



TRAVEL TRAILER CLUB OF THE MIDWEST

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President News

Hello All,

Wow, did this camping season go by fast! Here we are wrapping up the last few weeks left before we close up for the season. Some of you have already departed and many others are getting ready to leave for the winter months. To all of you we wish you safe travels.

For those still here come on out to one of the campgrounds for the Halloween festivities. We promise you will have a good time.

On a positive note, I want to thank everyone who has participated in some of the activities at either campground. Whether you were helping to organize one of the events, helping cut the grass, cutting and gathering the firewood, or just spending time at your campsite. We are all part of the TTCM family!

Please enjoy these last few weeks left in the season, safe travels and enjoy!

Thank you,

Bill

Vice-President News

It's hard to believe that Camping Season is almost over.

Both Campgrounds will be holding Halloween Rallies and we hope you come out and help make it a great weekend for the children.



The Campground Directors will need all the help they can get to close up the campgrounds, which may include putting away all the picnic tables, blowing leaves, cleaning out refrigerators, putting the boards in the windows in the clubhouse, and storing and securing all the equipment. Many hands make light work. We should take pride in our campgrounds by maintaining and helping where we can.

Thank you to all the members for their support at the All-Membership Meeting by supporting our campgrounds with the things that will need to be fixed.

Have a great October

Brenda Hilderbrandt — TTCM Vice President

Secretary News

Hello Campers,

The Meeting minutes, of the General Membership Meeting, are in this newsletter. Please read them over. If you have any questions about the meeting, contact your Chapter President or Representative of your Chapter. There is always a Board member if you need further information.

It sounds like the company from Hesperia is ready to start working on the Hesperia campground water lines as soon as we close down the campground. I met him while I was up there for the Sewing Bee. He is a very nice young man. It sounds like Don Gasaway is getting everything all lined up for some fall construction. It will be fantastic to have our new water lines in for 2025 camping season.

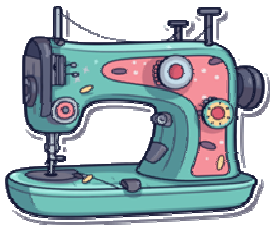
Bellevue campground will be looking into some new playground equipment as the old wooden play structure is rotting in many places and would be very costly to repair.

I heard that the Labor Day Hawaiian Luau Party Weekend was a huge success with many raffles, party games, progressive campfires, and a potluck dinner.

The Sewing Bee was so much fun. All you crafters and sewers missed a fun filled time. It is so wonderful to be able to have some time for really getting to know one another and helping those who need help with their projects. Thank you to Carolyn Fitzpatrick for the wonderful lunches you put together so we wouldn't have to run back and forth to our trailers grabbing something to eat for lunch.

Please let me know when you select new officers for your Chapter and forward them to me for the May Board of Directors Meeting which will no doubt be the second Saturday of May as the first one is opening weekend and Campground Directors are busy then.

Sandy Jarrell -- TCM Secretary



September Sewing Bee

Well, another Sewing Bee is over and the ladies had a great time! What a beautiful week we had with lots of warm weather and plenty of sunshine. The ladies had a great day of shopping on Friday with a trip to Muskegon, a drive down the beautiful Lake Michigan beach, and lunch at the Pizza Ranch, and more shopping all the way back to the campground in Hesperia. We all had many different projects to work on as the week progressed. Carolyn Fitzpatrick fixed some great lunches for the ladies. What a fun, fun week we all had, and it's sad that it wrapped up so fast. Looking forward to next year's Sewing Bees and those dates will be June 16th thru the 20th & September 15th thru the 19th 2025. Sandy Jarrell and Liz Stout finished some beautiful quilts while others, Diana Wiggers and Clione Carr, started working on new quilts. Others worked on finishing handbags and making pillowcases, just to give other sewers an idea of what some of the ladies work on. We would love for other members to join us next year. If you would like to learn how to sew, contact Nancy Hellman at 231-788-1645.

Happy Sewing

Nancy Hellman



2024
T.T.C.M Bellevue
Halloween Camping Event
October 4th, 5th and 6th

FRIDAY NIGHT – POPCORN AND A SPOOKY MOVIE

SATURDAY – PUMPKIN CARVING, HALLOWEEN GAMES
AND SCAVENGER HUNT, SPAGHETTI DINNER, DECORATING
GRAHAM CRACKER HAUNTED HOUSES, COSTUME
CONTEST, TRICK OR TREATING AND HAUNTED FOREST

SUNDAY MORNING – CIDER AND DONUTS IN THE
CLUBHOUSE

Adults \$6
Children \$3

Contact Sherri Martin for pre-registration information

Martin.Sherri0310@yahoo.com

(248)825.2167



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.

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General Membership Meeting Agenda
September 7, 2024

Call to Order: Bill Fox

Time: 11:01 a.m.

Prayer: Jim Larson

Pledge:

Roll Call: Present; Double Dozen, Golden Agers, MAL's Hesperia, Restless Ones, President, Vice President, Secretary, Bellevue Director, Hesperia Director

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve minutes as printed in newsletter made by Chris Turgeon 2nd and passed

President Report: My first year has been enjoyable. There has been way too much drama at both campgrounds. There has been way too much gossiping and complaining about others at both campgrounds. We need to stop this as it does not accomplish anything but hurt feelings. The Code of Ethics and Campground rules need to be followed. Everyone is equal. You can always call me or talk to me (around the campground), if you need to talk with someone!

Vice President Report: We need to respect each other better than we have lately. We are all here to enjoy camping and have a goodtime at our campgrounds. Need to stop complaining to others about others.

Secretary Report: Pay your dues please.

Treasurer Report: As reported by Sherri Martin filling in for Cheryl vogel

Profit/Loss

- a. Our profit/loss Year-to-Date is \$17,1000.47

The Treasures Report was distributed to Chapter Presidents and read aloud for those in attendance.

Old Business

- a. We signed a three year contract with Republic Services in Bellevue. We saved money bring it from \$209.40 to \$115. For basic pickup. Does not include any fuel recovery fees.
- b. The water softener balance for Bellevue has not been recorded yet. A part was broken over the winter and has just recently been replaced and is working as designed. I did speak with them and they were going to look into it.

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- a. We called Hughnes Net to increase the number of minutes by double at Hesperia. No contract necessary to make.
- b. We may want to look into a CD or other investments for our savings account. The current interest earned is very minimal.

Bellevue Campground Report: We have the old fence down and the new white fencing up and will be working on the gates to the entrance of the campground. We will be having another couple of work weekends Sept. 14th and the 20th. Halloween is shaping up as we have a schedule up on Facebook. Looking at fixing the roof of the clubhouse where the exhaust fan was. Will be working on the back side of clubhouse where it leaks.

Hesperia Campground Report: The 4th of July we had 64 units in camping. Labor Day Weekend was a very good weekend with 63 units with lots of fun activities. The check on WIFI with Spectrum is out of our reach. They want too much money for us to bring it further down M20 to get even near the campground. Spectrum will put out \$10,000 as long as we pay an additional \$9,000 to bring it to the campground.

Committees:

Labor Day Rally: Bellevue we had a work weekend getting the fence up with a few additional things getting done, like some work on clubhouse roof.

Hesperia: We had 63 units with a Hawaii Luau Party theme. There were so many activities to participate in. Everyone had fun! We had many raffles like the 10 cent auction, Cake Walk, Chair, Camping Quilt, and many other items to raffle off. We raised \$2,247.00 in all, as report by Bill Fox

Bylaws Committee: Nothing at this time

Halloween Outing: Bellevue; There is going to be October 4th, 5th, & 6th. Spooky movie night on Friday, with pumpkin carving, Halloween games and a scavenger hunt. Spaghetti Dinner, Decorating a Graham Cracker Haunted House, costume contest and Trick or Treating, Haunted forest. The Westphal group will be coming to help but still need help so everyone who wants to help call Sherri Martin 248-825-2167.

Hesperia: Putting the final preparations together, but will have kids activities with defiantly a scary trail walk.

Membership: 293 Members with 171 Units

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Unfinished Business:

Bellevue: White fence along Baseline HWY is now completed and looks great. Thank you to all our hard workers for a job well done.

Light Pole in lower camping area is now down and trying to get a 25ft pole to the campground. We will need some help getting it to the campground as no one has a flat bed trailer to haul it.

Clubhouse floor (Bellevue). This is still in the planning and discussion stage.

Remove some dirt along side of clubhouse where the water comes in when it rain. This is going to be looked at by renting an excavator and removing some dirt away from clubhouse to really get a look at the foundation and outer wall on Sept. 20th.

Bellevue Grasshoppers mower needs work and will get a quote. It is now up and running cost less than \$1,000 to fix.

Bellevue Assistant Campground Director: Still talking to a couple of people.

Hesperia: Replacing water lines thru out the entire campground. Don Gasaway got 3 different quotes on putting in new water line, with shut off points, and facets, to replace all the excising water lines thru out the entire campground. 1st quote was \$105,000 2nd for \$41,000 and the 3rd was for \$43,000 this was from a company in Hesperia and with the requirement of doing all the work before the campground opens in May 2025 . Motion was made by Ray Clover to spend up to \$50,000. And except the bid from the company in Hesperia for \$43,000 or go with the other company for \$41,000. 2nd and passed

Massy Ferguson tractor: Board approved of the funds to repair tractor for up to \$2,400.00. It is still in the shop being worked on.

New Business:

Bellevue: We need to taking down the old wooden play structure with swings, slide and climbing fort, that is very old and in need of too much repair, so it needs to come down. We have \$2,600 in the playground fun but would like to purchase a new play structure for the kids. Found a new one for \$10,000. Motion was made by Ray Clover to spend \$7,500. For a playground set for Bellevue. 2nd and passed

Honey Wagon for Bellevue needs to post a laminated sign on tank for the \$2.00 fee per use.

September 20th work weekend. We will be looking at the outer wall of clubhouse with the kitchen and wood burner. It has water damage to plaster inside. Will be needing to rent an

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excavator to dig by the outside of the wall to see what's going on. Will also be looking at the Clubhouse roof where the Vent is.

Both Campgrounds: Zack Martin brought up buying a 5ft Box Blade for \$1,100. for use at both campgrounds to help maintain the roads in the campgrounds. Motion was made by Rick Vernor to spend \$1,100.00 on a 5ft Box Blade, to help maintain the roads in each campground. 2nd and passed.

Zack Martin brought up the idea of purchasing a flat bed trailer that both campgrounds can use when needed. Zack will look at pricing one out.

Passport America is not on valid on weekends and should be paying \$24 a night (Fri. & Sat.). Plus they are only allowed a 14 day stay at \$12.00 a night except Friday and Saturday.

Hesperia: Will have to get 1 more port-a-potty (Per State Requirements).

Property Tenders are not Honey Wagon pumpers.

Members need to make sure their tanks are empty BEFORE the Holiday or Rally Weekends and not during.

AUDIT OF 2023 BOOKS: Brenda H., Carolyn F. and Judy C. volunteered to Audit the 2023 TTCM books

Meeting Adjourned

TTCM Secretary

Sandy Jarrell

Upcoming Events

Oct 04 - 06 Halloween Outings

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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