



**TRAVEL TRAILER CLUB OF THE MIDWEST**

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### President News

Campers,

The summer is flying by and the fall general membership meeting will be here soon.

I understand there are some proposed changes to the by-laws that are not liked and that is understandable, however, you need to attend the general membership meeting and voice your concerns as that is when the membership votes on each proposed item to be changed. Come to the meeting and have your voice heard.

Big thanks to Sandy and Max for painting all the stairs at Bellevue.

Keep in mind the election of officers will be coming up next year and several offices will be opening up.

See you around the campfire,

Johnathan Hutchins

### Treasurer News

Hello Fellow Campers!

I hope everyone had a good 4th of July weekend.

The new honey wagon has arrived in Bellevue. It is being put to good use.

The generator has been installed in Hesperia. This was important, as there are numerous power outages in the area.

If our wells are out of service for more than 24 hours, testing has to be submitted according to our licenses with the state.

The water softener in Bellevue should be installed anytime now.

Elections are next year. If you are interested in a position, your resume needs to be submitted by May of next year. I will not be running for Treasurer again. I will have served for 6 years, so please think about stepping up and taking part in the running of the Club.

For those Chapter Presidents who did not attend the May meeting, and would like a copy of the financial reports, please email me and I will send you a copy. My email address is [tcmtrreasurer14@gmail.com](mailto:tcmtrreasurer14@gmail.com).

Hope to see you all camping soon!

Regards,

Cheryl Vogel — TTCM Treasurer

## Secretary News

Hello Fellow Campers,

Hopefully everyone has gotten a chance to get out and go camping. Max and I have been over at Bellevue Campground for the past two week power washing and scraping both sets of stairs along with the door frames to the pole barn and then painting them. Wow do they really brighten up the place. Of courses we pick the hottest days to do this, not to mention fighting the rain. There are still many little things at both campgrounds that need our member's attention. If it looks like it needs attention talk to our Directors (Bellevue Herm or Hesperia Clione or Bill Fox) and offer to help.

Getting out and talking to our fellow campers has been fun. We have some wonderful new members at Bellevue and some fellow members that we had not seen in a couple of years and at Hesperia too! Let me add a hardy Welcome Back to those who we have not seen in a few years.

Next year's dues (2023) will be coming up starting the 1st of September and for those who need to pay because they are leaving for another state you need to see me when I am at the campgrounds for renewal of your membership & next years sticker.

Food for thought -- we as a club need to figure out what direction we want our club to go. Chapters as going down in numbers and we have those members who do not want to belong to a chapter. Existing Chapters need to get out and introduce themselves to people who are not in a Chapter (such as our MAL members) and explain what a chapter is and does. We all also need to talk about this with each other and with the Executive Committee members.

The All American Rally needs to be discussed as well as this is where we raise a lot of money to help keep our camping fees down and help pay for projects around both of our campgrounds. For those who are new members, this is a club that must raise money within our own club to help pay for club activities and other items that need to be taken care of along with helping to keep our campgrounds looking nice. It takes every member to help keep our club and campgrounds running smoothly. Just a little bit of everyone's help goes a long way. Something as simple as watering the flowers around the campgrounds or pulling a weed or two helps.

Next year will be our election year so please think about running for an office. Ask those in office now what their job entails if you are interested.

Happy Camping,

Sandy Jarrell — TTCM Secretary



### **Bellevue News**

HELLO FROM BELLEVUE

FYI -- I have not heard from Bill lately but last we spoke he said he had several Dr. appointment in the coming weeks.

A BIG thank you to Sandy & Max -- they power washed and painted the stairs going down to lower shelter and the stairs to the outhouses on the hill.

The water project is on hold for now -- we have to get a material list together so we have all the material here when we start and not have to stop and run for missing materials plus I have to get a price on a trencher that will dig 48" deep.

The electric upgrade project has started. We have installed three of the 50 Amp boxes so far. Thanks to Dick Hamlin and Bob Booker for their hard work on this project.

Herm & Bill

### **Hesperia News**

Hi Fellow Campers,

The month is flying by and time for another article.

We had 48 units in here camping over 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend. Everyone said we had the best potluck.

The picture of the campground was unveiled at the potluck. My grandson-in-law took it on Mother's Day of 2021 with his drone, had it blown up and gave it to me. Don Gasaway made a frame for it and hung it on the wall. Thanks Don, it looks real nice.

Thanks to Gene and Kay Kowatch for the new welcome flag that has been put out front of the campground.

Just a note to let everyone know you **CAN NOT STREAM MOVIES**, ETC. off our internet.

Between Garrett Anguila and Troy Roberson we have quite a pile of wood cut up. We will have to have a splitting bee and get it piled up for next year. Thanks guys.

Ilene Roberson, one of our campers along the east side by the woods, has cleaned an area behind her trailer and has made an enchanted forest. It sure looks nice.

Don't forget the potluck on August 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:30, it is the second Saturday.

Directors

Clione and Bill

### **General Info for MAL's**

Bellevue is in need of a MAL Representative. Our past representative has joined a chapter.

Somebody from the MAL group needs to step up and volunteer to be the Representative.

Contact the TTCM Secretary if you are interested. [[tcmsecretary14@gmail.com](mailto:tcmsecretary14@gmail.com)]

### Editors News

Thanks to Sandy & Max for spending three days in the 90 degree heat to power wash, scrape, and paint the stairs behind the Bellevue clubhouse and the stairs to the outhouses on the hill. Additional thanks to Greg Eberschlag for his assistance with painting.

Maintenance of the clubhouse stairs was long overdue and they were in very bad condition. Over 50 percent of the paint had weathered away leaving bare wood which soaked up the new paint like a sponge. One coat of paint isn't going to protect the stairs adequately for very long. **We need additional club members to step up and apply a second coat of paint to the steps behind the clubhouse -- this year.** Let the campground director know when you can help with the second coat of paint and he will have the paint and brushes ready for you.

Keeping with the same theme, there are many items around the Bellevue campground (and maybe Hesperia too) that have been let go and need members to put forth the effort to help out with maintaining.

Remember, membership in TTCM is ownership in TTCM, and as owners, campground maintenance is part of what you signed up to help with when you joined.

The Campground Directors are volunteers, they are not a full time paid workforce to do all the work required to maintain a nice campground just for others to come and enjoy. We have over 345 individual members in this club and we should see a lot more volunteerism from the membership than we do.

All it takes is members donating 1 or 2 hours of help per year to keep our campgrounds and facilities in tip top shape. **Do your part -- step up and volunteer to help out.**

Newsletter Editor

## **General Membership Meeting**

**Date: Sunday ... Sept 4th**

**Time: 1:00 PM**

**Place: Hesperia Clubhouse**

### Upcoming Events

Aug 13	Hesperia -- Saturday Potluck @ 5:30
Sept 03 - 05	Labor Day Weekend -- All American Rally is canceled Labor Day Camp Out weekend at Hesperia
Sept 04	Membership Meeting -- Hesperia — 1:00 PM

### 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](mailto:tcmnews@usa.com) by the 20th of the month for inclusion in the next newsletter.

Max Jarrell

**Labor Day Weekend Camp-out in Hesperia  
September 2-3-4-5  
All Members & Guests Welcome**

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**Cost:** \$5.00 registration per unit      = = = =      Hobo Parking

**Included:**

Saturday -- Potluck Supper @ 5:30 -- Meat Furnished  
Sunday -- Breakfast -- Pancakes & Sausage & Coffee  
Bring your own utensils & syrup & butter

**Entertainment**

Saturday @ 7:00 PM      -----      "Brett Dame One Man Band"

**Activities**

Kids Activities      = = = =      Kids Parade      = = = =      Water Activities (weather permitting)  
Bingo      = = = =      Cake Walk      = = = =      Card Games

Progressive Campfire -- each group bring snacks or treats for this  
Group Raffles -- All profits to campgrounds

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**Registration Deadline:      August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

Please send form & money to:      \$5.00 registration per unit  
Carolyn Fitzpatrick  
2985 Irish Acres Dr  
Jackson, MI 49201

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

How many adults: \_\_\_\_\_

How many children: \_\_\_\_\_      Ages: \_\_\_\_\_

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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

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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.

Campground is on the south side of the road.

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