



TRAVEL TRAILER CLUB OF THE MIDWEST

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President News

Campers,

What a great time in Hesperia for the previously-know-as All American Rally. It was a change of pace from the hectic way things have been.

The meeting went well, all things considered. We had a lot to cover. Thank you to those that didn't fall asleep and stayed the whole time.

PLEASE, look over the bylaws and campground rules changes.

Next year is an election year and the bylaws state how to submit to run for an office. PLEASE read them and consider running for an office.

The directors have dates for end of year camping and for gates closed. If you haven't winterized your rig by the gates closed date, too bad.

If you haven't paid your 2023 membership dues and storage fee then your rig needs to be removed from the campground!

Enjoy the Halloween weekends that are at both campgrounds. They are always fun.

The weather is changing to great campfire temps and a big shout out to all those that cut wood in Hesperia. Thank you all! The harvest is truly plenteous, but the laborers are few.

We always need people to help with projects around the campgrounds. The nightly camping rate is low because of membership involvement to keep costs down. Don't be afraid to get involved with work weekends.

See you around the campfire.

Johnathan Hutchins

September Sewing Bee

Well another fun week of sewing, helping each other, socializing, and meals together has come and gone. Hard to believe it's over already. Ten wonderful ladies showed up. It went from the wood cutting of 84 degrees to barely 50 degrees by the weeks end. Thanks to Tom Housler for keeping our wood stove up and running. It was warm and cozy to get our sewing done. Some worked on Christmas projects while others worked on quilting projects. We would love to have more women join us whether you sew or knit or crochet or any other craft. Thank you to the ladies who came and joined in for all the fun. Hope to see you all at the June Sewing Bee (third week of June).

Happy Sewing

Nancy Hellman

Secretary News

Happy Fall Everyone,

Boy where did our summer go? It was way to fast for me. Up here at the sewing bee in Hesperia has been absolutely beautiful so far this week. We could not of asked for more beautiful weather than this.

Max and I helped out with the woodcutting here at Hesperia. They got quite a lot of wood split and stacked. There is still plenty of downed trees to cut up, split, and stack, not to mention at Bellevue, too.

Don't forget to get your dues paid. I will be at Bellevue a few days before the Halloween Outing and thru that weekend until October 2nd. You can also mail them to me.

If you can help with the Bellevue Halloween weekend contact me on Facebook or at the Bellevue campground number.

Chapter Presidents need to send me a list of your officers and a list of your members to update my records. It is very important that I get this information. If I don't get a list of officers you will not get an Agenda for the May 2023 officers meeting. If there is something to put on that agenda for or from your Chapter please send it to me at ttcmsecretary14@gmail.com and I will look into it. Next year's May Officer's meeting will be in Hesperia.

Chapter's need to get out and meet our new members and invite them to some of your get-togethers.

I just want to say thank you to EVERYONE who helped work at both campgrounds this past year.

Happy Fall to All,

Sandy Jarrell -- TTCM Secretary

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 Directors.

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.

Treasurer News

Hello Fellow Campers!

Well the season is winding down, and I hope you have had an opportunity to get out and camp.

Both Roger and I enjoyed the Labor Day Rally in Hesperia. I must admit I liked the more relaxed schedule than our usual All American Rallies where there wasn't a spare moment to relax. Even with the pared back activities, some individuals and Chapters held raffles and money was raised.

Registration -- \$195⁰⁰

Kid & Adult Cake Walk -- \$168⁷⁵

Golden Agers -- \$125⁰⁰

Restless Ones -- \$312⁰⁰ they had a 50/50 raffle and an item raffle

Bill & Rhonda Fox -- \$191⁰⁰

Chris & Angel Turgeon -- \$155⁰⁰

Minus expenses, a total of \$904.96 was put towards the Improvement Fund at Hesperia. Thanks to all who came and participated in the events.

For those of you who received the Treasurers' Report at the meeting, it was brought to my attention of an error on the earmarked funds list. The money donated in memory of Bob Carr was not added to the Hesperia Fence Fund as requested. I apologize for this oversight. While the money was deposited correctly, it was not manually added to the ongoing list.

As I write this, next weekend is our Halloween weekend. I hope everyone takes advantage of the last of the outings for the year.

For those Chapter Presidents who did not attend the September meeting, and would like a copy of the financial reports, please email me and I will send you a copy. My email address is tcm_treasurer14@gmail.com.

Regards,

Cheryl Vogel -- TCM Treasurer

Bellevue News

HELLO FROM BELLEVUE

It's hard to believe but the camping season is about done for this year; where did the summer go?

We are getting the equipment ready for winter but we can still use it if necessary.

Katz is lined up to come and shut our wells down for the winter.

I have one more water sample to submit for testing after Halloween for the last time this year.

Herm & Bill

Hesperia News

Hi Fellow Campers,

Our sympathies goes out to Ida Jackson on the death of her son Willie Phillips Jr. who was also a member of TTCM. Also, our sympathies to Sue DeBrot on the passing of Ron DeBrot.

Thank you to everyone that worked on splitting wood on the 17th of September. A lot of wood was put in that day. We had three log splitters going and a nice crew of helpers.

The campgrounds will be closing shortly and we have things planned to do before closing.

Don't forget October 1st is our Halloween Day for the kids. We have several things lined up for them to do. Costume judging, hay ride, trick or treating, and a potluck at 5:00 p.m. Don't forget to bring something for the kids for trick or treating.

Don't forget October 8th we will have a closing-up work bee at 10:00 a.m. Will try and get as much done as possible so will only have cleaning up of the leaves the last week. We will also have a potluck at 5:50 p.m. for everyone in the campgrounds. We are planning on having a chili-dump where everyone brings enough chili for their family and it will be put in a roaster together. You can also bring something to go with it such as garlic toast, salad, desert, etc.

Trailers that are going to be left on the campgrounds for storage should be winterized and everything out that you want before 5:00 p.m. on Saturday the 15th as I am planning on locking the gate at that time.

Also, if you have any Halloween decorations that you no longer want, they can be donated to the campground for future use.

Thank you everyone for a good camping season and hope to see you next year.

Clione and Bill — Directors

Upcoming Events

Sep 30-Oct 2 Halloween Outing at both campgrounds



General Membership Meeting

September 4, 2022

Hesperia Campground

Call to Order: Johnathan Hutchins

Time: 1:02 pm.

Prayer: Jessica Hutchins

Pledge: Johnathan Hutchins

Roll Call: Not Present – Blossom Land, Happy Campers, Happy Hitchers, River Raisin, Senior Advisor

President Report: Currently know open Officers positions for 2024 - 2026 are as follows: Vice President, Treasurer, and Bellevue Campground Director. We need to keep our campsites picked up and cleaned up, and stay on one site.

Vice President Report: No Report

Secretary Report: Grand Valley Chapter President Scott Bouwman contacted me to say their chapter is disbanding.

Treasurer Report: Savings=\$131,513.28

Main TCM Checking account=\$37,836.13

Bellevue Checking Account=\$9,446.42

Hesperia checking account=\$5,893.65

Special earmarked funds account=\$13,958.98

Total in all accounts is \$198,648.46

Bellevue Campground Report: The tree that was struck by lightning has been cut down and cleaned up. Water softener is in and working on by-pass. Three of the new (50 AMP) electric boxes have been put in. New water line will cost \$4,894.

Motion made to let Katz put in the new water line and use 2" pipe to match with the rest of the water lines. 2nd and pass

Hesperia Campground Report: New Zero Turn works great. Purchased a new push mower for trimming. Have done some beautification work around the patio out back of clubhouse. Thanks to Rhonda Fox & Penny Walsama for getting that done. Chris Trugeon made new cooking grates for the grill out front. We will be adding more white fencing out front to finish the fence off using the memorial fund for Bob Carr. A Plaque was put up in Bob Carr's Memory, along with an aerial picture of the campground.

Committees:

All- American Rally: The weekend had a great turn out, very relaxed and enjoyable by all.

Bylaws Committee: Discuss under new Business

Halloween Outings: Bellevue – October 1st -- Cider and Donates Friday with a Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday and kids games. Hesperia – October 1st

Membership: 189 Regular Members and 1 Associate Member

Unfinished Business:

Bellevue Campground:

Water softener – for Bellevue in and done

Electric upgrade – 3 electrical stanchions are in

Fence at front of campground - need new fencing; will be getting a couple of prices for different types of fencing

Water – covered under Bellevue Campground Report

Hesperia Campground:

Electric Upgrade - Bill Fox looking into how we can upgrade electrical safely. Checking with Consumer Energy and others to see what our next step is

Fence (along M20) - already discussed under Campground Report

Clubhouse Windows – check on pricing; get back to committee in May

General items

Plaques for 50 year members - Cheryl Vogel is taking care of this with Scott Bouwman

Need a Historian – Judith Collins has volunteered to help with this

New Business:

MALS: We need a representative for each campground to represent the MAL's to the Executive Committee. Those interested can contact Johnathan Hutchins or Sandy Jarrell (TTCM Secretary)

Opening & Closing of Campgrounds: Opening is the first full weekend of May 5 & 6, 2023.

Hesperia P.A. system: Motion to have Bill Fox look into getting a few quotes for a new PA system and have someone install it. 2nd and passed. Bill will present at the May Board of Directors meeting.

By-Laws & Campground Rules: Motion to accept all of the changes made as discussed in this meeting 2nd and passed

Adjourn: Time 4:52 pm Motion to adjourn 2nd and passed.

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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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