



TRAVEL TRAILER CLUB OF THE MIDWEST

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President News

Campers,

The summer has flown by and we are already at the General Membership Meeting time.

Keep the following in mind. The fee for late membership renewal is now \$20. Dues payments will be accepted Labor Day weekend at Hesperia. See the Secretary's report in this newsletter for additional times you can pay your dues.

As the summer turns to fall we have the Halloween Outings coming up and we need volunteers for the 1st weekend in October to run them (at least at Bellevue).

Okay, "time to pay attention" as we discuss winter storage and campground closings.

WINTER STORAGE

If you plan to store your RV at either campground this winter you need to have all storage fees and documentation taken care of **BEFORE the end-of-day October 1st**. Let me repeat that -- **BEFORE the end-of-day October 1st**.

Your campground directors, as well as your president, have had enough of people waiting until the campground gates are swinging shut to begin the process. We have also had enough of those who try to skate-out of paying for winter storage each year by waiting until the last minute and beyond.

Your 2023 membership will be suspended for failure to pay the winter storage fee and leaving your RV on campground property over the winter.

CAMPGROUND CLOSINGS

For the most part, the weekend of October 8th & 9th is the last weekend of open campground operation.

The Campground Directors and others will be spending the 10th thru 15th shutting down the campgrounds for the season and getting their financial records in order for the year. Therefore, for the typical camper, you should mark your calendar to have your RV removed from its' campsite and placed in storage or removed from the campground by end-of-day October 9th. Any deviation from this must be approved by your campground director.

Look forward to seeing everyone around the campfire.

Johnathan Hutchins

Secretary News

Hello Follow Campers,

Summer is flying by! Don't forget the General Membership Meeting on September 4 at 1:00 PM this Labor Day weekend at Hesperia.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Just a reminder to all members, there was a change made by the Executive Committee this year regarding the 2023 Membership Dues Late Fee. The late fee is now \$20.00 for those who do not pay their membership dues before December 31st. Please pay your membership dues as soon as possible.

It is preferred that you pay your dues to the TTCM Secretary and not the Campground Director(s). This helps keep the confusion factor to a minimum and eliminates accounting and membership payment errors.

- ** I will be at Hesperia for the Membership Meeting on September 4 and will be collecting dues there.
- ** I will be at Hesperia for the Sewing Bee in September and will be collecting dues there.
- ** I will be at Bellevue for the presumed Halloween Outing in October and will be collecting dues there.
- ** You can also mail a check to me. See address in a separate area of this newsletter.

SEWING BEE

It's Sewing Bee time again. September 19 – 23 this year. Come on out ladies & gents and have fun doing your craft or sewing projects while socializing with fellow campers. There will be fun in the evening as well. This is a fun week to get to know new members as well as those who have been around awhile! If you have any questions call Nancy Hellman at the Hesperia Campground (231)-338-6124.

HALLOWEEN OUTING -- BELLEVUE

Currently we have no one to run the Halloween Outing at Bellevue! If we are going to have a Halloween outing, someone or a Chapter needs to step up and put this outing together. This outing is for and about the kids, so let's make it a fun one!!

For new members, on our Halloween Outing weekend we have had pumpkin carving, painting, decorating pumpkins, kid's games and other activities. It will be whatever we get volunteers to help work that weekend. So please, if you can just volunteer for an hour that would be great. We need you, the members, to step up and help out for the kids sake. In the evening there is the Trick or Treat from trailer to trailer. You could also have a fire with marshmallow roasting and s'mores. It is so much fun for the kid's. It would really be disappointed if our kids didn't have a fun weekend. If you need help getting started, call me (517-545-9041), email me (ttcmsecretary15@gmail.com) or Facebook me on our TTCM page.

ELECTIONS

We will need members to run for some open Officer Positions next year. If you are thinking about running you must have your Resume or a Summary of Qualifications in to the Election Committee Chairperson by May 15th. Snail mail or email submission is acceptable.

Secretary News — (continued)

MAL's

If you are a relatively new member then you are probably a MAL. There will be a meeting scheduled for the MAL's sometime during the Labor Day weekend outing in Hesperia. Go to the meeting and find out more about your club and what you can do to help out. Participation is what this club is all about.

We are in need of two MAL Representative, one for Hesperia and one for Bellevue. This is important for our club to function properly and if you don't understand why then you are not involved enough in your club! If you need this explained to you then ask any of your Executive Committee members and they will happily give you the reasoning.

WINTER STORAGE

If you plan on leaving your RV at the Campground for the winter, you must pay your 2023 Dues **AND THEN** your \$50.00 fee for Winter Storage. There is a form to fill out so please PRINT clearly for those of us who have to read them. Have it paid by end-of-day October 1st, or have your RV removed from the campground by end-of-day October 9th.

CAMPGROUND CLOSING

Pay attention to when the campgrounds will be closing. Both Campgrounds are Closing the weekend of October 8th & 9th. All monies must be paid in full to the Campgrounds before they close for the season. Anyone who owes unpaid monies to the Campgrounds will have their 2023 membership suspended.

Happy Camping

Sandy Jarrell — TTCM Secretary

General Membership Meeting

Date: Sunday ... Sept 4th

Time: 1:00 PM

Place: Hesperia Clubhouse

Reminder — Prior meeting minutes are no longer read aloud during meetings. It is each members' responsibility to review prior meeting minutes before attending a meeting.

Proposed By-Laws Changes — Come to the meeting prepared so we can move through these without delay. If you have concerns with any proposed change, be prepared to present precisely why you have issue with the proposed change and what your proposed alternative solution would be.

NOTE — Print copies of the proposed By-Laws changes will not be provided at the meeting -- bring your own copy of the proposed changes for your reference.

Treasurer News

Hello Fellow Campers!

I can't believe we are winding down the summer already, and Labor Day is just around the corner. Time sure flies when you are having fun.

I am looking forward to the Labor Day weekend events at Hesperia and the General Meeting. There are a lot of things to cover, and hopefully each Chapter will have a representative at the meeting to give their voice.

Don't forget that 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 ttcm treasurer14@gmail.com.

Hope to see you all camping soon!

Regards,

Cheryl Vogel — TTCM Treasurer

Bellevue News

HELLO FROM BELLEVUE

The water softener is in and running as of August 22nd.

The tree that we had to cut down is being cleaned up little by little thanks to Dick Hamlin. We are getting lots of wood to cut and split when we need it.

Bellevue has a new property tender, Vickie George, and she is working out great. She has not hesitated to do any job she has been asked to do.

I want to give a big thank you to Bonnie, a new member and Vickie's sister, for washing the windows and generally cleaning the clubhouse and kitchen area.

Labor Day Weekend Potluck at Bellevue on Saturday afternoon @ 1:00 p.m. Please bring meat and a dish to pass. Let Herm know if you plan to attend the potluck by August 31st. He can be reached at 269-763-3551.

If you plan on leaving your RV in winter storage at Bellevue then **before end-of-day October 1st you must:**

- have paid your 2023 membership dues,
- filled out the Winter Storage Form,
- pay the \$50 winter storage fee.

All RV's must be off of camping sites by end-of-day Sunday, October 9th.

Dick, Bob, and I will be closing down the campgrounds the following week and the winter shutdown of the wells have already been scheduled for mid week.

Look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting.

Herm & Bill

Hesperia News

Hi Fellow Campers,

The summer is flying by and fall is just around the corner.

On the 13th of August we had a nice turn out for our campground potluck, even though it rained all day long. Bill and Rhonda Fox presented a plaque in Bob Carr's memory at that time. We placed it below the campground picture that was presented in July.

Don't forget the Labor Day Weekend Camp Out in Hesperia on September 2nd thru 5th. We have several things planned. Raffles from each chapter, games, however we still need things for kids and adult cake walks. On Saturday we are having a potluck at 5:00 p.m. and at 7:00 p.m. music. Breakfast on Sunday morning is from 8:30 to 9:30. Also, a progressive campfire is planned. Bring something for a treat at your fire. Come out and enjoy the good time.

In September we are planning a campground potluck on the 10th at 5:30 p.m. On the 17th at 9:30 a.m. we are doing a wood splitting bee to get wood ready for next spring. We are trying to schedule the Lefty McGahan Memorial Fish Fry potluck sometime in September but the date is unsettled at this time.

October 1st will be our Halloween Outing. October 8th we will be having a work bee at 10:00 a.m. to put things away and get what can be done for closing up for the winter. Many hands will make things go faster. We will also have a Chili Dump potluck at 5:30p.m. Everyone is to bring enough chili for one or two people and bring something that will go with it such as garlic bread, salads, desert, etc.

Just a heads up the Hesperia Campgrounds will be closing on Saturday, October 15th this year. Anyone leaving their unit in storage here, needs to have it winterized and everything they want out of it before that date. The gate will be locked at 5:00p.m. You need to have your winter storage papers signed and storage fees and dues paid by that time.

Clione and Bill — Directors

June Sewing Bee

The June Sewing Bee was a fun filled week with 13 ladies and 1 gentleman. With sewing all day and going out to dinner in the evening we had a great time. One of our ladies, Mary Bonter, brought her 1920's Featherweight Sewing Machine. It was fabulous to see the machine and Mary sewing on it. Lots of different projects were being made from quilts to clothes. Ray & Vonda Hall working on their (Ray's) tool quilt. It was great to see our friends and to make new ones. Hope to see you next time at the September Sewing Bee.

Nancy Hellman

September Sewing Bee

September 19 – 23 at Hesperia

It's time again for the September Sewing Bee. A week full of fun, sewing, and socializing with friends will be had. For a \$10.00 donation, you can bring your craft or sewing projects and have a great time with friends. We will have some evening fun as well. You don't have to sew to come and have fun and meet new friends. Please contact Nancy Hellman at the Hesperia Campground (231-338-6124), if you have any question about the Sewing Bee.

Halloween Outing

September 30 – October 2

(Bellevue Campground)

We need someone to step up and coordinate this activity as well as additional members to step up and help out in order to have a Halloween Outing this year for the kids. Even if you can help for only an hour or two that would be fantastic. You can volunteer to do or help do kids games, pumpkin carving, and wagon rides. You can even do activities not mentioned. You could do Sloppy Joes for food on Saturday night with cookies and Cider on Friday night or whatever you would like too.

Please advise Sandy Jarrell at 517-545-9041 if you can coordinate or help out with this so we know it's covered.

2023 Dues

*** Dues are **\$30.00** before December 31 and **\$50.00** after January 1, 2023. ***

Send your dues to: TTCM
6618 E Allen Rd
Fenton, MI 48430

Please make your CHECKS payable to TTCM.

It is preferred that you pay your dues to the TTCM Secretary and not the Campground Director(s).

Waiting until your first camping trip next year and paying your dues at the campground causes too much confusion and accounting errors for everyone involved. Help us keep it simple by paying your dues to the secretary. For those who like paying the additional \$20.00 late fee, please be sure to pay at least one (1) month before you plan on going camping.



Upcoming Events

- 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

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Bellevue, MI 49021

Phone 269-763-3551

Email: bellevue_campground@yahoo.com

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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