



TRAVEL TRAILER CLUB OF THE MIDWEST

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Treasurer News

Hello Campers,

The Pig Roast over Memorial Weekend was a hit. Due to a lower attendance, an entire pig was not roasted and pork butts were made. They were delicious and so much easier to cook, prepare and clean up after. Also, without the whole pig the meat was so tender that we have decided for future pig roasts we will do the pork butts. There was an Ice Cream Social on Sunday, as well as the band. Both events were well received!

A planning meeting was held in Bellevue over Memorial Day weekend. A lot of open items were discussed. Minutes from this meeting are in this newsletter. From that meeting, we have scheduled organized work Saturdays, the second weekend of the month. We had a workday on Saturday June 10th.

The weather decided to cooperate and the group was able to clear the trail that was blocked. A big THANKS to Sandy, Max, Jim C, Jim O, Zack, Roger, Cody, Bill & Herm for all of their hard work. A luncheon of pulled pork sandwiches was provided for the workers.

As treasurer, I keep track of the special funds account where donations are made for special projects. This is off books if you will, as there isn't clear tracking in the software we are using. Last fall, I balanced the list, but over the winter, Happy Hitchers dissolved their Chapter and made a donation to 3 special funds that are not reflected on the list provided at the May meeting. Happy Hitchers donation \$1,697.06 to be distributed to: \$400.00 to the Bellevue Halloween Rally Fund, \$400.00 to the Bellevue Halloween Kids Games Fund, and \$897.06 to the Hesperia Playground Fund. I have since updated the special Funds list. Please let me know if you would like a copy.

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, tcm treasurer14@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.

Regards,

Cheryl Vogel -- TTCM Treasurer

Secretary News

Hello Campers,

June has been busy for our campgrounds. Bellevue's Work Weekend was hot and busy. We worked on clearing more of the trails. Cutting up downed trees, dragging trees up for more cutting and splitting, then on to dragging it to the wood piles. Our wood stacks were full. There are still plenty of trees to cut, split & stack!

July's work weekend will have plenty of jobs to be tackle. We will need some painting prep for the bridge like power washing it and so on! Window washing and many odd jobs still need to be done. We need helpers so please mark your calendars for July 8th. Max & I replaced 3 old swings with 3 new swings, clean out sandbox, put down stuff for bugs in sandbox, and general clean-up of the playground.

I'm up at Hesperia for the Sewing Bee and what a beautiful week it has been. So much fun for all the ladies! Shopping, lunches and dinners out with some sewing in-between has been fun. Thou the 90+ degrees outside was just a little too warm, the clubhouse is 75 degrees and nice and cool. What a great time we have had.

Thank you to those who helped put up the rest of the white fencing along M-20.

Max and I will be at the July 8th work weekend. So if you have any question, you can call us or Cheryl Vogel.

Sandy Jarrell -- TTCM Secretary

Hesperia News

Time is going by, when this comes out it will be the 4th of July weekend!

This week is the Sewing Bee and we have fourteen women taking part in it, nice turn out. The ladies voted to purchase a new dehumidifier for the clubhouse with the money raised for the week. Thank you ladies!

We will be having a potluck at 5:30 pm on Saturday evening July 1st and movie night at 8:30 pm on Sunday in the clubhouse. Not planning on too many activities at the campground, due to the festivities in Hesperia for the weekend.

Thank you to Don, Troy and Tony for putting up the fence. It looks great along with the rest; and thank you to Bill for picking the fencing up.

Clione and Bill — Directors

Bellevue News

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SHOWED UP TO HELP WITH THE TRAILS CLEANUP AND WOOD SPLITTING.
MORE TRAIL CLEANUP TO BE CONTINUED IN THE FUTURE.

Saturday July 8th work weekend planned activity

- Clean out tin shed & move tools to Pole Barn
- Power Wash & Paint merry-go-round
- Replace support beams @ large swing set light post
- Replace bulbs in all lights
- Paint speed bumps
- 50 Amp at what is known as the Booker site

Herm & Bill

Bellevue Work Days

July 08 ..&.. August 12

The second Saturday of 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.

Upcoming Events

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| July 08 | Work Day -- Bellevue |
| August 12 | Work Day -- Bellevue |
| Sept 09 | Membership Meeting -- Bellevue -- Time TBD |

June Sewing Bee

Sewing Bee -- Hesperia

There are 14 ladies here sewing. We are having such a wonderful time enjoying each other's company as we sew.

Boy it is Hot, HOT, hot, but the clubhouse is nice and cool. It was great seeing many ladies who haven't been to a sewing bee in a while. Oh what fun shopping, sewing and eating out!

We have voted to increase the fee for sewing bee week to \$15 per person. The Ladies raised \$190 minus \$37.91 so \$152.09 will be donated for a new dehumidifier for the clubhouse and I bought some small garbage cans for each sewer to use and that cost was \$37.91.

Thank you to all the ladies who came and participated in this week's sewing bee.

Nancy Hellman



Bellevue Planning Meeting 5/28/23

- Front Fence. Need an estimate. Bob Booker suggested Ranch Life in Eaton Rapids. 517-663-2350. Bill had gotten an estimate from Fencemen.com several years ago of about \$3500.00. Bill will get the new estimate.
- Replace Tin Shed. Instead of replacing the shed, the pole barn will be cleaned out so the tools can be stored there. The pole barn will need to be kept open so members can get access to any tools they need. Bill, Herm and Cody will do the work.
- Honey Wagon. People aren't using the new honey wagon because they don't know how. Roger will get the instructions and get it laminated to be kept with the unit. Also, the electric stanchion at the pump out needs to be checked for electric. Need to build a stanchion there or attach to the pole. Bob Booker to check it out.
- Electric Pole at Lower Pavilion. The electric pole in the lower bowl needs to be removed as the pole is cracked. Run electric from the pole to the lower pavilion with lights and switch. Need to rent a lift. Bob, Bill & Herm to do the work.
- Electric Stanchions. We had ordered 12 stanchions. Some have already been replaced. The remainder will be replaced over time. Bob, Bill & Herm.
- Downhill Water. Rather than dig a trench, the campground will provide a hose to run downhill with several ports to hook up for water.
- Pop Machine. Need to remove the old one (which was done this weekend). Bill will work on finding a new one. There is \$1243.00 in the Earmarked Funds Account.
- Clubhouse Floor. Cheryl will look for companies and get estimates. There is \$2,095.52 in the Earmarked Funds Account.
- Playground. Sandy is looking to add or replace some of the existing structures. The swing set poles are deteriorating.
- Help is needed in the woods to clear the trails. Dedicate the 2nd weekend of the month for a member work Saturday.
- Wood Stanchions. The remaining wooden stations need to be replaced with PVC.
- Upper Shelter. Needs to be cleaned. Some work was done this weekend.
- Instructions are needed to open and close the campground. Bill is working on that.
- Cement Work. Replace pavers with cement as weeds are out of control in front of clubhouse and at the top and bottom of the stairs in the lower bowl.
- Stairs. Need another coat of paint.

Hesperia Planning Meeting 5/27/23

- Ordering Fence. \$600 -- have donation from Bob Carr's memorial and sewing bee. Already removed trees that were in the way. Will set date for installation.
- Will put in speakers outside.
- Bill will have Consumer's Power engineer do an inspection of transformer for more 50 amp services.
- Replace fogged windows in clubhouse.
- Water tank is holding pressure. Have not heard back from Walkerville. Is holding pressure @ 51 lbs. Quote approx \$1900.
- Penny Larson complimented Fox and family for flowers and plants.
- Need chairperson for Labor Day rally. 2022 we made \$1000. Board approved \$500.
- Need MAL rep.
- Carolyn Fitzpatrick is in charge of voting this year.
- Thank you for volunteers that helped with clean up weekend. 25 volunteers.
- Ilene would like more electrical outlets. It was suggested to buy solar lights. Garrett suggested checking with Consumers when they come in for evaluation.
- Complimented Clione and Don on wall in clubhouse with Chapter plaques.
- Penny Larson suggested considering over-flow parking. Will order signs. Suggested behind Clione's, behind clubhouse, and ball field.
- We have generator to keep water running. Run wires from generator to clubhouse to keep refrigerator running.
- Internet -- it is what it is!!
- Motion to adjourn. 30 people attended meeting.

Election Resumes

PRESIDENT

Madam Chairperson and Members of TTCM,

I, Bill Fox, am offering this letter of intention to run for the office of President of the Board.

My wife Rhonda and I became members in 2018. For the last 3 years I have been the Assistant Director working with Clione Carr at the Hesperia campground.

As for qualifications, I've worked at Challenge Manufacturing for 12 years, six years as the Maintenance Manager. Positions held in my 44 years in manufacturing include Engineering, Supervision, Estimation, machine repair, etc.

All that statement really means is I'm not afraid to work and do what it takes to get the job done!

Rhonda and I spend some weekdays and most weekends at Hesperia campground throughout the season as the people there have become our extended family. This is the reason for my running for office. To help and do what I can for our camping family and campgrounds.

Thank you for considering me for office.

Regards,

Bill Fox

TREASURER

No one has submitted a resume for the position of Treasurer.

If you are interested in running for this position it is not too late. You can run as a "write-in" candidate.

You will need to submit your name and desired office to Carolyn Fitzpatrick or newsletter editor Max Jarrell by July 15th.

Election Resumes

VICE PRESIDENT

Brenda Hilderbrandt



Running for Vice President of TTCM for the 2024-2027 term.

I would like to place my name on the ballot for the 2023 election for the office of Vice President of TTCM.

I am currently President of the Restless Ones and was past TTCM Treasurer for two terms 2011-2016.

My husband Ray and I have been members for many years and have always enjoyed the family feeling at the campgrounds.

I would like to continue the work the sitting board has started by attracting new members and keeping current members.

I would like to have more members understand that it's a member owned campground and it is only as good as we as members make it.

In order to keep cost down we all need to pitch in to make it work.

Please feel free to come and talk to me while we are camping or invite me to a chapter meeting or round table discussion to get to know me.

Thank you for your consideration for the office of Vice President.

Brenda Hilderbrandt TTCM # 4608

BELLEVUE DIRECTOR

No one has submitted a resume for the position of Bellevue Director.

If you are interested in running for this position it is not too late. You can run as a "write-in" candidate.

You will need to submit your name and desired office to Carolyn Fitzpatrick or newsletter editor Max Jarrell by July 15th.

Election Resumes

SECRETARY

I am the current Secretary and have been for the past 5 1/2 years for T.T.C.M. My husband and I have been members since 1990. We started in Double Dozen and are now MAL's. I am also involved with the Bouvier des Flandres Club of South Eastern Michigan, plus a Dog Show Chairperson and Show Secretary. I have been on the By-Laws Committee a couple of times for T.T.C.M and a MAL's Rep for Bellevue. I have enjoyed being the secretary of T.T.C.M. for the past 5 ½ years and would like to run again for secretary for the next 3 years. As secretary I get to know our new members.

I so enjoy belonging to a camping club with others who enjoy camping too. Being outdoors, working in flower beds and helping out where I can are my favorite things to do. We have such a great club with so many wonderful people. Not to mention our fabulous campfires & Pot Luck dinners. Our Camping Sewing Bee group is wonderful. We have so much fun and helping each learn and grow as quilters!

I will be around both campgrounds this summer so if you don't know me or have question, just come and introduce yourself and ask me your question!

Happy Camping,

Sandy Jarrell

HESPERIA DIRECTOR

Hello Members,

My name is Clione Carr and I am rerunning for campground director position for the Hesperia Campground. I have been the campground director for Hesperia this will make my fifth year when my term runs out. I have the experience for the job. I have been a member of TTCM since 1996. I helped my husband property tend several times a year for several years. I am also a member of the Restless Ones.

We have done several projects to improve the campgrounds with donated money while I have been in office. And, we have other plans for this year.

I have enjoyed working with the members and making it an enjoyable place for people to come.

Clione Carr



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Bellevue, MI 49021

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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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