



TRAVEL TRAILER CLUB OF THE MIDWEST

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Board of Directors Meeting

Date: Saturday ... May 11th

Time: 11:00 AM

Place: Bellevue 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 (October newsletter) if you need a copy for review.

President News

The camping season is upon us! I hope you all get a chance to spend some time at one of our campgrounds soon. This will be a busy month with the wood cutting at Bellevue and getting ready for the holiday weekend at the end of the month. Please make some time available to help out if possible as these campgrounds belong to all of us. We thank you now for your efforts.

May 11th is the Board of Directors meeting. If you have some ideas, things you would like to see done, send us a message. You can email or instant message. We do want to hear what you have to say.

Well, I have to get back to work. I want to wish everyone a great start to your camping season. Take care!

Thank you,

Bill Fox

Vice-President News

Hello Fellow Campers,

It can be a bit intimidating to make friends at a campground when you don't know everyone, but there are some things in life that are often more fun with other people, camping included. You already have things in common, an interest in RV'ing, and travel, for instance.



Where else can you discuss the best way to cook over the fire, or what meal you are going to bring to the potluck, commiserate about black tank woes, and geek out over the new RV you might be looking at, all in the same conversation? It may seem obvious, but you won't make any friends sitting inside your RV! If you want to meet new people, you have to put yourself where they are.

So, open those chairs by the campfire, grab a beverage of your choice, smile as people walk by, say hi, and invite them to join you for a cup of coffee around the fire in the morning or for a beer or soft drink in the evening. Having some extra s'more ingredients never hurts to attract people and make them feel comfortable.

Both Campgrounds have a clubhouse that is for everyone's use, so head over there to meet up with others. Hosting activities are a great way to make friends, and people tend to be more willing to chat when everyone is congregated around a card table or a community meal. (Maybe at the community meal sit with someone new and introduce yourself.) Maybe you have a special talent or project that you would like to share with others; you could set up a workshop. Maybe some of the campers see you playing cards and want to join but don't know the rules? Ask them if they would like to learn. Have a game night (everyone could bring their favorite game) set up tables, bring snacks and drinks. Maybe you could have a movie night with popcorn and everyone could bring their own beverage. There are so many ideas to bring us all together.

We want to foster new members, but we need to keep the members we have by making them feel welcome and engaged. So, let them know what's going on in the coming weeks and maybe they would like to join in.

I hope to see you around the campfire.

Brenda Hilderbrandt — TTCM Vice President

Secretary News

Hello Fellow Campers,

May is here, finally. Hope our weather is great for May camping as we are all ready to get out to camping. Everyone who can, should help out around the campgrounds; think about being a Property Tender for a week. It doesn't mean just mowing grass.



There are plenty of other things that require help at our campgrounds. The Campground Directors will post what things need some attention. Campgrounds will be open May 4. Board of Directors Meeting will be on Saturday May 11. On May 18th, at Bellevue, there will be a Woodcutting Bee for getting wood cut to start out the season. Then on Memorial weekend at Bellevue will be Bell-Stock with activities Friday thru Sunday Night. Hesperia will be having a potluck on Saturday and a Memorial Service on Sunday afternoon.

In June there is a Sewing Bee the 17th thru 21st in Hesperia. Anyone with hobbies or crafts may join in for a fee of \$15 for the week. Come and have a great time and, if we have any fellows out there, you may join us also.

Hope to see you around the campgrounds.

Sandy Jarrell -- TCM Secretary



Hesperia News

Hi Campers,

Where did the month go, seems like I just wrote the April News article.

May 3rd is just around the corner for opening up the campgrounds.

I went on a short vacation with my granddaughter this month. We spent 3 days with a grandson in Oklahoma and 5 days in Arkansas with a granddaughter. We saw the Solar Eclipse and it was very interesting to see.

Just a reminder, for Memorial Day Weekend there will be a potluck on May 25th at 5:30 p.m. and on Sunday May 26th we will have a memorial program at 2:00 p.m. at the flag pole, or if rain in the hall.

The sewing bee will be June 17 - 21 and cost this year is \$15.00. Come out and join us.

Hope to see everyone out camping!!

Clione Carr, Director

Bellevue News

Hello Everybody!

It's here! When this newsletter is published we will be just a few short days away from camping. I cannot wait to see everybody.

We plan to carry on this season with our once a month work days. I will have the schedule ready for opening weekend. I'm trying to schedule to line up with some local events. Any and all help is wanted and welcomed.

Please remember that I do work full time and most weeks are 60+ hours for me. I will do everything I possibly can but any help available will go a long way. Anybody who wants to use equipment is more than welcome, but, if you are unsure, please ask for assistance and we will be more than happy to show you how the equipment operates.

I'm excited to see what ideas our members come up with to make our campgrounds even better.

I will see you all soon!

Zack

Bellstock News

Please get your reservation in ASAP as this helps with planning the event. We have a lot of reservations from nonmembers; this is a great opportunity to grow our membership.

We also want to have a camping season special events calendar for both campgrounds. If you have any ideas for a special event or would host a weekend be sure to let us know.

See you at Bellstock!!

Daryl

Sewing Bee

Hello all Sewing and Quilting members!

Our June Sewing Bee will be June 17 – 21st in Hesperia at the clubhouse.

Anyone who has crafts may also come on in and join us for a fun filled week. There will be a \$15. fee for joining us.

If you would like to learn how to quilt we can help you with that. 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.

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!

There will be a Shopping Day on June 14 for those who is interested in shopping.

Nancy Hellman

Upcoming Events

May 03 Both Campgrounds Opening Day
May 11 Board of Directors Meeting -- Bellevue -- 11:00 AM in the clubhouse
May 18 Bellevue -- Wood Cutting Bee
May 24-27 Memorial Day Weekend -- Events at Both Campgrounds
Hesperia -- Saturday, Potluck Dinner -- Sunday, Memorial Service
Bellevue -- Saturday, Pig Roast & Live Music -- Sunday, Live Music
Jun 17-21 Sewing Bee -- Hesperia

Bellevue Campground

7418 Baseline Hwy
Bellevue, MI 49021
Phone 269-763-3551
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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BELL-STOCK

May 24-27

2 Bands

Camping

Family
Fun

\$150 FOR ENTIRE
WEEKEND

Games

Food

TTCM Bellevue Michigan

Kick off your camping season this Memorial Day at BELLSTOCK 2024, hosted at TTCM campground in Bellevue Michigan!

Friday 5/24: DJ and dancing in the evening

Saturday 5/25: Hog roast and live music by Point'n Fingers in the evening

Sunday 5/26: Breakfast, live music by Mysteria and winnie wagon taters in the evening

Games including kids candy bingo, adult bingo, raffle's, and a corn hole tournament

Reserve before spots fill up! With your \$150 payment please include name, phone and the total number in your party. To pay by check make payable to Double Dozen.

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