



TRAVEL TRAILER CLUB OF THE MIDWEST

September 2023

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President News

Dear members,

So glad to see both campgrounds getting some attention. We truly are all owners of the campgrounds and staff to keep up the campgrounds.

Some big things coming up.

1. Election -- remember things have changed and you MUST ask for a ballot to be mailed if you won't be physically at the campgrounds while ballots are collected.
2. General Membership meeting -- now the weekend AFTER Labor Day holiday.

I am hoping to get out for the Labor Day fun. Between truck issues and hip pain due to femoroacetabular impingement we haven't gotten out this year.

Safe Travels

Johnathan Hutchins

Treasurer News

Hello Campers,

For the work weekend in August we had a lot of volunteers. I would like to thank everyone who came out to help. Some even just drove up for the day! We had hoped to sand and paint some of the playground equipment, benches and the stairs however Mother Nature had other plans. The speed bumps however did get their new coat of paint and they sure stand out! All of the outhouses got a good cleaning and trees were trimmed to make mowing easier. Due to the rain, it helped out with weeding the flower beds and fire pits. Sherri Martin took it upon herself to super clean the upper shelter. It looks better than it ever has! Even the kids had a hand in helping. We were able to pull the forms from the cement that was poured, and the pads that were poured look great!

I hope everyone is able to attend one of the campgrounds for Labor Day.

The General Meeting and election will be held the weekend after Labor Day at Bellevue. Due to a prior commitment I will be unable to attend, however I will send my reports to be read at the meeting.

Regards

Cheryl Vogel -- TTCM Treasurer

Secretary News

Hello Fellow Campers,

Wow is it really the September Newsletter already! These summer days are sliding away quickly. I see that both campgrounds have been busy with getting things done on our to-do list. I would like to say thank you to all who showed up to Bellevue's workday on August 12th. There were some great workers who helped with breaking up concrete and moving to dump pile. Lots of tree trimming was done for mowing and for trailers to get under. Also weeding of flower beds and getting all those outhouses a good cleaning. Not to mention our weed whippers going at it getting things trimmed up and around. The speed bumps even got a painting but that was only because the sun finally came out to chase the rain away. Even thru the rain drops working as a team to get some things wiped off the Bellevue to-do list.

A Special thank you, to Sherri Martin and kids, for cleaning up the upper picnic shelter. Wow does it look fantastic. Bellevue is looking great!

Sounds like Hesperia got a few things done also. The tree cleaned up from the wind storm and that craft day looked like everyone had fun!

Getting these campgrounds looking great is hard work so let's keep them that way. No dumping junk from home on the properties including dumping things in the dumpsters that doesn't belong there!

If you would like to donate something, "Ask the Campground Directors" to get their permission. We do not need to clean up more junk!

Let's not forget about the Labor Day events that will be going on at both campgrounds. Let's everyone pitch in and have a great time!

Then on September 9th we have the General Meeting and Voting. If you need a ballot mailed to you call Carolyn Fitzpatrick at (517) 782-4650.

Calling all sewers or those who would like to learn how to sew or quilt! There will be the Sewing Bee September 18 – 22. Lots of fun will be had. We do lunches and go out to dinner if you like. We will try and sneak in a shop hop too! Call or contact Nancy Hellman at (231)788-1645 if you have any question.

We also have our Halloween Outing to finish off the Camping season. Please volunteer for helping make this weekend a great one for the kids (little ones & big alike). October 6th, 7th & 8th. Not sure who will be in charge of these yet!

Paying your 2024 dues. I will be at Bellevue helping out Labor Day weekend and at the sewing bee.

See you around the Campground

Sandy Jarrell -- TCM Secretary

Hesperia News

Hi fellow campers,

This month is flying by.

Soon it will be Labor Day Weekend. We are having a fun weekend then, a money maker for our campground. The money we make is used for special things we need. Brenda Hilderbrandt will have a list of things we will be doing and the times in the newsletter. If you have some gently used items for the 10 cent auction that you would like to donate bring them. Also needed is an item for the cake roulette for the kids and the adults. Come out and join in on the fun, it isn't too late.

We had a good turn-out for Robin Wilson's craft class that was enjoyed by everyone, and also a great turn out for the potluck that evening.

Bill Fox is planning a wood cutting bee on September 23rd around 9:30, there is a lot that is ready to be split and stacked.

October 7th will be Halloween for the kids. Lots of things are being planned, along with trick or treating. We will also have a potluck at 5:30 for everyone.

October 14th about 10:00 a.m. we will be having a closing up work bee, so Don and Troy won't have so much to get done. At 5:30 we will be having a chili dump supper. Everyone bring enough chili for two people and something to go with it.

We will be closing on the afternoon of Saturday October 21st. Everyone should have their trailers out that day or before. If you are leaving your unit on the lot for storage you should have it all winterized and have everything out you want so you can be out of the campground by early afternoon. You also have to sign and fill out a storage paper and pay your next year dues.

Clione and Bill — Directors

Bellevue News

Thank you to Mike Duckett for the donation of a new used refrigerator. We have new members Joshua & Cynthia Ranes, and children. Thank you to the following for helping at our work weekend, we dodged the rain during the morning but got a lot done. Lois Osterhouse & Keith Wilson, Beverly & James Simonds, Margie & Mike Coleman, Dave Felimonik, Sandy & Max Jarrell, Cheryl & Roger Vogel, Dick Hamlin, Herman Hazard, Bill Oates, Bonnie & Ron Spruytte, Joshua Ranes, Zak & Sherry Martin. Sherry Martin and children who cleaned out the upper shelter.

As a member of this club we are expected to be “active” members and help 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!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Help at the campground **Saturday September 16th**, still need to paint the merry-go-round and steps.

Don't forget closing weekend October 14th.

Herm & Bill

Bellevue Work Days

September 16

The third Saturday of August has been set aside as a work day at the Bellevue Campground.

Mark your calendar and make plans to attend.

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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.

Bellstock 2024 News

Just 266 days until “Bellstock 2024”.

Join us for 3 nights of Music as we are bringing back some old friends.

More details next month. MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW

Upcoming Events

- Sept 02 - 04 Labor Day Weekend -- Events at Both Campgrounds
- Sept 09 Membership Meeting -- Bellevue -- 10:00 AM in the clubhouse
- Sept 16 Bellevue -- Work Day
- Sept 18 - 22 Sewing Bee -- Hesperia
- Sept 23 Wood Cutting Bee -- Hesperia
- Oct 07 Halloween Outings
- Oct 14 Hesperia Closing Work Bee @ 10:00 AM
- Oct 21 Hesperia Closing Day

Labor Day Rally at Hesperia TTCM

Schedule of Events

Sept. 1st – 4th, 2023

Friday — September 1st

8 pm

Cake Roulette in the clubhouse, please bring two (2) snack items one suitable for adult and one suitable for a child. You may bring them to the clubhouse anytime after 4pm and before 7:45pm

Saturday — September 2nd

10 am

.10 auction in the clubhouse, please bring a gently used item or two to be auctioned off. Please bring them Friday during the cake roulette so we can set up Friday night.

Noon

Walking taco's will be available at the clubhouse for \$1.50 each (while supplies last) RO event proceeds to Hesperia campground.

1pm

Kids Games in the ball field

Corn Hole tournament in the side area of the ball field

5:30pm

Pot Luck dinner, Hamburgers and Hot dogs will be furnished, please bring a dish to pass.

(Please bring your own table service)

7:30pm

Bingo in the clubhouse (cards are .25 each)

Sunday — September 3rd

9am

Pancake and Sausage breakfast (no charge) please bring your own syrup, butter, beverage, and your own table service

11am

Campground Planning meeting (all are welcome and encouraged to attend)

4 pm

Group Raffles will be held in the clubhouse

6pm

Brett Dame One Man Band (plays the guitar and sings)

Progressive campfire immediately following.

Monday — September 4th

Safe Travels Home



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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

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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