a quarter on that has a color and a number. If the roulette wheel lands on the space you put your quarter, you win the item. It could be a home baked item (which at one time everything was homemade), packaged cupcakes, cookies, a full cake, a pie, or a jar of nuts. You get the idea. The kids like fruit snacks, cupcakes, cookies, etc. Keep in mind that we will be in the great outdoors, so make sure your item doesn't have to be refrigerated.

The rally will also include Bingo for kids and Adults, German Euchre, and games for both kids and Adults to mention a few.

One of the nights there will be a progressive campfire. This is where Chapters or individuals make a snack to share with fellow campers who come to visit.

Don't forget that the General Meeting will be Monday morning.

We will be fine tuning the schedule and you will get the times and events when you check –in.

We will be seeing you.

Roger Vogel



The TTCM by-law committee met the week of June 17, 2019

The committee: Carolyn Fitzpatrick, JoAnn Ingraham and Doris VanDyke.

The additions are in bold-black, the deletions are in red.

PROPOSED CHANGES:

Article II Incorporation

This club shall be incorporated as a non-profit organization under the laws of the State of Michigan and in accordance with the Internal Revenue Code Classification 501-C-7. **Chapters can be incorporated in the State of Michigan, or the state in which it was formed. A copy of the current filing must be sent to the TTCM Secretary.**

Article IV Membership

A) A regular member shall be the owner-occupant individual or family, without regard to race, color, creed or national origin, of a recreational unit that can be lived in.; **whom another regular member has sponsored.**

Article VIII Fiscal Policy

B) All records, TTCM, Bellevue, Hesperia, and **Secretary Treasurer**, shall be audited annually by a committee of three (3) members appointed by the president, and approved by the Executive Board promptly after the end of the fiscal year or as designated. The auditing committee's original report shall be placed on permanent file with the secretary where it shall be available upon demand to any member. A copy of the report of audit shall be included in the treasurer's annual report.

Article IX Meetings

C) The Board of Directors shall hold one (1) regular meeting on the first Saturday in May unless thirty (30) days advance notice of such a change is given. Only chapter presidents, **MAL** or their representative, with a letter of proxy, may vote on business of this meeting. Members may attend and may be recognized by the chairperson. Special meetings may be called when necessary by the president or a majority of the Board of Directors with seven (7) days advance notice being given.

Article X Duties of Officers, Trustees and Others

F) The Campground Director/Trustee shall, as a member of the Board of Directors, represent the campground committee and the needs of the campground to the Board of Directors; shall provide detailed reports of all income and disbursements on executive committee approved forms for the treasurers inspection and critique thirty (30) days prior to the May and September meetings. Shall provide a detailed report of all moneys received and disbursed on a monthly basis no later than the 15th of the following month to the treasurer so that such information may be incorporated into a complete annual report of all the accounts by the treasurer, and by November 15th all moneys are to be turned into the treasurer, except for an amount set by the Board of Directors along with a final year-end report; shall maintain in a safe and secure manner in the club provided offices all paper work and drawings required to maintain all state and county permits and licenses; and shall maintain in the same office or maintenance building a file of all maintenance manuals and operation instructions for all TTCM owned equipment on the campgrounds; and shall maintain an inventory of all equipment over one hundred dollars (\$100.00). The campground directors shall have the authority to conduct day to day campground operations, pay all bills, obtain necessary permits and attend to any other routine campground needs. 1. All major improvements to the campgrounds shall have campground planning committee

approval and majority approval of the Board of Directors prior to funds being committed disbursed. The planning committee shall have **three (3) one (1) meetings** per year scheduled on the **3rd 1st** Saturday of **April, June and August**, with a quorum of 2/3 of the members present needed to do business. All members need to be notified thirty (30) days in advance of the scheduled meeting via the TTCM newsletter. 2. Campground directors will provide a budget for operation and improvements for the current fiscal year at the May officers meeting. **3. A joint session of the campground planning committee will be held at the All-American Rally each year. The hosting campground director will chair the meeting and take minutes of said meeting and forward them to the secretary. The campground directors if needed may call special meetings, and these meetings will be held in Lansing or some equal distance place. The joint session should be scheduled when it would cause the least interference with rally activities.** 4. **3.** Each campground planning committee is to bring its own three (3) year plan projects to the September meeting **to be voted on by the joint committee.** All major projects for the coming year must receive approval by each development committee. These projects will be presented to the TTCM president and all chapter presidents (address' to be supplied by TTCM secretary) for review before March 1st so all are informed before the Board of Directors meeting in May. 5. There shall be no equipment disposed of with a value of more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) without the approval of the campground planning committee. It then shall be offered to the membership for sale via the newsletter. The monies received shall be returned to the campground maintenance fund. 6. No meeting of this committee shall become official until the minutes of that meeting (that meets Roberts Rules) are received by the president and TTCM secretary.

G) The Campground Planning Committee: Each chapter president shall designate a representative for this committee. If any chapters are not being dutifully represented at the committee meeting, the chapter president shall appoint a new representative. No chapter shall have dual representation on the committee. Members-at-large will have two (2) representatives, one for each campground, but only one (1) unanimous vote at the joint meeting of the planning committee.

H) G) The immediate past president shall be a voting member of the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors; and shall be termed the Senior Advisor/Trustee/Director.

Article XIV Forming Chapters

At any time a group of TTCM members wish to form a Chapter the following procedures shall be followed.

- 1) All members of the proposed chapter must be TTCM members in good standing.
- 2) Minimum necessary officers shall consist of: President, Vice-President, and Secretary/Treasurer.
- 3) The new chapter must have at least five (5) units

4) The chapter must be incorporated in the State of Michigan, or the state in which it was formed and must annually keep on file with the TTCM secretary a copy of their current filing document.

5) 4) By-laws of the club shall be the governing document however; a chapter may adopt additional by-laws for their chapter's operation and guidance.

6) 5) Admission of the new chapter to TTCM is by majority vote of the Executive Committee.

7) 6) If at any time a chapter disbands, the remaining property and assets shall revert to TTCM.

8) 7) The chapter shall have representation on the Board of Directors as herein specified.

PLEASE NOTE: These proposed changes will be discussed and voted on at the Membership Meeting on September 2nd.

TTCM CAMPGROUND RULES FOR BELLEVUE & HESPERIA CAMPGROUNDS

1. These campgrounds are owned and operated by the members of Travel Trailer Club of the Midwest (TTCM). They are for the use of TTCM Members and their guests.
2. It is each member's responsibility to provide proof of membership. Each member must display their TTCM numbers and current year sticker, so that it is always visible from the outside of your unit , including storage.
3. It is your responsibility to check in with the property tender before setting up. It is not the property tender's job to come after you. Handicap areas are available; please inquire with the campground director or property tender.
4. The dump station is for members and guests. In keeping with helping fellow campers, a charge of \$10.00 could be accepted from outside campers.
5. No dumping of any kind of wastewater directly on the ground. Wastewater must be drained into a closed container and disposed of at the dump station.
6. **All members must move their units to a new camping site very three weeks. This allows the grass to be mowed and keeps the campground looking great.**
6. **Members are responsible for their children, guests, and pets. Other members camping are not babysitters for your children. Please check on their whereabouts frequently.**
7. Motorbikes/cycles, electric carts, tractors, etc., other than those made for small children, may only be operated by a licensed driver, 16 years or older. Proof of insurance must be on file with the campground director. Any vehicle driven after dark, must have lights.
8. Speed limit in the campgrounds is 5 mph for the safety of everyone. This must be enforced.
9. Please, no car or RV washing in the park on the weekend. Please get approval from the campground director.
10. The use of outside mats, rugs, or canvas flooring is discouraged, but permitted. However, they must be picked up when the camper is unoccupied for any length of time.
11. Please observe quiet time. 11:00pm to 8:00am
12. All youth 12 and under should be in or near their campsites by 11:00pm unless accompanied by a parent/adult.
13. All campers are to police their own areas and refrain from littering or defacing the campgrounds, or the buildings. It is also expected, if you use the Rec. Hall that you clean up the tables, floor, and kitchen area when finished. If a chapter or group uses the electrical or gas appliances, a donation to cover the operational costs is appreciated.
14. Garbage is to be placed in plastic bags and tied tightly and placed in the dumpster.
15. Ground fires are not permitted. The use of portable barbeques and other fire pots should be done in a matter that will not damage the grass or tables.
16. **Pets are not a problem their owners who don't clean up after them are!** All pets are to be confined to each owner's campsite, unless they are on a leash not to exceed 10 ft. in length. **Any and All** pet droppings must be cleaned up immediately. This includes all cleared areas of the campgrounds, including the dog run. Pets will not be permitted in any building. **Pets must be kept quiet and not be left unattended, so they do not disturb other campers.** Pets must not disturb other campers with barking or aggressive behavior.
17. Hunting is not permitted on any TTCM property.
18. Smoking **or alcohol consumption** is prohibited in the Rec. Hall.
19. **Political signs are not permitted.**

Failure to follow these rules could mean up to and including expulsion from the campground and/or loss of membership.

If you have any questions, please contact the campground director or property tender in the absence of the campground director.

Rules Revised , 2019

NOTE: These proposed changes will also be discussed and voted on at the September 2nd Membership meeting.

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DIRECTIONS:

**From I-94: North on I-69 to Exit 48. Go west on M-78 approx. 1 mile to Babcock Road, turn left (South).
At end of Babcock Road turn right (West).
Campground is approx. 0.8 miles on your right.**

Hesperia Campground
6777 E. M-20
Hesperia, MI 49421
Phone: 231-338-6124
Email: hesperia1tcm@gmail.com

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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