



**TRAVEL TRAILER CLUB OF THE MIDWEST**

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### **President News**

Fellow Campers,

The Campgrounds are looking great! We had a good business meeting. We talked about the ever changing Covid laws.

Please follow state, county, and local guidelines that are current at the time you are camping.

If you are still receiving this newsletter via snail mail, Max brought up that we could be saving money on postage if the newsletter is emailed.

The clubhouses will be available for anyone wanting to use them. You will be asked to clean them via a cleaning check off sheet per Covid requirements.

Stay safe and enjoy the summer.

Johnathan Hutchins

### **Treasurer News**

Hello Fellow Campers!

It was nice seeing everyone at the Meeting in Hesperia. I thought the meeting went really well.

There were several Chapters that weren't represented at the meeting. If you are a Chapter President that was unable to attend and would like a copy of the Financial Reports distributed, please let me know. My email address is [ttcmtreasurer14@gmail.com](mailto:ttcmtreasurer14@gmail.com).

The books for 2020 were audited and approved. Thanks to Carolyn Fitzpatrick, Doris Van Dyke, and Carol Page for volunteering.

We have already been signing up new members!! A great start to the new camping season.

I hope you all had a nice Memorial Weekend!

See you soon!

Regards,

Cheryl Vogel

TTCM Treasurer



### **Secretary News**

Hello Fellow Campers,

We were out camping at Hesperia the weekend of the 15<sup>th</sup> and it was fabulous to be out camping again. Hesperia is looking good! A thank you goes out to Bill & Rhonda Fox and Don & Debbie Gasaway for their hard working weekends. Rhonda and Debbie put in new flowers around the campground and in front of the clubhouse. Looking forward to working with Bill Fox as the Campground Directors Assistant. If you are up at Hesperia you can ask Bill what needs to be done or what you can help him with. When in Bellevue ask Herm if he needs help or what you can do to help make our Campgrounds look great. There are many little things that need to be done. Hopefully Bill Oates will be back with us this month. June is Sewing Bee Week, June 21- 25 and I am looking forward to this! Nancy Hellman is in charge and if you have any questions call the Hesperia Campground 231-338-6124 and ask for Nancy. It's going to be a lot of fun. You don't have to be an experienced sewer to come! There are those who are willing to help you learn to quilt or get started learning to quilt. We do many types of sewing. Heck, bring your crocheting or crafts to enjoy our women's week! This is about enjoying each other's company! Cannot wait for this week to relax and see what others are working on.

Hope to see you women there,

Sandy

### **Spring Sewing Bee News**

Hello Sewers,

We are having the spring Sewing Bee in June.

The Bee starts June 21<sup>st</sup> and goes thru the 25<sup>th</sup>.

The cost is \$10 per person.

You must have had both Covid injections to attend.

Can't wait to be together again!

Nancy Hellman

### Hesperia News

Good to be back camping; doesn't seem like a month is almost gone.

We have had a few in so far, but am looking for a good turn out for Memorial Weekend. Have been busy getting things done around the campgrounds.

Bill Fox and Don Gasaway have been busy on weekends when they are here.

Rhonda Fox and Debbie Gasaway have been busy cleaning up and planting flowers in front of the clubhouse. They also added a new flower bed by the driveway entrance. It looks great!

I have reinstated an old member and taken in a new member in the first month.

We have our water softener in and there is a big difference in the water. It is nice and clear now.

We are planning on a **Membership Work Day on Saturday June 12<sup>th</sup>**; will start between 9:30 and 10:00 A.M. Would like to wash the white fence, paint the water posts, clean out behind the garage, twigs to be picked up and whatever else that is seen to improve the campground.

If you can work that day we hope to see you out.

For those that work we will have hamburgers, hot dogs, chips and baked beans afterwards. Bring your own drink or you can buy pop from the pop machine.

Lets come camping and to the work bee.

Directors,  
Clione Carr and Bill Fox

### Bellevue News

Want to thank Dick Hamlin and Bob Booker for their help in getting the campground up and running.

The weekend of May 14-16 we had 3 new members sign up.

All of the equipment is running good so we are getting the grass cut in record time.

Bill talked to Daryl Westphal about the memorial bricks (because Sharon Westerhouse wanted some information about them) so if anyone wants to purchase a commemorative brick call the campground phone and Bill can give you the information.

On May 25<sup>th</sup>, I will sample the water system for the second quarter and there should not be any problems.

**We are still looking for property tenders but have not heard from anyone -- if interested let us know.**

If anyone gets a burn barrel from the woods please take it back to the woods before you pack up and leave the campground so we do not have to move it to cut grass.

Just a reminder -- if you leave your unit on site and are gone for the week please pull the slides in and pick up your water hose so we can cut the grass.

Herm and Bill

## MAL's President News

Hello All,

I hope everyone is in good health and excited about this camping season. I was at the May meeting and I have a few things to pass along to any MAL's reading this.

1. If you are able, please consider switching your newsletter to email instead of snail mail. It is significantly cheaper and easier to do it this way. We understand there are those who don't have internet or are older members. This is for those that can and maybe didn't know this was an option.

2. **The Bellevue Campground is in need of people willing to property tend.** Please contact Herm, the campground director, for details. Bellevue also needs members just willing to pitch in and help out. Many hands make light work whether that is pulling weeds, spraying for bees, etc. We want people to feel able to get involved where needed and there ARE needs!

3. If you are a MAL (Member at Large) and not part of a chapter, I am your go to gal for any concerns/needs/questions. Please feel free to reach out to me at [jjhutchins@yahoo.com](mailto:jjhutchins@yahoo.com) or 517-416-3522 (leave voicemail).

If we all work together, with mutual respect and understanding, we can make this a great camping season!

Jessica Hutchins -- MAL Chapter President

## Special Announcement

Subject: By Laws Committee

It was brought up at the meeting in May to redo the bylaws.

A committee has been formed, but **we need all the members to help.**

Please review the bylaws located on the TTCM website.

If you would like to see any changes, or different wording, or something new added to the bylaws, you must write them down and give it to a club officer, or a campground director, or Carolyn Fitzpatrick. You may also email them. This is very important to the club, so please help us out.

These bylaws run the organization and you as members must decide what goes into them.

We would like to have your comments and information as soon as possible.

The addresses are in the newsletter except for mine.

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**Board of Directors Meeting — May 15, 2021**

Call to Order: By Johnathan Hutchins -- Time: 10:08

Prayer – Johnathan Hutchins

Pledge: lead by Johnathan Hutchins

Roll Call – (Present) Draggin Train, Duneland Winnies , Happy Hitchers, Happy Wanders, MAL’s (B) MAL’s (H), Restless Ones, President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Senior Advisor, Bellevue Campground, Hesperia Campground

Roll Call – (Not Present) Blossom Land, Double Dozen, Golden Agers, Grand Valley, Happy Campers, River Raisin

Minutes of Previous General Meeting – Motion to Accept as read, 2nd and Passed

**President Report** (Johnathan H.) – Hopes everyone stays health this camping season. Been diligently keeping up with the Covid Restrictions for both campgrounds. Keeping in touch with both campground directors, for opening campgrounds and restrictions from Health Departments in both counties.

**Vice President Report** (Roger V.) – Internet at Hesperia. Cancel our phone coverage from Hugh’s Net and change to Sprint Cell phone.

**Secretary Report** (Sandy J.) – Chapter Presidents need to get address , email and phone number updates from their chapter members and forward to me.

**Treasurer Report** (Cheryl V.) – IRS said that TTCM didn’t file their taxes last year. With some confusion Cheryl got that straightened out.

Profit/loss for 2020 was .....	\$5,702.49
Total in all account as of 12/31/20 .....	\$134,826.46
Saving .....	\$83,854.25
TTCM checking account (Mother Club .....	\$31,136.68
Bellevue checking account .....	\$2,934.10
Hesperia checking account .....	\$2,948.25
Special earmarked funds account .....	\$13,953.18

2021 membership to date is 146 members and 2 Associate members

**Bellevue Campground Report** (Herm H.) – Campground is up and running. Would like to thank Dick Hamlin for all he does in keeping equipment running. Bill Oates will be back mid June. The new mower works great. We have 2 new members from Bellevue Campground.

**Hesperia Campground Report** (Clione C.) – Clione asked for Bill Fox to be Hesperia’s Assistant Director. Motion made, 2nd and Passed by board.

It was brought up about paying Property Tenders \$25.00 along with free week of camping. Motion was made to do away with the paying of \$25.00 to property tender, 2nd and passed.

Hesperia will need a new mower here shortly and Bill Fox is looking into mowers.

Water Softener will be here Wednesday of this week and Walkerville Well is saying we don’t need 2 tanks.

Did get the crushed asphalt down, looks great and time will tell how it holds up.

Will need to replace 2 windows in the club house, will price out this summer.

**Committees:**

All- American Rally: Jessica Hutchins is chairing this rally and more information to come.

Halloween Outing: Jessica Hutchins for Bellevue and Bill & Rhonda Fox for Hesperia

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Website (Max J.): New website is up and running. Any problems or feedback send it to Max Jarrell at [tcmweb@usa.com](mailto:tcmweb@usa.com).

Newsletter (Max J.): April was great but May not so great. Problems with emailing newsletter and as it was just 1 page newsletter it will be mailed with June’s newsletter. We need more Chapters to put article in our newsletter to let others know what happening in our chapters. Cost of mailing newsletter has gone up. Motion to print newsletter in black & white 2nd and passed. Jessica will try to put the newsletter up on Facebook under Files. Members can get it off website also. We need more members to sign-up for email delivery of newsletter.

**Unfinished Business:**

Proceeding with Covid 19 – Johnathan is keeping up with all the guidelines and current situation for each campground. Both clubhouses and outhouses, if used, must be cleaned and everything put away after each use. Hand sanitizer is available in clubhouses and all outhouses

Tree Harvesting – They are waiting for the right time to come in with equipment to harvest trees. They have 2 years to harvest trees, according to their contract.

Bellevue Campground (Herm H.) – There was miscommunication about clubhouse usage. Bellevue still needs to clean the clubhouse, and if you would like to help contact Jessica Hutchins.

Hesperia Campground (Clione C.) – Their clubhouse was just cleaned (sanitized) the day before this meeting and will be cleaned after this meeting.

Going to RV Shows— Bill Oates will look into the cost and details for going to an RV Show for TTCM. Tabled until Bill Oates gets back.

**New Business:**

Need to form a By-Laws Committee — Motion for Carolyn Fitzpatrick to head the committee By-laws Committee. 2nd and passed

Audit TTCM Books — Motion for Carolyn Fitzpatrick, Doris Vandyke, Sandy Knott to audit all books, 2nd and passed

Sewing Bee – will be June 21 – 25 please beware of Covid guidelines.

Close meeting – motion to adjourn 12:12

**Upcoming Events**

May 29 thru 31	Memorial Weekend
June 12	Membership Work Day — Hesperia @ 10:00 AM
June 21 thru 25	Spring Sewing Bee -- Hesperia
Sept 4 thru 6	All American Rally -- Bellevue
Sept 4 thru 6	Membership Meeting -- Bellevue (date & time yet to be determined)
Sept 20 thru 24	Fall Sewing Bee -- Hesperia
Oct 2	Halloween Outings — Hesperia & Bellevue

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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: [rjcg@casair.net](mailto:rjcg@casair.net)

DIRECTIONS:

From Hesperia: head 3.5 miles West on M-20.

From White Cloud: West 16.5 miles on M-20.

Campground is on the south side of the road.

**Editor Note**

If you would like to have something published in the newsletter please submit it to [tcmnews@usa.com](mailto:tcmnews@usa.com) by the 22th of the month for inclusion in the next newsletter.

Editor — Max Jarrell

**A Final Thought to Ponder as You Finish Reading This Months Newsletter**

As you may have noticed (?) there is a distinct theme that keeps repeating itself throughout this months newsletter. Many people have made mention of it in the articles they have submitted. It is also mentioned in the May Meeting Minutes. If needed, reread the newsletter and see if you can find the theme!!

Did you find it? Do you know what it is yet ??????????

The theme is, “a plea for members to accept the monthly newsletter by email instead of U.S. Postal Service delivery”.

Do you realize that “over 48%” of our membership still requires that we mail the newsletter via the U.S. Postal Service each and every month.

The newsletter has been available by email for over 15 years, and we still cannot get members to come-on-board and accept electronic delivery of the newsletter.

Please, stop for just a moment before you finish reading this newsletter and ask yourself, “Will I contribute to the club’s newsletter efforts by doing this one selfless thing that’s being asked of me?”

Your current, and any future, newsletter editor will appreciate your generous assistance.

Regards

Max Jarrell



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