



TRAVEL TRAILER CLUB OF THE MIDWEST

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President News

Hello Fellow Campers,

Another holiday is almost upon us. I want to wish everyone a Happy 4th of July!

The campgrounds are both looking great! I want to thank everyone for their hard work and participation. It is truly impressive. I was told Bellstock went well and had a good turnout. Excellent job to those who hosted this event. Also, nice job with the removal of the old fence. The pictures look great. After speaking with Zack the installation of the new fencing has been put on hold for a little bit while a decision is made on how to proceed.

Friday, July 5th they are having an ice cream social at Hesperia campground, see Clione and Don's newsletter below. At this time we will be discussing the Labor Day weekend camp-out at Hesperia. I have volunteered to head up this year's event at Hesperia and look forward to anyone's suggestions on what they would like to do.

I would like to urge everyone to spend some time at one of our campgrounds and thank you all for your participation!

Bill Fox

Bellevue News

I can't believe it will be July when everybody is reading this.

The summer has been flying by but, we've sure been having fun at Bellevue. We have had 2 successful work weekends and June included a campfire pizza cook off. Some of us, especially me, will be sticking to carry out.

The fence out front is disassembled and ready for the new one to be installed. We've completed several other small projects as well. Our July work and play weekend will align with the Olivet Firemen's Festival which is always a great time. They offer a chicken dinner, vendors and a firework display at dusk. They also have a parade in the morning which, if we have interest, we will sign up and pull the people mover in and let the kids toss candy.

We hope to see everybody soon!

The Martins

Vice-President News

Hello Members,

Labor Day is right around the corner. Has your campground director called a campground meeting to see what everyone wants to do for the Labor Day Rally? Ask them to set one up and get ideas. It is not the Campground Directors job to put on the Rally but they can set up a meeting.

Is someone willing to step up and plan events? You can get a group together and split the work. Maybe someone is willing to help but doesn't want to be in charge. We all have our own strengths. Someone could do the kids games and someone else could do adult games. You have the standby events like .10 auction, bingo, cake walk and chapter progressive campfires and chapter raffles to support the campground funds. It can be big or small, maybe someone could teach line dancing or your square dance group would like to stop by and teach some members to square dance and maybe they would get more members. Do a movie night and supply popcorn and have everyone bring their own drinks. Set up the tables with games on them and have a game night instead of a band.

Bring your own spin on the Rally and just make it fun to hang out with each other.

See you around the campfire.

Brenda Hilderbrandt — TTCM Vice President

Secretary News

Hello Campers,

Wow, I cannot believe this is the July Newsletter already. I have been up to the Hesperia Sewing Bee. Oh what fun that was. Between the 90 degree weather and a couple of thunder storms, we all had a great time.

Hesperia campground looks so beautiful and decorated for the 4th of July, thanks to Ilene Roberson . There are quite a few members out camping, a few new members too. We have had 13 new members join so far this year, so let's get out there and introduce ourselves and make new friends. That's what it is all about.

Looks like some good activities at Hesperia Campground for the July 4th weekend. If anyone would like to do something at Bellevue contact Zack Martin.

If anyone has ideas for working on things around either campground or club activities talk with your Campground Directors!

Let's not forget that Bellevue will be having a work weekend on July 26th thru 28th, with a Pizza Cook-Off on Saturday Night.

If anyone knows how to put up the white plastic fencing Bellevue may need your help! You can contact Zack Martin.

Hope to see you around the campground.

Sandy Jarrell -- TTCM Secretary

Treasurer News

Hello Campers,

I hope everyone is getting out and enjoying this gorgeous weather.

Bellstock at Bellevue over Memorial weekend was a great time. There was entertainment every night, good food, an ice cream social, kid's games, and bingo. Thanks to Daryl & Sharon Westphal for organizing this event. Also for all of the people who gave a helping hand.

We got several new members and some old ones renewed their membership. A win-win!!

We had a work/play weekend at Bellevue. The entrance fence was torn down, the gaga pit was moved and re-assembled and the light pole in the lower shelter area was removed. The play part was a pizza made on the campfire competition.

We had some fantastic tasting pizzas. Kim O'Dell won the completion with a seafood pizza with homemade Alfredo sauce.

Don't forget to make your donation of \$2.00 when you use the honey wagon. The new honey wagon is getting used more which is nice to see.

I have been working with Sherri Martin on the treasurer's position. She is doing great!

Enjoy your campgrounds!!

Regards.

Cheryl Vogel -- TTCM Treasurer

Sewing Bee

Hello Sewers & Crafters,

Oh what fun we had the week of the Sewing Bee.

It started off with a shopping trip and lunch on Friday before the start of the Sewing Bee week! What a fun time out looking and shopping for those things we either forgot or for a new project to start. Then coming back to the campground and setting up and arranging things for the Sewing Bee.

What a busy week. We had 13 members who had a blast. Lunch was served every day (thank you Brenda Hilderbrandt for that awesome cake). We worked on Stuffed Elephants, Purses, Big Bags, little bags and 13 quilts.

We had many conversations and help with quilts, plus we had a gal knitting. There was a Mystery Bag gift exchange game that was a blast. So if this sounds like something that you would be interested in contact Nancy Hellman at the Hesperia Campground (231-854-9913). Looking forward to September Sewing Bee.

Happy Sewing & Camping,

Nancy Hellman

The logo for the June Sewing Bee features the words "June Sewing Bee" in a large, colorful, sans-serif font. Each letter is a different color: 'J' is red, 'u' is orange, 'n' is yellow, 'e' is green, 'S' is blue, 'e' is purple, 'w' is pink, 'i' is light blue, 'n' is light green, 'g' is light purple, 'B' is dark blue, 'e' is dark purple, and 'e' is dark blue. The text is set against a white background with a subtle shadow effect.

Hesperia News

Hello Fellow campers,

Hope everyone has survived the heat we have been having!

We had a lot of fun at the sewing bee. The Friday before, six ladies went shopping at the quilt stores and went out for lunch. Ten ladies took part in the Sewing Bee working on the items they brought.

Ilene has been busy decorating the campground for the 4th of July. Along with her garden out behind her trailer, you should go over and take a look at it, she has put a lot of time in it, they are on the East side along the woods.

We will be having a free ice cream social on Friday evening July 5th at 7:00 P.M.

On Saturday July 6th we will have a potluck at 5:30 P.M., bring a dish to pass, your table service and drink. The meat will be provided.

There will be a 50/50 drawing during the Fourth of July weekend to help pay for the band that will be performing August 10th. There will also be a potluck before the music at 5:00 P.M.

Don't forget, at the Labor Day Weekend Rally, that we have to make money for the campgrounds for special things we want to purchase.

The guys have the campgrounds looking great!!

Clione and Don

Bellstock News

Bellstock 2024 was a hit -- amazing music, food and campfires. We signed up and reinstated many members.

2025 Bellstock will be even better. Thanks to all who helped.

Daryl

Upcoming Events

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

July 26 Work Day -- Bellevue

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.

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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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