



TRAVEL TRAILER CLUB OF THE MIDWEST

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President News

Hello Fellow Campers,

I hope this email finds you well. By the time you read this we will have had our first holiday weekend of the camping season. Hopefully everyone had a great time.

The May meeting was productive. An increase to the maintenance funds was approved for each campground. With the cost of materials, etc. on the rise this was definitely needed. The new fencing for Bellevue was approved, also badly needed. We are working on getting quotes for tractor and mower repairs.

Bellevue had a productive wood cutting and work day at the campground. I want to thank everyone who participated, with a special thank you to the Trail Life troop who helped out.

Don Gasaway is the new Hesperia campground assistant director and Troy Roberson is the property tender. Congratulations to both of these hard workers.

"Enjoy your time around the campfire!"

Bill Fox

Upcoming Events

Jun 17-21 Sewing Bee -- Hesperia

Jun 22 Work Day -- Bellevue

July 06 Hesperia -- Pot Luck Dinner at 5:30 -- Live music at 6:00

Vice-President News

Hello Members,

If you didn't attend the May Board of Directors meeting in Bellevue on the 11th you might not know that each campground will receive \$250.00 for their Halloween Rally this year. So, get a team together to plan an exciting Halloween for the kids. Maybe you need extra lights or scary items for your haunted trail, or maybe you want to grill hot dogs for the kids. The possibilities are endless.



The Labor Day Rally was again decided that each campground will hold their own. Is there someone in your park that is good at organizing events, or get your Campground Director to set up a planning meeting and invite all the members to talk about it and come up with a plan. Chapters and Members-at-Large can work together to make the event great. This is also where we raise money to put into our special funds for things we want to improve on around our campground.

The Board of Directors meeting minutes will be in this newsletter so make sure you read them and find out what else is happening in our campgrounds.

Summer in Michigan doesn't last as long as we like and will be over before we know it, so let's make it a fun year and get out there at meet our newest members and get them involved as you never know what special talents they might bring to the table.

Brenda Hilderbrandt — TTCM Vice President

Sewing Bee

June Sewing Bee

Hello all Sewing, Quilting, and Crafting members!

Our June Sewing Bee will be June 17th – 21st in Hesperia at the clubhouse with a shopping trip on Friday June 14th.

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.

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!

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

Nancy Hellman

Secretary News

Hello Fellow Campers,

Hope everyone is planning out their camping trips. Our weather has been true camping weather.

Our Board of Directors Meeting went very well; there were many things discuss. Make sure to read the meeting minutes in this newsletter. We made a change to the " All American Rally" as we decided to call it the Labor Day Rally as not to confuse people. Each campground will have their own Rally with the General Membership meeting the following Saturday at Hesperia Campground. Don Gasaway will be Cliones' Assistant Campground Director. We currently have 147 Units with 249 members. Let's have a great year of camping and get out and meet new members.



Ladies let's not forget the sewing Bee Week June 17 – 21. So, ladies, bring your sewing or crafts up and join us for \$15. The Ladies will be planning a shopping trip on Friday June 14th so as to not interrupt our sewing and crafting week. If you have any question contact Nancy Hellman. I will be there also.

We will also be having a Work Day on Saturday June 22 at Bellevue to work on getting the White fence replaced at the gate and work on a few other things if we can get enough members to participate.

Let's not forget that to keep our camping prices low we all must pitch in and help. We also need to have raffles throughout the season to help with funds and projects. So donate where and when you can. Plan a fund raiser with a couple of other members and have fun doing it.

If you have an idea for a campground project or outing talk to your President and Campground Director about it.

Happy Camping

Sandy Jarrell -- TCM Secretary



Hesperia News

Hi Campers,

We are in our 3rd week of camping already when I wrote this.

At the meeting on May 11th Don Gasaway was voted in as my Assistant Director - Property Tender along with Troy Roberson as Property Tender.

For Memorial Day Weekend on Saturday the 25th we will have a potluck for everyone in the campgrounds. At 5:30 p.m. bring a dish to pass and your table service. On Sunday the 26th we will have a memorial service at 2:00 p.m. at the flagpole, bring a chair. If it rains we will have it in the club house.

In June the Sewing Bee will be the 17th through the 21st. Cost is \$15.00; bring your sewing or craft to work on.

Since July 4th is on Thursday we will be celebrating the weekend after by having a potluck on the 6th at 5:30 p.m., with the meat furnished. Might have other things going on; more information in July news.

Don Gasaway is planning on having a Country Band come on Saturday August 10th. We will have a potluck at 5:00p.m. The meat will be furnished, bring a dish to pass. Music will start around 6:00 till 9:00. Hoping the weather will be nice so the music can be outside.

September will have a Labor Day Weekend Rally, more plans will come on that. We need someone to head it up and a committee to work on it.

October will be our Halloween on Saturday the 5th and more will be coming on it.

The campgrounds will be closing on October 19th in the early afternoon.

Clione Carr, Director

From the Editor

Per the Board of Director's Meeting in May, each member is being provided with a copy of the updated Campground Rules dated "2024 May". All members, especially those who park on one site for the entire season, should carefully read rule number (9) as it has been updated to address an ongoing issue.

Additionally, per the meeting, the rules now include a signature line at the bottom. Some members, as well as long term visitor campers, will be asked to read and sign a copy of the rules to assure they understand that if they do not keep their campsite maintained and presentable they will be charged for the necessity of having someone else do so on their behalf.

Max Jarrell

**Board Of Directors Meeting
May 11, 2024**

Call to Order: Bill Fox

Time: 11:00 am

Prayer: Johnathan Hutchins trail group

Pledge: Johnathan Hutchins Trail Group did a flag raising ceremony

Roll Call: Present Double Dozen, Draggin Train, Golden Agers, MAL's Hesperia, Restless Ones, President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Senior Advisor, Bellevue Director, Hesperia Director.

General Membership Minutes: With correction of Membership list to Chapter Presidents.
Motion to accept as corrected passed

President Report: Thank you to Chapter Presidents for coming. We need more participation at both campgrounds to get thing done. We all need to work together to make our campgrounds look great and succeed with a good outcome. Let's get out and make new friends.

Vice President Report: Thank you to those in Hesperia who came out and opened the campground including helping each other get our Rigs ready for camping. Also getting out and talking with each other.

Secretary Report: N/R

Treasurer Report: We did very well in 2023; profits were up. Ask your Chapter Presidents for a full accounting report. Cheryl is looking into a new garbage company for Bellevue.

Bellevue Campground Report: Zack thanked Herm, Bill, and Dick for getting the campground opened. He reported that Johnathan Hutchins Trail Life Group #1230 will be helping out next weekend with the wood cutting and a few other things. The Trail Life group will be helping out throughout the summer to help us and them with their achievements and goals.

Hesperia Campground Report: Clione said that the campground looks great and thanks to those members who helped get it there. They already have lots of campers camping. Memorial weekend is going to be busy with campers and activities.

Committees:

All- American Rally: We have decided to change this committees name to Labor Day Rally at both campgrounds.

Bylaws Committee: Motion to keep Teen Advisors on the Board. 2nd Passed

Board Of Directors Meeting
May 11, 2024

Halloween Outing: There was a motion to give \$250 to Hesperia to help with their funds. 2nd with a discussion on having fund raisers thru out the camping season to help their fund and passed

Membership: 140 Units with 241 members

Unfinished Business:

Bellevue: White fence along Baseline HWY. Bill Fox brought a quote from Menards for \$906.00 for rails, post and cement materials. 24 ft on each side and bring it in 24 ft to gate. Motion was made to except the quote from Menards with extra for over cost of \$2,000. 2nd with 1 nay and passed

Light Pole in lower camping area to be removed and light moved to lower picnic shelter. Zack will need to rent a lift for this and could use it to fix a couple other lights and things.

Clubhouse floor (Bellevue). Will discuss at the next Campground planning Committee meeting.

Remove some dirt along side of clubhouse where the water comes in when it rain. This will also be discussed in Planning Committee meeting

Hesperia: Electric upgrade. We cannot put in more 50 amp service till we upgrade the electrical box.

Replacing water lines thru out the campground. Must have a licensed plumber come to look at the plans per township approval.

Internet: Spectrum is coming into Hesperia (down M-20). Cheryl will help look into Spectrum. Motion to look further into Spectrum.

New Business: Massey Ferguson will need work done and will get a quote.

Discuss Camp Workers (those people working in the area and staying at our campground). Must sign a copy of the campground rules. Motion to add to the Campground Rules, that you must keep the grassed mowed around your Camper for those who stay on one site. If grass gets long (6" or more) the campground director will ask and give you 1 week to get it mowed. If not you will be charged \$25 for the campground Director to mow up around your camper. 2nd and passed.

Campground Maintenance fund should be raised. It is currently \$3,000 per campground. Motion to raise the per Campground Maintenance fund to \$5,000 because of the costly maintenance repair fees. 2nd and passed

Board Of Directors Meeting
May 11, 2024

Bellevue Grasshoppers mower needs work and will get a quote.

Hesperia Assistant Campground Director: Motion to accept Don Gasaway as Assistant Campground Director. 2nd and Passed

Bellevue Assistant Campground Director: Motion for Bill Oates 2nd 1 yea and 5 nays. Failed

Treasure Assistant: Sherry Martin will helping out Cheryl learn the books!

Meeting Adjourned 1:15 pm

Editor Note

All chapters and individual members can submit articles for publication in the monthly newsletter.

If you would like to have something published in the newsletter please submit it to tcmnews@usa.com by the 20th of the month for inclusion in the next newsletter.

Max Jarrell

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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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