



TRAVEL TRAILER CLUB OF THE MIDWEST

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President News

Hello campers,

This summer is going by fast. We are getting ready for the Labor Day weekend. I hope everyone gets a chance to enjoy the extended holiday weekend.

Bellevue finalized their plans for the vinyl fencing. The pricing was updated and even with delivery came within budget. Hopefully by the time this newsletter is released they will have it on-site.

Hesperia is currently getting ready for the Luau. This should be a good time.

Remember, it is almost time for the fall General Membership Meeting. This will be held at Hesperia campground on Saturday, September 7th at 11:00 AM. If you would like to discuss our campgrounds, we are here to listen to your opinions. Please join us.

I wish everyone a wonderful holiday.

Enjoy!!!

Bill Fox



Upcoming Events

Aug 30/Sep 2 Labor Day Weekend -- Hesperia will have activities -- Bellevue activity unknown

Sep 07 11:00 AM -- General Membership Meeting at Hesperia

Sept 16 - 20 Sewing Bee -- Hesperia

Oct 04 - 06 Halloween Outings

Vice-President News

Hello members and Welcome New Members,

Hope everyone has enjoyed the camping season so far, it's hard to believe that summer is almost over and we close the campgrounds soon.

As this comes out the Labor Day Rally's will be going strong and everyone should be having a great time.

The next big campout is Halloween on the first weekend in October so get with your campground director or whoever is in charge of the outing and ask what you can do to help. We encourage you to decorate your camping spot to get the vibe going.

Is your campground having a haunted trail, maybe they need you to go clear a path of debris so no one trips. Or maybe you can help decorate.

The kids love coming around and trick or treating and they always like the costume contest. You can carve pumpkins, decorate cookies, play games anything you can think of but keep the kids involved as they are the future of our campgrounds.

See you soon,

Brenda Hilderbrandt — TTCM Vice President

Secretary News

Hello Campers,

Wow, this is September's newsletter! Let's not forget the General Membership Meeting on September 7, at 11:00 a.m. will be at Hesperia. For new members this is a great way to find out what our club has been and will be up to for the rest of this year and next year. This is a great way for members to plan ahead to be available for our work weekends. Remember, these are your campgrounds and we are the ones who must put in the work to help with maintaining our campgrounds with those projects that must be done.

If you have any questions on any projects or maybe something that you think should be included in a work weekend please talk to your Board members. We all see things that could or should be done or fixed. Please, we need your input to help keep our Campgrounds looking gorgeous. We are so lucky that we have two beautiful campgrounds. If you are looking for a change Bellevue could use a little extra help.

I am putting the General Meeting Agenda in this newsletter for everyone to look at and think about some new ideas for our club.

Let's not forget about the September Sewing Bee in Hesperia Sept 16 – 20th, with a shopping day on Friday Sept. 13th. It's going to be a lot of fun, fun, fun! So come on all you sewers, quilters, crafters, or ladies that want to just get together for chatting!

See you soon,

Sandy Jarrell -- TTCM Secretary



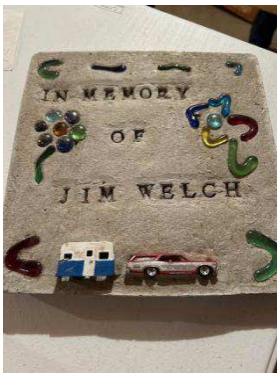
Treasurer News

Hello Campers,

Over the 4th of July, Jim Welch's son and daughter came to the campground. Jim was an old Double Dozen member. They said that a tree was planted as a memorial to their father and a plaque was posted by the tree. They said someone had informed them that the tree had died. They couldn't remember who had informed them of this information. I seemed to remember a plaque in his memory. I took a ride around the campground and looked under all of the trees and couldn't find it.

They asked if they could look around in our back room that has a lot of things stored. I stayed with them and helped them look. After a time, they had given up and I was disappointed we couldn't find it. I asked for a description and they said it was made of cement and square. As we were leaving the room, the son looked up on a shelf and lo and behold the plaque was there. There was a note on it from Dick Hamlin that it had to be repaired. They were so happy and so was I! They took it with them for a memento.

Here is what it looked like.



That weekend I also spent clearing out the office backroom that has all of our old records. I want to tell you there were some things in there from the beginning of time. I found a lot of important documents and some that were in triplicate. I destroyed any records not needed for tax purposes and kept others with some meaningful history. I should have taken pictures, what a job!! Thanks to Renee Wakefield for the assist. I still have 4 more boxes to go through, but for the most part it has been thinned to the necessary things to be kept.

A big shout out to Renee Wakefield for taking on the role of property tender at Bellevue. She has been property tender since Memorial weekend. Also thanks to Zack and his crew for taking care of the campground.

Sherrri Martin and I are continuing to work together on the Treasurers duties. As I will be unable to attend the General Meeting, she will be there in my place.

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

I hope everyone has a happy and safe Labor Day!

Enjoy your campgrounds!!

Regards,

Cheryl Vogel -- TTCM Treasurer

Hesperia News

Hi Everyone,

Here it is time for another news letter. The campgrounds is looking great.

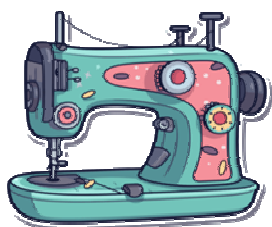
We had a great turnout for the potluck and Country Band on the 10th of August. Just too bad that it had to decide to rain at 7:30, they had played for a hour and a half. Being it was outside they had to pack up their equipment.

By the time the newsletter comes out our Labor Day Weekend will be about over with. The next big thing here will be the Fall Sewing Bee on September 16th to the 20th.

Don't forget Halloween will be Saturday October 5th. We will have things for the kids to do during the day, potluck at 5:30 p.m., trick or treating, and the lighted spooky trail after dark.

It was brought up to me to ask how many people would like to donate money towards Getting a better internet system in here. To get Spectrum we would have to raise about \$9,500. Because the power line runs along the road till it comes to about our property line then it goes out behind where the houses are back in the woods. Spectrum will cover the cost of \$10,000 and we would have to pay the rest. I would like to hear some feedback on this for another year.

Clione and Don



September Sewing Bee

SEWING BEE DATES: SEPTEMBER 16TH – 20th, 2024

Hello TCM Sewers and Crafters,

This is a fun time for those who sew, quilt, knit, crochet or craft! There is a \$15 fee to join us. We welcome anyone to attend.

This is a time to get together and have a good time. Not to mention a few rounds of card games (hope to get a game of card golf in too) in the evening for entertainment purposes only!!!

We will be going on a shopping day trip the Friday Sept. 13th with lunch in there somewhere before our sewing week starts. We would love to welcome any and all new members to join us for this week of fun.

If you would like to join us in a mystery bag give away bring something that you no longer use or want. It can be anything related to sewing and we will have a bag exchange on Thursday. Bags will be provided.

If you have any questions contact Nancy Hellman at the Hesperia Campground at (231) 338-6124.

2025 DUES

*** Dues are **\$30.00** before December 31 and **\$50.00** on or after January 1, 2025. ***

Send your dues to: TTCM
6618 E Allen Rd
Fenton, MI 48430

Please make your CHECKS payable to TTCM.

It is preferred that you pay your dues to the TTCM Secretary and not the Campground Director(s).

Waiting until your first camping trip next year and paying your dues at the campground causes much confusion and accounting errors for everyone involved. Help us keep it simple by paying your dues to the secretary during **September or October.**

For those who like paying the additional \$20.00 late fee, please be sure to pay at least one (1) month before you plan on going camping so there is time to get your 2025 sticker mailed to you.

Winter RV Storage at the Campground

If you plan on leaving your RV at either campground this winter then you need to start making arrangements to do so now.

The agreed upon requirements for approval to store your RV on TTCM property during the closed winter season are as follows.

- **First**, you pay your annual membership dues for the upcoming year.
(Membership dues are paid to the TTCM Secretary.)
- **Second**, you fill out the Winter Storage Form and pay the required winter storage fee.
(Storage fee is paid to the Campground Director.) (Current storage fee is \$50)

Remember, TTCM is not liable for any damages to your unit while in storage.

If you don't plan on paying the winter storage fee then you need to have your RV removed from the storage area and off of the campground property before we close for the season.

General Membership Meeting Agenda

September 7, 2024

Call to Order

Prayer

Pledge

Roll Call

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Officers Reports:

President Report

Vice President Report

Secretary Report

Treasurer Report

Bellevue Campground Report

Hesperia Campground Report

Committees:

Labor Day Rally

Bellevue

Hesperia

Bylaws Committee

Halloween Outing

Membership

Unfinished Business:

Bellevue:

White fence along Baseline Hwy

Light Pole in lower camping area

Clubhouse floor

Remove dirt along side of clubhouse where the water comes in when it rain

Grasshoppers mower needs work and will get a quote

Bellevue Assistant Campground Director

Hesperia:

Replacing water lines thru-out the campground

Massey Ferguson tractor repair

New Business:

Hesperia:

Bellevue:

Meeting Adjourn

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

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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