



**TRAVEL TRAILER CLUB OF THE MIDWEST**

**June 2023**

**Since 1963**

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### President News

Campers,

Thanks to all who came to the May Business meeting. Look forward to a great summer.

Johnathan Hutchins

### Secretary News

Hello Campers,

Wow the big Memorial Weekend came and went rather fast. There were plenty of activities at both campgrounds with Planning Committee Meetings! Chapter Presidents should attend these or send a Chapter representative in their place. MAL's are in NEED of a Representative for each campground -- Hesperia and Bellevue. MAL's need a voice in this club; if we don't have Representatives MAL's have no voice at meetings! Speaking of Officers, we need members to run for Officers of our club, from President to Campground Directors. Send your resumes' to Carolyn Fitzpatrick at [fitzpatrickcarloyn3@gmail.com](mailto:fitzpatrickcarloyn3@gmail.com).

We need Chapter Presidents to lead their chapters in helping out around our campgrounds. Everyone is part owner in this club so let's pitch in and help out! If you would like to come out to the campground (either one) call the campground and ask our Directors if they need help with things that must be taken care of on a regular base or out of the ordinary stuff like every couple of weeks. Let's make our campgrounds look extra nice.

Let's not forget about all the activities in June that are planned. Ladies the Sewing Bee is June 19 – 23, in Hesperia. If you have any questions you can call Nancy Hellman at (231)788-1645. Let's have fun Ladies. You don't have to sew to join in the fun.

Bellevue will be having a work weekend the second Saturday of every month. So June 10th, July 8th, & August 12th we will need worker to help work in the woods clearing the walking and golf cart path. There will be other things to do around the campground also. Come one come all and let's get these things done.

Sandy Jarrell -- TTCM Secretary

### **Treasurer News**

Hello Campers,

We had a very successful meeting in Hesperia, and a lot of good things are being worked on in each campground.

Over the Memorial weekend, planning meetings are scheduled at both campgrounds and the outcome will be re-capped in future newsletters. Once projects are scheduled, volunteers will be needed. Keep in mind that these campgrounds are yours! Your help in the maintaining and contributing in the upgrades will help keep camping costs low.

If you are a Chapter President and did not attend the May meeting, please let me know if you would like a Treasurers Report. This report includes the Profit and Loss Statement for last year and a Balance Sheet. I can be reached at my email, [ttcmtreasurer14@gmail.com](mailto:ttcmtreasurer14@gmail.com) or by phone 586-255-1202.

My position will be open for the election in September. This position is a very important part of TTCM. It really isn't that difficult, and I will help in the transition and beyond. Please consider running for this position. A resume needs to be submitted to the Election Committee Chair Carolyn Fitzpatrick so it can be published in the July newsletter.

Let the camping season begin!

Cheryl Vogel -- TTCM Treasurer

### **Hesperia News**

Hi Everyone,

The month of May is almost over. We had several units in for opening weekend. This last week the Restless Ones were in for their camp-out weekend.

The newsletter will come out after Memorial weekend. Having a planning meeting Saturday morning at 10:00 a.m., Saturday evening will have a potluck at 5:30 p.m., and on Sunday afternoon will have a memorial service at the flagpole at 2:00 p.m. Bring a lawn chair and come and join us.

We need a MAL Representative for Hesperia, if someone would like to do it.

Just something to think about each campground is having their own Labor Day weekend activities to raise money for their own campground. We need ideas for things you would like to do. Would like our members to take part in it. Will be doing things on the order as we did last year.

Clione and Bill — Directors

## Bellevue News

FROM BELLEVUE

By the time you read this news letter the pig roast will be history.

The water softener is down for repairs and we do not know how long it will be down; they had to order parts.

We need to schedule a wood hauling weekend to bring some wood out to be cut and split.

Jim Owens brought a trailer full of firewood for us to burn. THANK YOU JIMMY.

We put some more gravel on the road but it could use a little more.

We had one new member sign up this week and another one took an application.

People are still not paying when they arrive like they should!!!

We need everyone to familiarize themselves with the Campground Rules -- especially the part about golf carts and no kids riding on the drivers lap.

Dick is working on one of the campground golf carts to get it running.

Herm & Bill

## Election Committee

### **Members, this is an election year.**

If you would like to run for an office you must mail or email a summary of your qualifications or a resume to the chairperson by June 15, 2023. These will be published in the July newsletter.

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Committee Chair -- Carolyn Fitzpatrick

**Bellevue Work Days**

**June 10 ..&.. July 08 ..&.. August 12**

The second Saturday of June, July, and August have been set aside for work days at the Bellevue Campground.

Mark your calendar and make plans to attend one or more of these work days.

As a member of this club we are expected to be **“active”** members and help out with maintenance, needed upgrades, and general upkeep at each campground.

If you can't come and camp for the weekend you can always drive in for the day and help!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

If you can't make it on one of these days then find a day or two sometime in June, July, or August and do your part to help out at your campgrounds -- and that can be either Bellevue or Hesperia. As a member you can participate at either campground, not just the one you use most often.

# June Sewing Bee

**Sewing Bee -- Hesperia**

Hello all Sewing and Quilting members!

Our June Sewing Bee will be June 19 – 23rd at Hesperia in the clubhouse. Anyone who has crafts may also come on in and join us for a fun filled week. If you would like to learn how to quilt we can help you with that too.

Bring your Sewing Machine and whatever supplies that you have and join the fun. Nancy Hellman is in charge of this fun filled week so if you have any questions you may call Nancy at (231)788-1645. Let's have a fun filled week together.

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! Sandy Jarrell will be decorating a sweatshirt making it into a jacket so if anyone would like to join in and make one bring a new sweatshirt, scrap fabric, any pattern (cat, dog, etc.), yarn, rick-rack or buttons.

**Upcoming Events**

- June 10      Work Day -- Bellevue
- June 19 - 23   Sewing Bee -- Hesperia
- July 08      Work Day -- Bellevue
- August 12    Work Day -- Bellevue
- Sept 09      Membership Meeting -- Bellevue -- Time TBD

## **Board Of Directors Meeting May 6, 2023**

Call to Order: Johnathan Hutchins

Time: 11:03 a.m.

Prayer: Johnathan Hutchins

Pledge: Johnathan Hutchins

Roll Call: Dragg'in Train, Happy Wanders, Restless Ones

General Membership Minutes: Motion to Accept September 2022 minutes as Printed and Passed

**President Report: No Report**

**Vice President Report: No Report**

**Secretary Report: No Report**

**Treasurer Report:** Profit/Loss for 2022 was \$21,721.28. Total in all accounts was \$197,500.60.

We have 144 units renew and 0 associate members. Taxes will be filed by May 15, 2023; our tax service will see that it is filed on time. There was a problem with the trash pick-up at Hesperia as we already had a contract; this was fixed with the new trash service company. Bank for Bellevue was transferred successfully to a new bank.

Cheryl will not be running for Treasurer this fall.

**Bellevue Campground Report:** White fence along Baseline HWY; will go get a new proposal. The Tree Harvesting Company did some damage and left the woods a big mess. Land was to be put back the way they found it per contract. Cheryl will be contacting them and set up a meeting at Bellevue Campground.

**Hesperia Campground Report:** There was a good turnout for the Work Day in April. Cleaned up and had to cut down a few dead trees that could fall on campers. 25 people showed up to help get the campground ready.

Well company brought up that, in their opinion, we need a new well tank. Bill Fox will be getting a second opinion on this.

### **Committees:**

All- American Rally: Motion by Brenda Hilderbrandt (R.O.) to do separate Rallies for the Labor Day weekend and give each campground \$500 for expenses that weekend. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 2 abstained. Motion Passed.

Bylaws Committee: New Bylaws are up on the website.

Halloween Outing: Both Campgrounds are planning a Halloween weekend the first weekend in October.

Membership: Don't forget that new members must be sponsored by a Member in Good Standing.

**Unfinished Business:** Bellevue Campground - Looking for a new quote for a pop machine.

**New Business:** Hesperia Campground - New Water Tank for Well. Walkerville Company said that it would be under \$2,000 for a tank from them. Motion made to spend up to \$2000 for a water tank as needed. 2<sup>nd</sup> and Passed

Hesperia Campground - PA System Bill Fox will be looking into what exactly will be need to fix the current PA System.

Updating all of the T.T.C.M. Laptops. We will need 5 new laptops. Roger Vogel will look into what they would cost.

Credit Cards used at the Campgrounds. After much discussion it was decided to hold off on this.

Expanding 50 AMP service at both campgrounds. Bill Fox is meeting with Consumer Power to see what we will be needing and what the estimated cost would be for Hesperia. Herm will be looking into adding more 50 AMP service at Bellevue Campground.

MAL's Meeting at both Campgrounds. MAL's must get involved in their campgrounds.

*ELECTION COMMITTEE:* Carolyn Fitzpatrick will Chair this committee. So all RESUME' must go to her.

Audit TTCM Books: Brenda Hilderbrandt, Bill Fox, Ruth Heimann

Close Meeting at 1:33 – motion to close meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> Passed

Sandy Jarrell

Secretary

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### **Bellevue Campground**

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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**

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Hesperia, MI 49421

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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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