



TRAVEL TRAILER CLUB OF THE MIDWEST

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Board of Directors Meeting

Date: Saturday ... May 6th

Time: 11:00 AM

Place: Hesperia Clubhouse

All club members are welcome to attend this meeting.

Please contact your Chapter President if you need something addressed at the meeting.

Reminder: Prior meeting minutes are no longer read aloud at the meeting. Review prior meeting information before coming to the meeting. Past meeting minutes are available for download at ttcm.org/news if you need a copy for review.

President News

Hello Spring!

Camping season is closing in along with the Board of Directors meeting in Hesperia on May 6th.

MAL's need to choose a president! If one isn't chosen then we will discuss further proceedings at the Board Meeting as to if we have to close said chapter and force everyone into other chapters due to lack of involvement.

This is also an election year. See the updated bylaws on how to apply for any positions. I will be running for my second and final term but also welcome competition.

Please make sure all information is up to date. We are all one camping family and work together to keep up with our parks. Please help when you see a need.

Blessings Ahead,

Johnathan Hutchins

Secretary News

Hello Fellow Campers,

Hope everyone is ready to get camping! What a crazy winter we have had on the East side of the state. Campgrounds will be opening May 5 and the Board of Directors meeting coming up on May 6. A reminder to the Chapter's, I will need your Chapter Officers for my records and email addresses for sending you an agenda for the Board of Directors meeting.

We are in need of two Representatives for the MALS, one for each campground.

Someone needs to step up and fill these positions. This is so MALS will have a voice in what goes on at our campgrounds. For new members this is how we run our Club. Yes we all like to have a nice and smoothly run campgrounds but it takes everyone to make that happen. The Campground Directors cannot do it alone.

Our Campground Directors will also need members to sign up for Property Tenders. This is a whole week of free camping for helping out around the campground with some of the weekly tasks and some things that the Campground Director need to have done and they don't have the time to do it! Some of these are, sweep the clubhouse floor, wash clubhouse windows, clean out fire pits, and other task that need to be done on a regular basis.

Remember this is your Campground so let's keep it looking neat and clean. By helping out we are helping each other to keep our Camping Fees low while having two great campgrounds!

Bellevue will be having a Pig Roast Memorial Weekend. Thank you to Cheryl & Roger Vogel. If anyone can help, please contact Cheryl and ask what you can do to help. More about this will be in the May Newsletter.

Hesperia will be hosting a Sewing Bee the week of June 19 – 23. This is a week of sewing in the clubhouse. If you don't sew and do other crafty things please feel free to join us. Any questions you may contact Nancy Hellman at (231)788-1645. Let's have a fun filled week.

If any member would like to try a new fun filled weekend please contact your Campground Director and discuss what you would like to do.

Bellevue Needs to hold a work weekend, as there are many things that the director Herm Hazard cannot get to and will need help so let's step up as members and get these little things done. Ladies the Clubhouse will need cleaning too!

Let's Go Camping,

Sandy Jarrell -- TCM Secretary

Upcoming Events

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| April 22 | Hesperia Cleaning Bee — 10:00 AM |
| May 5 | Campgrounds Open |
| May 6 | Board of Directors Meeting -- Hesperia -- 11:00 AM |
| May 27 - 29 | Memorial Weekend |

Treasurer News

Hello Fellow Campers!

I am looking forward to our campgrounds opening. I hope everyone had a good winter.

Keep in mind that officer positions will be opening for elections in September. If you are interested in a board position, please contact someone on the board. A resume or qualification letter will need to be published in the newsletter.

The treasurer position will be open. Please let me know if you are interested and I can go over the requirements. I can be reached at ttcmtreasurer14@gmail.com or my cell phone # is 586-255-1202.

Hope to see you all soon!

Cheryl Vogel -- TTCM Treasurer

Bellevue News

HELLO FROM BELLEVUE

Camping season is just around the corner once again.

Hope to see many of you again this season.

Hope everyone had a safe and good winter.

I will be at the campground on April 30th and have the wells turned on on May 1, and get the equipment running for the season.

Herm & Bill

Hesperia News

Hi fellow campers,

Time to start thinking of camping again, but not today as I am writing this it is cold and snowing.

Hope everyone had a good and healthy winter. It will be good to see everyone again.

When you get this newsletter we will have a little over a month before the campgrounds open on Friday, May 5th.

Bill and I have decided to have a bee cleaning for the Hesperia campground on Saturday, April 22nd at 10:00. I will try and get a list of things that will need to be done inside and out.

Hope to see a good turn on April 22nd and the weather cooperates. Bill has listed this on Facebook and the web site.

Clione and Bill — Directors

By-Laws Committee

The club by-laws were reviewed, amended, and approved at last year’s General Membership meeting.

The latest version of the By-Laws is available for download on the club website at ttcm.org/members.

For those members who receive their newsletter via the USPS we will not be automatically mailing a copy to you.

If you need a copy of the latest By-Laws you can request a copy by calling 517-545-9041 and leave a message stating your name, membership number, and say you would like a copy of the By-Laws mailed to you. Call before April 20th and they will be mailed along with your May newsletter.

Committee Chair -- Carolyn Fitzpatrick

Editor News

Attention All MAL’s:

Each campground is supposed to have a MAL Representative. (This is similar to a chapter president.)

At this time neither campground has a MAL Rep.

This is unfortunate because over 60% of the TTCM membership is classified as MAL’s.

Why is this so important? Because, without a MAL Rep the MAL’s have no one representing them at the Board of Directors Meeting, therefore, the MAL’s have no input, no say, and no vote on any items presented at the Board Meeting. This is truly an undesirable situation.

The club really needs someone from each campground to step up and volunteer to be the local MAL Rep.

If you are interested in volunteering, or need more information about the position before deciding, please contact President Hutchins. His contact information is located on the last page of the newsletter.

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All Members:

This is an election year and many of the current Board members are not running for re-election.

This is an excellent opportunity for you to join in with new ideas and a new leadership direction so the club doesn’t keep trudging down the same old path.

Please consider running for election as the new President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, or a Camp-ground Director. We need members to get off the sidelines and start being more active in the club operation.

The By-Laws explain how to get your name and information out to the membership so they know you are running for office. Or, ask one of the current Board members how to go about the process.

Editor Max



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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

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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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