



TRAVEL TRAILER CLUB OF THE MIDWEST

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It's October! Can't believe that the closing of the Campgrounds 🏕️ is just around the corner. I'd like to thank everyone for all the effort that has gone into the Campgrounds. The All American was a huge success, thanks to Roger Vogel and all the helpers that made it a success! Thanks to all the Chapters that pitch in for all the games and other things too numerous to mention! Thanks to Carolyn, Joann and Doris for the work they did on the By-Laws and the Campground Rules! Thanks Cyndi Behler for a great job on the Newsletter! And finally to the Board, especially Cheryl, Sandy and the Campground Directors and the Assistant managers! Without you this place wouldn't be. I hope all the Memberships realize everything you guys do above and beyond! Enough with the Thanks. Hopefully everyone knows that we have two Halloween 🎃 events this October. On Saturday October 5 both Campgrounds have Halloween 🎃 things going on. Please get out and support it.

Gene Kowatch

Hello Campers!

By the time you read this Lefty's Fish Fry will be in the books. Boy hope no one went away hungry, don't believe any one did.

Fall is creeping up on us, as is Halloween. Hope everyone enjoyed the campgrounds this year, can't forget to give a Big Thank You to the Campground Director's and all of you that stepped up and helped this year. If you're thinking of running for one of the Board positions, get prepared ahead of time, the elections will be here before you know it. I think we made positive movement forward, and we try to serve everyone equally as to keep the peace.

I hope you all know that we really try to do the right thing, sometimes not everyone agrees, but that is the intent, to do the right thing.

Bust out the flannel and get ready for cooler weather, can't beat this time of year. Safe travels to our members as they make the southern move. See you all in the spring. Go Camping.

George B

2020 Dues

Dues are \$30.00 Before December 31 and \$40.00 after January 1, 2020

SEND your dues to: TTCM

6618 Allen Rd.

Fenton, MI 48430

Please make your CHECKS payable to

TTCM.



Hello Everyone,

Hope you are enjoying these last few days of warm weather. I hope that most of you are getting out camping a couple more times before our campgrounds close and to those who go South, or Southwest for the winter, travel safely. I am currently at Hesperia for the Sewing Bee. The ladies are truly enjoying themselves; I know I am. What a great group of talented ladies. There are two ladies working on Camping Quilts (that is quilts with Campers on them)! They are so cute. I personally got a baby quilt finished, and two more started.

I will be at the Bellevue Halloween outing so if you would like to pay your dues, I will put aside time for collecting them on Friday night and Sunday. So when you pay your camping fees, and buy a hamburger, you can pay your 2020 dues. Chapter Presidents, I need your Chapter Officers and their email addresses along with 2 phone numbers so the Executive Board may reach out to your Chapter. We have voted at the General Membership Meeting that our chapters no-longer must have Incorporation Papers.

Don't forget our Campground Directors will need help closing our campground. Where has the summer gone?

See you at the Halloween Outing,

Sandy Jarrell



Secretary

LET'S SEE THOSE TRAILER'S DECORATED SCARRY!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct 4-6** **Halloween – Bellevue & Hesperia**
- Oct 18-20** **Closing Weekend – Both Campgrounds**

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

- Stacey & Ronda Ashley**
- Rick Frantz**
- Vickie George**
- Darrion & Kiara Hinds**

Editor Note:
Please have articles for November newsletter to me by October 20th.
Please email to tcmeditorcyndi@gmail.com.
Thank you,
Cyndi Behler

Bellevue Campground

All American was a great time to be here at the campground. Thank you to those that helped organize this get together of the two Campgrounds. Not much going on besides grass needing cutting. Waiting for the first weekend in October for the Halloween Outing.

DON'T FORGET TO PAY YOUR WINTER STORAGE FEE \$50.00.

Herm & Bill

Hello Fellow Campers!

It was nice seeing everyone at the All-American Rally. It was a very successful event. We made a profit of \$ 1046.50. That is taking into consideration the Rally cost paid, plus the \$.10 auctions and cake roulettes less all the expenses. There were 139 people who attended.

Below is the money raised from the raffles, 50/50 and food.

Friday Night Dinner-\$220.00

Adult \$.10 Auction-\$227.00

Adult Cake Roulette-\$163.00

Kids \$.10 Auction-\$161.00

Kids Cake Roulette-\$70.00

These proceeds are applied towards the rally.

The other fund raisers were:

Happy Wanderers-\$60.00-\$30.00 for Hesperia Improvements & \$30.00 for Bellevue Pop Machine

Golden Agers-\$100.00-Hesperia & \$100.00 Bellevue Pop Machine

TTCM 50/50-\$92.50-Bellevue Pop Machine

Blossomland-\$321.00-Bellevue Picnic Tables

MAL-\$120.00-Bellevue Speed Bumps

Restless Ones-\$146.00 for Hesperia & \$146.00 for Bellevue Pop Machine

River Raisin 50/50-\$80.00 for Bellevue Speed Bumps

TTCM Secretary Raffle-\$131.00 for the Bellevue Pop Machine

River Raisin-\$121.50 for Hesperia & \$121.50 for Bellevue Pop Machine

Double Dozen Raffle-\$265.00 for Bellevue Pop Machine

Brat & Tators-\$135 for the Bellevue Pop Machine

In some cases if there wasn't a specific designation for Bellevue I put it towards the pop machine.

Now on to our final event the Halloween Party!!

Next month I will publish the recipe for the meatloaf that was prepared for the All-American Rally.

Hope to see you soon!

Regards,

Cheryl Vogel

TTCM Treasurer

Hesperia Sewing Bee

Our new motto is “Stash Accumulation Beyond Life Expectancy (SABLE)!” How TRUE is that!!

We had 16 ladies sewing in June and 13 in September. The ladies had already donated funds towards the electric bill for Hesperia. At the September Bee, it was decided to give some money towards the electric bill again and will use other funds to purchase three heavy duty rubber backed outdoor type rugs to cover the electric cords. It was voted to also purchase ink (color & black) and copy paper for Beth for copying information for the sewing bee.

We really had a lot of fun and it is always a delight to see what everyone is working on.

Remember you don't have to be a quilter or sewer to come. Bring whatever you wish; knitting, wool work etc. or just come to visit and have fun. Cost for the bee remains \$10 for one week or \$20 for both weeks. If you have not signed up for June, it will be held the week of June 15th and September is the week of September 14th. Please contact Nancy Hellman at 231-788-1645 to sign up for either bees. If she is not home, please leave her a message and be sure to give her your contact information.

Have a great winter and see you in the spring. Beth Gay

Hesperia Halloween Party

On October 5th Hesperia campground will be having a Halloween Party for ALL! Bring your children and grandchildren. Decorate your trailer and site. There will be games for the kids, pumpkin decorating and a hayride. We will be having Pork BBQ's. Bring dinnerware, drinks and a dish to pass. After dinner there will be trick-r-treating and at 6:00 PM there will be an Acoustic jam with the band Barefoot Gypsies. This will be a good time for All! We will be collecting donations and hold a 50/50 drawing to help offset the cost of the band. Any questions please contact Bill Fox at wmfox59@gmail.com

WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!

HESPERIA CAMPGROUNDS NEWS

Summer is almost over will have about four more weeks of camping left. How times flies when you're having fun!

All the units left in storage for the winter must fill out the storage sheet, put your number on the unit and pay a \$50.00 storage fee for each unit.

We are having a Halloween DAY on Saturday October 5th, things for the kids to do, costumes, games and different things. Having a potluck at 4:00 P M bring a dish to pass and table service and drink. Also candy for trick or treating at 6:00 come out and enjoy the weekend with us and bring your children and grandchildren. Can decorate your unit if you wish.

Campground Directors,

Clione, Bob and Lefty

General Membership Meeting September 2, 2019

Meeting Called to order by: Gene Kowatch at

Pledge to the flag

Prayer by: Moment of Silence for Past Member

Roll Call: (H) Blossom Land, Double Dozen, Draggin Train, Golden Agers, Happy Campers, Happy Wanders, MALS Bellevue, Restless Ones, River Raisin, President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Senior Advisor, Bellevue Director, Hesperia Director.

Not present were Duneland Winnies, Grand Valley, Happy Hitchers

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting, May 4, 2019

Approval of meeting minutes 1st Cyndi Behler 2nd by Jim Owens with correction of Dick Hamlin contact the Audubon Society for Camping at Bellevue.

President Report (Gene K.): No Report

Vice President Report (George B.): Welcome to New members. If anyone is not receiving their newsletter or email please let Cyndi Behler know.

Secretary Report (Sandy J.): Welcome to All New members. I know it can be a little confusing as to what we do, please do not be afraid to ask questions. There are no dumb questions.

Treasurer Report (Cheryl V.): As of 8/26/19 we have \$6,225.21

Total in all accounts is \$129,277.93

Savings = \$79,078.40

TTCM Checking (Mother Club) = \$28,681.28

Bellevue checking account = \$4,350.98

Hesperia checking account = \$3,196.99

Special earmarked funds account = \$13,970.28

We have 198 Members and 4 Associate members. We have 26 new members this year.

Switched Bank accounts for Special funds.

Trying to get the Consumers Energy Bills, to be directly debited from our checking account.

Motion to accept 1st Gordy Dennis 2nd by Leo Fitzpatrick motion carried.

Bellevue Director Report (Herm H.): NO planning committee meeting's as NO one showed up. Replaced all of the old wooden stations with PVC pipe. We got white fascia on the lower picnic shelter done with the help of Dick Hamlin, Jimmy Owens, Bill and Herm. Thank you for everyone's concerns and inquiries about his health.

Hesperia Director Report (Clione C.): Camping was slow in the spring because of cold weather and rain. Old kitchen stove sold \$50.00. Put in Ceiling tiles in the club house, painted rails and now need the walls painted. Looking into putting down, a leeway to the campground entrance. Talking to the County Road Commission and M-Dot to get approval for leeway. Need a new light pole out front of the clubhouse. Looking into more electrical upgrade to 50 amps.

Committees:

All American Rally (Roger V.): Thank you to everyone especially Double Dozen, who came and helped out this weekend. There is some meatloaf left so come and get some.

By-Laws (Carolyn Fitz.): Meet at the sewing bee. Not too many surveys. No one came forward to talk to the committee. The by-laws committee went thru the by-laws and campground rules. Will go thru recommended changes at end of meeting.

Election Committee (MALS): Jessica will put something in the next newsletter with information where to mail resumes of anyone interested in any office in the club. Resumes must be post marked by May 15, 2020. They may be snail mailed or emailed to Jessica Hutchinson.

Membership (Cheryl V.): 26 new members

Newsletter (Cyndi B.): Cyndi snail mails 70 newsletters. Most of these are older members.

Website (Max J.): Making small changes. If anyone is selling their camper, send him information and pictures. Will be updating the website.

Unfinished Business:

Tree Harvesting at Bellevue Campground. 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. Need to reproach Bill and get these trees out as they get to old and they are no good.

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. All up and look very nice, thank you Scott.

New Business:

Elections: May 15, 2020 is the deadline for resumes to go in the newsletter. After that you will be a write-in and not allowed to put anything in the newsletter about you running for office.

Chapter Comments:

Blossom Land – Thank-you Roger, had a great time, there was a lot of help.

Double Dozen – Great time. Nice to see new members.

Dragon Train – Thank-you Roger & Cheryl putting this all together for us, it's a lot to take on.

Duneland Winnies – Got help from everyone which is great.

Golden Agers – We had a great time. Meet lots of new members and old members. New members need to come to Hesperia to check out our other campground.

Happy Campers – Lots of great memories.

Happy Wanders – Drove in and had a great time. Thank you members for such a good time.

MAL's – Meet many new members. Robin Atkins did a great job parking everyone.

Restless Ones – Had a fantastic time. He had such a good time he is coming back.

River Raisin – Great time. Let's give Herm Hazard and Bill Oates a lot of credit for the campground looking great. Thank you everyone for your hard work. It was fantastic

President – Thank you to Roger and Cheryl Vogel for such a great rally. Great time. Everyone wants to know where those breakfast sausages came from.

Vice President – Great time and great helpers. Thank

Secretary – Thank-you Roger. It was a Hugh undertaking. Thank-you to Herm Hazard, Bill Oates and Clione Carr, for keeping our campgrounds beautiful. Thank you everyone for all of your generous donations this weekend.

Treasurer – Thanked husband, and Pat Story for keep telling me this is fun. Thank you to everyone from those who helped with kids' games to the cake roulette right down to Tom running the Bingo games. We could not do it without your help. Nice to see fresh faces.

Senior Advisor – Thank you to Herm and Bill for getting the park ready for this outing, looks great. Thank you to my wife for her help. And those who helped with the landscaping block around the club house.

Bellevue Director – Had fun. Thank you to Pat & Gay Story and Danny & Mary Gatchell for painting the fence out front. Thank you, Dick Hamlin for painting the outside of the building and lower picnic shelter and weeding the playground painting the merry-go-round too. Dick Hamlin has a list of equipment that we need to get rid of. We would like to have it gone by the Halloween Outing. List will be published in new letter.

Hesperia Director – Thank you everyone, had fun and enjoy bingo.

By-Law Changes –

Article IV Remove “Whom another regular member has sponsored.” Motion by Leo Fitzpatrick to remove “whom another regular member has sponsored.” 2nd by motion carried

Article VII Remove “secretary”

Motion by Kay Kowatch to remove the word “secretary” and 2nd by Bill Oates motion carried.

Article X section F -1 Remove from the second sentence “three (3)”, “3rd”, “April”, “and August” and “meetings” to read The planning committee shall have “one (1) meeting per year scheduled on the 1st Saturday of June” with a quorum of 2/3 if the members present needed to do business.

Motion by Jonathon Hutchinson to accept the changes 2nd by Roger Vogel motion carried

Article X section F – 3 Remove entire sentence 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.

After much discussion Motion was made by Cheryl Vogel to NOT remove #3 from the By-Laws. 2nd by Jonathan Hutchins Motion Carried

Article X section G Remove (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 one (1) unanimous vote at the joint meeting of the planning committee.

Motion by Leo Fitzpatrick to not remove G this from our by-laws. 2nd by Jonathan Hutchins motion carried.

Article XIV section 4 Remove the entire #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 file document.

Making number 5 section, become number 4, making number 6 become number 5, making number 7 become 6 and number 8 become number 7.

Motion by Cheryl Vogel to remove section number 4 moving up the rest of the sections. 2nd by Dennis Dingman motion carried.

TTCM Campground Rules Changes

Remove #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.

Motion by Jonathon Hutchins to remove entire #6 rule 2nd by Dennis Dingman motion carried.

Remove second sentence of original #7 (now #6) Other members camping are not babysitters for your children. Please check on their whereabouts frequently.

Motion by Carrie Tobias to remove second sentence 2nd by JoAnn Ingraham motion carried.

Remove the entire first sentence of original #17 (now#16) " Pets are not a problem their owners who don't clean up after them are! ." From the second sentence "to each owner's campsite." Third sentence "Any and". The entire sixth sentence, "Pets must be kept quiet and not be left unattended, so they do not disturb other campers."

Motion by Dennis Dingman to change the verbiage removing "to each campsite" and remove the wording from Original #17 now #16 by 2nd Bill Oates motion carried.

Remove for the original #19 (now 18) "or alcohol consumption"

Motion by Dennis Dingman to remove the wording from original #19 (now #18) 2nd by Carrie Tobias, motion carried.

Add new #19 Political signs are not permitted.

Motion to NOT add a new #19 by Jonathon Hutchins and 2nd by Kay Kowatch, motion carried.

Open discussion: Bringing in outside groups. Bill Oates was asked if we could take in a group of 100 for 5 days. They would have 100 units. Bill said that we can only hold 82 units or sites. We must look into what type of electric output we have. Tina Mullins asked if we could get some type plan together so maybe we could take in an outside group. After much discussion Cheryl Vogel will put together a plan for leasing to other groups and bring it to the May Officers meeting. Tabled until May's Officers Meeting.

Discussion about putting in permanent speed bumps. Dennis Dingman will price it out and do most of the work.

Motion by Jonathon Hutchins, to look into cost of speed bumps and report back the progress in the May Officers meeting. 2nd by Bill Oates motion carried.

Secretary need the Chapters officers Names and phone numbers by the end of the camping season.

Discussion about Charging Non-Members (Guest) more for camping. Bill Oates would like to see it raised to \$30. Per night as Passport America only pays 50% to stay one night. Bellevue has had 50 Passport America campers and they are paying the same price as a member (\$12.00 per night). President decided to table this discussion for the May Officers Meeting.

Meeting Adjourn 1st Dennis Dingman

2nd JoAnn Ingraham

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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: ricg@casair.net

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!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Cyndi Behler
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Whitehall, MI 49461

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Since 1963