



**TRAVEL TRAILER CLUB OF THE MIDWEST**

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**Since 1963**

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### President News

Congratulations to the election winners. I look forward to a smooth transition for my successor.

Can't believe the summer is gone and preparing for the winter months. Make sure to get all winter arrangements taken care of with the campground directors and have dues paid before leaving your unit for the winter.

Please pray for Roger and Westphal family in loss of Don Westphal.

Safe Travels

Johnathan Hutchins

### Treasurer News

Hello Campers,

It looks like everyone had a good time camping over the Labor Day weekend. I actually missed the All American Rally normally held on that weekend.

As you might be aware, I was voted in as Treasurer again. While I am flattered that people voted for me, I was hoping to pass the torch to someone else. I will in the near future be taking on an assistant which hopefully will reduce the workload.

I broke my elbow in late August and I am not healing as well as I had hoped. It was probably a blessing that we didn't have a full blown rally over Labor Day, because I was unable to do much. You may have also heard that Roger was assaulted and he had to have surgery. While he is doing better, he has a ways to go for a full recovery. Needless to say, our camping season is over.

Hopefully you will be able to make it to our campgrounds for the Halloween outings.

Cheryl Vogel -- TTCM Treasurer

## Secretary News

Hello Fellow Campers,

Wow what a busy September! Labor Day weekend was full of events at both campgrounds. It sounds like Hesperia had great weekend full of events and members having fun. Bellevue was a little more laid back full of good food and a great cook-out.

The General Meeting on Saturday 9th was good! The newly elected slat of President - Bill Fox, Vice President – Brenda Hilderbrandt, Treasurer – Cheryl Vogel, Secretary – Sandy Jarrell, Bellevue Director – Zack Martin, & Hesperia Director – Clione Carr. Congratulation to the new board members.

Then came, the ladies Sewing Bee with 13 ladies in for a fun time full of sewing, eating, shopping and more sewing, eating! Oh did we have a fantastic time many good laughs and a new member that joined us. The week was over before we knew it.

There were quite a few members that came out to the Saturdays work day at Hesperia. Splitting up what others had cut up into splitting size. They are getting it whittled down some from the harvesting. While others work on the patio and cleaning up the club house after a busy sewing week.

Next comes The Halloween Outing and it sounds like both campgrounds have a busy weekend for our members. Please let them know if you are coming so they can make sure there is enough for everyone! Also, if you are available, to help let them know that also. Let's have a great Halloween outing!

Don't forget to pay your dues. It is \$30.00. I will be at Bellevue's Halloween out so you can pay there too!

See you around the campfire,

Sandy Jarrell -- TCM Secretary

# 2024 Dues

**\*\*\* Dues are \$30.00 before December 31 and \$50.00 after January 1, 2024. \*\*\***

## Hesperia News

Hi fellow campers,

The camping season is coming to a close. When this newsletter comes out, we will only have three weeks left.

We had a good turn out for our Labor Day Fun Weekend. Thank you to the committee for all the planning and work. We made over \$1,400 for our different funds. Also thank you to everyone for coming and having a fun weekend.

We had our Fall Sewing Bee this week with thirteen ladies attending. Next year, it was decided to come a couple of days early so we can go shopping before we start to sew. Also, we will decide what we will have for our lunches so each one cooking can bring one or two items and not have a lot of the same thing.

This Saturday, September 23rd is our wood splitting bee. Troy has been splitting wood this week and George Wheeler has been stacking. Thank you both.

We have a line up of things to do for the young and old for the Halloween weekend, October 7th. We are having a band on Friday evening. There will be a potluck at 5:30 p.m. Please bring a dish to pass, tableware and drink.

Don't forget o Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, we are having a getting ready to close up bee. Have a lot of things to be put away so our property tenders don't have so much to do. We will start around 9:30-10:00 am. We will have a chili dump at 5:30 pm. Bring enough chili for two people and something to go with it. Don't forget your table service and drink.

We will be closing on October 21st early in the afternoon I hope. So, if you are planning on storing your trailer here, please have everything out of your trailer that day. The gate will be locked.

Clione and Bill — Directors

## Upcoming Events

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| Oct 07 | Halloween Outings                    |
| Oct 14 | Hesperia Closing Work Bee @ 10:00 AM |
| Oct 21 | Hesperia Closing Day                 |

### **Hesperia Labor Day Rally 2023**

We had 60 adults and 7 kids in 31 units for the Hesperia Rally this year.

We would like to thank TTCM mother club for the donation of \$500.00 to off set our costs and a fun time was had by all.

The water slide was set up for the kids and you would think they were in the Olympics the way they were going down that slide. The adults thought it was still a little cold but it didn't bother the kids.

Kids and adults were playing Corn Hole and the kids were running around doing all the kids games that were set up.

I think we all went home a little heavier with all the great snacks from the cake walk and there were a few groans in the .10 auction when some got bonus gifts because there weren't any tickets in the bag before. I think a few of them might have had to pull an extra trailer home with all the items they got.

Pot Luck night was a huge success and as always, the side dishes were exceptional, No one went away hungry.

The Raffles that the groups put on to support Hesperia campground went above and beyond with the following donations.

Cake Walk \$257.00 to the Hesperia Improvement Fund

.10 Auction \$105.00 to the Hesperia Improvement Fund

Restless Ones Walking Taco's \$29.73 Hesperia Improvement Fund

Penny Walsama \$85.00 to the Hesperia Flower Fund

Golden Agers \$230.00 Hesperia Improvement Fund

Turgeon's \$220.00 Hesperia Floor Jack or to the Maintenance Fund

Restless Ones \$225.00 Hesperia Improvement Fund

Restless Ones 50/50 \$40.50 Hesperia Improvement Fund

Fox and Friends \$232.00 Hesperia Improvement Fund

I would like to thank everyone for their support and help during the Rally, someone was always willing to lend a hand, and it made light work for all.

Thank you for a great Rally

Brenda Hilderbrandt

Meeting called to order by Clione Carr at 11:04 a.m.

May 27 planning meeting notes read by Clione.

Need quotes for additional 50-amp stanchions for possible upgrade. Bill will get quotes.

Clubhouse windows: The glass needs to be replaced by outside contractor. Bill will get quotes.

Guest parking signs have been installed.

We will be having a wood cutting weekend September 23<sup>rd</sup>. We will mainly be splitting and stacking.

Dave Rogers brought up the leaking water. Bill asked people to check their hoses. We have a supply of washers if people need them. The leaks will be worked on this fall when lines are blown out.

Penny W – Can't we order windows company to do all the work? Bill explained that there would be too much work involved.

Brenda Hilderbrandt asked if we have a quote for the new 50-amp service. Bill stated not at this time. Will have for the May meeting. Steve McNeil asked if the existing wire is strong enough. Chris Turgeon stated that the wire is rated at 60 amp and should be sufficient. All Consumers Power equipment is ok for changing out up to twelve 30-amp circuits with 50-amp circuits. A decision has not been made on how many we are going to use.

A question was asked if there is a surge, who is responsible. Brenda Hilderbrandt explained that it is each members responsibility. It is recommended that everyone have a power management system.

Bill Fox asked Steve McNeil if the electrical prints were updated after the last upgrade. Steve did not know. Bill will check the prints. Will do a count on how many 50 amp pedestals we currently have.

Ray Hall stated that some spots are not long enough for his motorhome.

Gene Kowatch: do we have anyone that can level out sites. It was stated that some spots cannot be leveled. Penny Walsma asked if we could use dolomite. The answer was no because of multiple factors.

Water upgrade: we need shutoffs for each line. Bill Fox will be getting quotes. It was recommended that water and leveling should be done at the same time. We would need to shut sections down and get all done at the same time. Gene K. stated that we could rent the equipment needed.

Don Gasaway suggested that we hire out the plumbing. Get bids for all work done and a quote for each section.

Ray Hall stated that the leveling could be done easily. (a two-year plan).

Brenda Hilderbrandt stated that all upgrades should be up to code.

Ray Hall asked about the internet. Clione explained that True Stream will only take Great Lakes customers and that it will take five years to get their customers hooked up to their system. Ray

Hilderbrandt is checking on Star Link and the possibility of having 200 devices at once. Clione also checked North Point Communication; they are only going to 192<sup>nd</sup> Avenue this year.

Brenda asked if the campground needed any equipment. Don Gasaway stated that we could use a floor jack to assist with servicing the lawn equipment, etc.

Gene K. asked did we get the rally money? Brenda stated, yes, we did.

Penny W. asked if we could get the sidewalks extended to the road. Bill will get quotes.

Vonda Hall wants everyone to think about personal safety. Should we have an AED. She can get us a trainer. This item will be checked into (all available options) and if necessary, quotes will be obtained.

Brenda Hilderbrandt made motion to close the meeting. Motion seconded by Dave Rogers.

Meeting closed at 12:00 pm.

Bellevue Planning Committee Meeting  
September 2, 2023

Call meeting to order by Herm Hazard 11:10 am

#1. Front fence – Bill Oats got a quote for \$7500. This is a full quote for removing what is there and replacing it with a 3 rail fence put in by the fence company. Materials & rental of equipment, for us doing the job is \$4,200.. Now it was suggested that we buy a post-hole digger that would go on the back of both tractors for our campgrounds. We will still looking for more options.

#2. The tin shed is now down and gone.

#3. We need laminated instruction for new honey wagon. Roger Vogel offered to do this.

#4. Light pole in lower shelter area is rotted need to take down and put a new light on the lower picnic shelter.

#5. Upgrade some stanchions to 50 amp service. Must get electric company out!

#6. Make a manifold for the downhill water lines when needed.

#7. Pop machine after much discussion we decided to not replace it. Will move that money to another fund.

#8. Done(cement pads at steps)

#9 Tall Swing set support beams. Tabled until next year.

#10. Clubhouse floor: looking at doing it ourselves. Cheryl friend is long at quoting paint prices.

#11. Moving the Gaga Ball pit (round pit) to playground area

#12. Get wooden stanchions replaced.

#13. Write down procedures, for Opening and Closing the Campground.

#14. Future Projects – Replacing the retaining wall on back side of upper picnic shelter (rotted wood)

#15. Future Project - Make a new path from back door of clubhouse to steps.

#16. Future Project – Pavers under the grill area.

Close meeting 12:50

TTCM General Membership Meeting  
September 9, 2023

Call to Order: Roger Vogel

Time: 10:10 am

Prayer: Dick Hamlin

Pledge:

Roll Call: Present – Draggin Train, Golden Agers, Restless Ones, Vice President, Secretary, Senior Advisor, Bellevue Director, Hesperia Director

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes: Motion to accept minutes with correction & passed

**President Report: N/R**

**Vice President Report: N/R**

**Secretary Report: N/R**

**Treasurer Report:** Profit/loss Year to date is \$16,994.50

Total in all account is \$214,525.10

Special earmarked funds account is \$13,972.00

The Bellevue water softener balance is not recorded yet. The Bellevue Bank Safty Deposit box has been move to Hesperia’s Bank Taxes have been filed and completed.

I am looking into a new trash pickup for Bellevue as we are out of contract with current trash pickup.

**Bellevue Campground Report:** We had 3 Passport America in and 1 traveling Nurse. Sandy & Max Jarrell have been cleaning up the playground and donated new swings. Next year, the pirate ship needs some work as replacing a few boards and possible adding a slide to it. The support beams for the tall swing with fort needs replacing and a little work on it also. Sherri Martin and kids clean out the upper picnic shelter.

**Hesperia Campground Report:** We have had 40 campers on average. The front fence in and done. We put up Guess Parking Signs. We have had a good season so far.

**Committees:**

Labor Day Weekend: Hesperia - 31 Units, 60 Adults & 7 Kids. We had a Cake Walk, .10 Action, 50/50 raffle.



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Bellevue: 22 Adults and 4 kids. Pancake breakfast, campfire get together with snacks, and a old fashion Hamburger and hotdog cookout with lots of potato salads, ships and all the fixings'. What a great time.

Bylaws Committee: N/R

Halloween Outing: Bellevue: Zack and Sherri Martin will be in charge of Bellevue's Halloween this year. Please let them know if you are coming and especially if you can help in any way.

Hesperia: We will be having lots of games and fun activities.

Membership: We have a total of 388 members, 220 units, 0 Associate members.

**Unfinished Business:** Bellevue Campground - Looking for a new quote for a pop machine. In the Bellevue Planning Meeting, we decided that we don't need one and will move the funds to another fund. White fence along Baseline HWY will go get new proposals and look at more options.

Hesperia Campground: New water tank in and working good.

PA system done and fixed.

Updating all of the T.T.C.M. Laptops. After some discussion we decided that we will keep what we have for now.

Expanding 50 AMP service at both campgrounds. Hesperia can add more 50 amp service and the dozen that Bellevue order 2 years ago, 6 can be taken to Hesperia.

**New Business:**

**Bellevue:** Dirt and stone for a few spots in the woods. It was suggested that they take it out of their yearly expenses.

**Election Committee:** Carolyn Fitzpatrick after counting the ballots the tally is:

President – Bill Fox

Vice President – Brenda Hilderbrandt

Secretary – Sandy Jarrell

Treasurer – Cheryl Vogel

Bellevue Director – Zack Martin

Hesperia Director – Clione Carr

**Bellevue:** Light pole behind the clubhouse needs to come down as it is rotten and will move the light on that pole to the end of the lower picnic shelter.

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**A Thank you, to Herm and Bill Oats, for all their hard work over the years.**

**Bellevue Clubhouse:** Looking at redoing the floor to bright it up like Hesperia's clubhouse. Getting ideas and cost. Also need to move the dirt away from the club house on the side with the kitchen as right now the water runs into the club house.

**Hesperia:** Looking into running new water line thru the whole campground, as the old ones are breaking and have to shut down the water to fix. More information to come.

Board of Directors meeting will be May 4, 2024

Close Meeting motion to adjourn, second passed



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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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**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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