



TRAVEL TRAILER CLUB OF THE MIDWEST

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**** Notice of Campground Changes -- Effective July 1st ****

The following changes apply to both TTCM Campgrounds and apply to all TTCM members.

Campground Operation Change & Fee Change -- (Effect Date: July 01, 2022)

- Camping fees are to be paid on the day you arrive at the campground.
- You will pay in advance for the number of days you will be camping.
- You will be charged an additional \$5.00 per day for failure to pay on the day of arrival.

Display of Membership Number & Current Year Sticker -- (Effect Date: July 01, 2022)

- You must display your membership number **AND** current year sticker on or near your RV while on site or when in storage.
- Members who refuse to display their member number **AND** current year sticker will be asked to leave the campground and not return until they can comply with this campground rule.

Annual Membership Dues Late Fee Change -- (Effect Date: July 01, 2022)

- Late fee for failure to renew your membership by Dec 31st has been increased to \$20.00

President News

Hello Campers,

We got business taken care of at the meeting. I want to thank everyone for coming out.

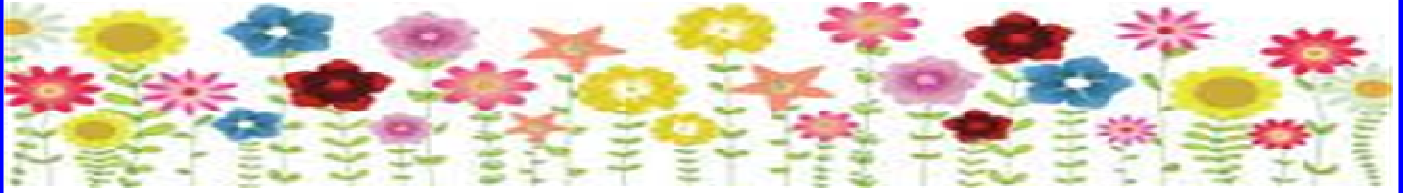
Please be advised that there will be late fees for not paying camping fees when you arrive.

As members we have responsibilities.

See you around the campfire

Johnathan

Secretary News



Happy Memorial Day Everyone,

Hope everyone got to get out and go camping over the holiday weekend! We will be headed over to Bellevue for the weekend Pig Roast. Roger and Cheryl Vogel always put on a fantastic Pig Roast with the help of those from Double Dozen. I have so much fun joining in helping the ladies out.

I will be cleaning out flower beds and working on a few other areas to get cleaned up. If you are out at either campground please feel free to pull or pick out the weeds! It will be helpful and make our campgrounds look beautiful.

If you see something that needs to be done at the campground feel free to do it and if you think you need to ask about it contact the Campground Director or their assistant. Remember that you are part own so let's keep our Campgrounds beautiful.

We had a good Board of Directors Meeting but it was not attended by many. We need the Chapter Presidents to step up and learn what's going on in our club. We need their help with issues new and old.

Hopefully Bill Oates will be back and helping at Bellevue by the time this newsletter comes out.

Don't forget Ladies and Gentleman the Sewing Bee is coming up June 20 -24. Hope to see you all there and let the fun begin. Max and I will be there to help anyone who needs help getting their things down to the Recreation Hall just let us know. Hopefully we will have great weather for that week. Any questions call Nancy Hellman or me at 517-545-9041 and we will try to answer all your questions about the sewing bee.

Happy Camping

Sandy Jarrell — TTCM Secretary

Treasurer News

Hello Fellow Campers!

We had our board meeting on May 14th. We covered a lot of items. Our Hesperia campground is getting a new zero turn mower and our Bellevue campground is getting a new honey wagon. Last year our Hesperia campground got a water softener system. This year our Bellevue campground will be getting theirs.

We have decided to discontinue issuing name tags for new members. The cost of the badges and the mailing of them have raised a lot over the past few years, and most people don't wear them anyway. I personally didn't like that the pin left holes in my clothes, but that is just me.

The books were audited by Jack Connell and Cindy Conklin. Thanks to you both for doing that.

For those Chapter Presidents who did not attend the meeting, and would like a copy of the financial reports, please email me and I will send you a copy. My email address is ttcmtreasurer14@gmail.com.

I hope you all had a nice Memorial weekend. Hope to see you all camping soon!

Regards,

Cheryl Vogel — TTCM Treasurer

Hesperia News

Hi Everyone,

The campground has been open for three weekends here in Hesperia and have been doing good. Have a lot of trailers in here already.

On memorial weekend we had a potluck and a memorial service at the flag pole to honor those who have lost their lives protecting our country.

We are having a planning meeting for our campground on June 4th at 10:00 a.m. Bring your ideas for things you would like to see to improve the campground. Also at that meeting we will be making plans for the Labor Day Fun Weekend.

Labor Day weekend we will have games, activities and a potluck at 5:30 p.m. with the campground furnishing the meat. Also, there will be a business meeting on Sunday afternoon.

We are planning on having a potluck each month on the second Saturday at 5:30.

I just got word that Joe Swartz that camped in Hesperia passed away on October 2, 2021 in New Mexico, where he lived. His daughter stopped by to let everyone know.

Directors

Clione and Bill

June Sewing Bee

Sewing Bee

Mark your calendars for the June sewing bee. This year is will be June 20th – 24th. Come and bring your sewing project of start a new one with us. There are some very talented Quilters and sewers in our group. If you are new to TTCM this is the week for our sewers to enjoy time to come sew and enjoy each other's company. Nancy Hellman is in charge of this week's fun in the clubhouse. You make contact Nancy Hellman or Sandy Jarrell if you have any questions or would like more information on this week of fun. So mark your calendars for a week of fun, come on out and enjoy our fun with us.

In Remembrance

William Hibbs, one of our long time members, passed away on April 4th.

Mr. Hibbs was a MAL and had been a member for more than 30 years.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES - MAY 14, 2022

Call to Order: Johnathan Hutchins

Time: 12:40 p.m.

Prayer – Johnathan Hutchins

Pledge:

Roll Call: Not Present Blossom Land, Double Dozen, Golden Agers, Grand Valley, Happy Wanders, MALs, Bellevue, River Raisin

Minutes from General Membership meeting September 5, 2021 motion to Accepted as printed 2nd passed

President Report: We had a good Executive Committee meeting.

Vice President Report: Under Committees

Secretary Report: N/R

Treasurer Report: Total in all accounts as of 12/31/21 is \$195,921.89 any questions contact Cheryl Vogel.

Bellevue Campground Report: Received 5 (50 AMP) stanchions out of 10 ordered. Will call and see where the other 5 are. We need help to put the electric and water in down the hill behind club house.

Hesperia Campground Report: Good turnout for the cleanup in April, 30 members showed up and got quite a bit cleaned up and ready for camping. The Generator will be arriving in 3 weeks.

Committees:

All- American Rally: After much discussion Carolyn Fitzpatrick will be over seeing the rally but will need help with the activities. So if anyone can help contact Carolyn.

Bylaws Committee: Work was done and was sent to all Chapter Presidents and the Executive Board. It will be sent out to those members who receive their newsletter by E-mail if you need a printed copy contact the news editor Max Jarrell.

Halloween Outings: October 1st weekend

Membership: We currently have 140 Members and 1 Associate Member

Website: Updated and more photo's added but if anyone has more current photo's you can send to: tcmweb@usa.com and we will get them on the website.

Unfinished Business:

Tree Harvesting – Bellevue trees have been cut and will need lots of help cleaning up the trails and cut wood for campfires.

Bellevue Campground: Honey Wagon – Roger Vogel looked into and received an estimate for a 225 gallon honey wagon & a 30 foot hose with a cost of \$10,000. A motion was made by Pat Story to approve the purchase of said honey wagon up to \$10,000 as quoted by Roger Vogel. Hesperia will wait to see how it does at Bellevue before they ask for a new honey wagon. Hesperia will give a dedicated lawnmower (Snapper) for the honey wagon for Bellevue to use.

Water softener – Still working on who will install and when.

Electric (Bellevue) – Ordered 10 and 5 Stanchions were received and plugs. Herm will call them to see where our other 5 are.

Water (Bellevue) –Supplies will be purchased along with renting a trencher so we can put water and electric down together. Herm will need help when he sets a work date for getting these in.

Hesperia Campground: Generator will be here in 3 weeks.

Removal of Stumps (Hesperia) - Stumps have been remove and looks great.

Fence (Hesperia along M20) - A donation from Bob Carr memorial fund of \$482 to help with the purchase of more fencing and what is needed to finish the project will come from Improvement funds.

Mower (Hesperia) – Bill Fox has an estimate for a zero-turn Bad Boy 54” cutting deck with a mulch option for \$8,318. Motion from Carolyn Fitzpatrick to purchase said mower for Hesperia for an approve amount of \$8,318. 2nd and passed.

Clubhouse Windows (Hesperia) – still trying to find out more information to fix or replace.

Plaques for 50 year members - Gordie and Cheryl Denise already have a plaque but need their name on the 50yr plaque board, so just 236 Robert & Nancy Ingraham need theirs done, will get back with Scott Bouwman, Blossomland, Secretary will handle this. Need Presidents board /strips for each location.

Need a Historian. Cheryl Vogel will talk to Donna Carriveau about this.

Raising Camping Fees. : From the Executive Board: After much discussion Gene Kowatch made a motion to continue Camping Fee’s at \$12.00 per night for Occupied and Unoccupied \$2.00 per night Sunday thru Thursday with Friday & Saturday \$12.00 per night whether occupied or not.

Map of Bellevue Campground: Bill Oates made one and sent it to secretary. Secretary will see to the printing and get it back to the campground.

Hesperia Internet -(Roger) Taken care of by the Executive Committee

Hesperia Electric Upgrade - Still looking into more 50 AMP Stanchions

Bellevue Pond rehab - Motion to “Lay it on the Table”

New Business:

Audit TTCM books – John Connell & Cindy Conklin

Pay for Camping: Campground Directors are tired of members waiting until Sunday afternoon or evening to pay for their camping fees! The Executive board came up with “Paying in advance”. Gene Kowatch motioned for putting it before the Board of Directors to “Pay for Camping Fees upon Arrival” and a “Late Fee” of \$5.00 for each day you do not pay your Camping Fees.

Bellevue (white Fence out front of campground) - Herm will be bring a proposal for fixing or replacing the fence.

Parking on Basketball Court – NO parking on basketball court.

Wearing Badges – After much discussion Bill Fox motioned that only those who are on the Executive Board wear them 2nd and passed

New People coming in – go back to needing a sponsored to join TTCM.

Numbers on trailers (RV) – Discussion on members who have not put numbers on or near their RV. Motion by Jack Connell that members follow the rules to put numbers on or near their RV and if no numbers on trailer, member will get 1 warning then said member will be asked to leave the campground and not return until said member has a set of numbers on or near their trailer. 2nd and passed

Update Campground Rule's – Motion by Carolyn Fitzpatrick to update rules for members, that if they can not follow the rules they will be asked to leave and they are welcome to come back when they can follow the rules. Motion by Carolyn Fitzpatrick 2nd and passed.

Late Dues – (Members paying their Dues Late) - Too many members are paying their Dues late. It causes a lot more work for everyone involved with a membership list and keeping it up to date of who are members and who are not members. If you DON'T pay your dues YOU are not a member. If you owe the campground monies you are considered a "Member in bad standing" and we cannot accept dues. Motion by Jack Connell to increase the late fee for membership dues paid after December 31, starting 2023 camping season for membership to pay an additional \$20.00 instead of \$10.00 2nd and passed.

By-Laws – changes will be published in the newsletter for review and final approval at the General Membership meeting in September

By-Laws (Election Ballots) – Section 10 E paragraph 4 &5. After much discussion about our election process and different ways to hold our elections a motion by John Connell to do in person voting and to only mail absentee Ballots by request only. Changing voting to in-person and Absentee ballots. 2nd Passed

By-Laws (Chapter Disbandment) - Add to bylaws that any chapter that goes below 5 units will be considered disbanded and off the Roster

Motion to adjourn Dick Hamlin 2nd passed 4:30 pm

Upcoming Events

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| May 28 | Pot Luck -- 5 PM @ Hesperia |
| May 28 - 30 | Memorial Weekend -- Pig Roast @ Bellevue |
| June 4th | Campground(s) Planning Committee Meeting(s)
Hesperia meeting — 10:00 AM
Bellevue meeting — details unknown |
| June 20 - 24 | Sewing Bee -- Hesperia |
| Sept 03 - 05 | Labor Day Weekend -- All American Rally is canceled
Membership Meeting -- Hesperia -- Time & Date TBD |

Editor Note

All chapters and individual members can submit articles for publication in the monthly newsletter.

If you would like to have something published in the newsletter please submit it to tcmnews@usa.com by the 20th of the month for inclusion in the next newsletter.

Max Jarrell

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DIRECTIONS:

From I-94: North on I-69 to Exit 48. Go west on M-78 about (1) mile to Babcock Road, turn left (South) onto Babcock Road.

At end of Babcock Road turn right (West).

Campground is about (0.8) miles on your right.

Hesperia Campground

6777 E. M-20

Hesperia, MI 49421

Phone: 231-338-6124

Email: hesperiacampground@gmail.com

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.

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