



# T.T.C.M



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## My Fellow Campers

I hope that everyone is having a good New Year and this newsletter finds you well. If you are in Michigan I hope you're staying warm.

I'm really looking forward to the next camping season.

I have a few reminders:

Don't forget to pay your TTCM dues.

If you have anything that you want on the agenda for the May meeting make sure you get it to Leo Fitzpatrick at [tcmsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:tcmsecretary@gmail.com).

In a few weeks the snow will be gone, the sun will shine and we can all enjoy camping with our friends and family. We open the campgrounds the weekend of April 17th, 18th, and 19th, weather permitting. Come join us and get the season started on the right foot.

If you have any questions or suggestions please feel free to drop me a note at [tubbs752@att.net](mailto:tubbs752@att.net).

Have a great winter and see you soon.

Your President  
Roger

## HESPERIA SEWING BEE

Mark your calendars for this year's dates: June 22nd thru June 27th and September 21st thru September 26th. A \$10.00 fee will be collected on Monday. Please call Nancy Hellman 231-788-1645 to pre-register.

## Calendar of Events

April 17<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> - Campground opening

May 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> - Ladies Wood Cutting

Weekend - Bellevue

May 2<sup>nd</sup> - Board of Directors Meeting -

Hesperia - 10am

June 22<sup>nd</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> - Sewing Bee - Hesperia

Sept 4<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> - All American Rally -

Bellevue

Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> - Sewing Bee - Hesperia

## Thoughts from the Treasurer

The 2014 profit and loss statement is in the newsletter for all members to look over. If you have any questions please let me know.

I also wanted to let everyone know that we had the removal and sale of the trees from Hesperia. From that project we earned \$35,167.92.

The Board of Directors meeting is at Hesperia Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, so get with your Chapter President and let him/her know your ideas or any questions you want brought up at the meeting. Hope to see all the Chapter Presidents there.

I have opened a secondary savings account to maintain the all the earmarked funds in.

Cheryl Vogel has agreed to be my Asst. Treasurer (thank you Cheryl)!

Brenda Hilderbrandt - TTCM Treasurer

## Duneland Winnies News

The Duneland Winnies are raising money for a piece of playground equipment. The idea is to leave a permanent improvement for this year's AAR. The funds raised from this will be added to the earmarked funds already created for the playground. We have been selling FLOATING CHARM NECKLACES priced at \$10 these are comparable to the \$40 necklaces retailers sell. You get the necklace along with your choice of 3 charms and 6 crystals. There are over 400 different charms. The rhinestones on the necklaces are red, orange, sky blue, black, purple, pink, dark blue, plain, lime green and AB. We have charms for Valentine's Day, St Patty's Day, Mother's Day, you name we have it.

Call Sharon Westphal at 219-898-1555 or e-mail [dwestphal222@yahoo.com](mailto:dwestphal222@yahoo.com). I will ship ASAP and all necklaces come with a gift bag. Browse the attached pictures and give us a call.

## Ladies Wood Cutting Weekend

Where: Bellevue Campground

When: May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>

Who: Ladies ages 18 – 88

Why: Cutting wood and cleaning trails

We will be having lessons to learn how to use the equipment, then clearing the smaller stuff and then getting the bigger stuff.

Dinner will be served by President Roger Vogel.

**Please RSVP so we can know how to plan the work load and the dinner**

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Hope to see you there!



## Business from Bellevue

I hope that everyone is staying warm. I am excited to start a new camping year.

We will start the camping year off with our first planning committee meeting on Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 10am in the rec hall. Please join me and bring your ideas so we can have a great year!

Also, anyone that is able we are opening the campground the weekend of April 17<sup>th</sup> and would appreciate any help we can get. Remember, many hands make light work

Herm Hazard  
Bellevue Campground Director

## Looking for a Summer Camping Job

National Park Service Seeking  
Campground Hosts

Where: Indiana Dunes National  
Lakeshore, Porter, Indiana

When: May 15 - August 31, 2015

Duties: 40 hours per week as  
campground hosts (to verify that campers  
have registered), and acting as the point  
of contact between campers and the NPS.

Why: Campsite use close to Chicago and  
all of its amenities. The campground is  
located across the street from the train  
station with service to Chicago.

How to apply: [www.volunteer.gov](http://www.volunteer.gov)

Further Info: Call Cliff Goins at 219-395-  
1864 after January 27th.

## News from the North Hesperia

The New Year is here, a couple more months of winter then we will be ready for another wonderful year of camping with all of our friends.

Whether at Hesperia or Bellevue, let's get out camping and support our campgrounds. While sitting around watching it snow or enjoying the sunny south, let's get out our unused or unwanted "stuff" ready for TTCM yard sales.

The campground planning committee meeting is opening weekend, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 10 o'clock am. Please come and share your ideas and comments with us. Remember they are OUR campgrounds. We need everyone's ideas! Steve McNeil and I have accepted these positions and hope we are all doing the very best for everyone.

Lefty & Steve

## For Sale

2010 Forest River rPod 151 - \$8,800.

For more information check in the Nov/Dec 2014 newsletter. If interested please contact Judy Collins @ [Judith\\_collins@nps.gov](mailto:Judith_collins@nps.gov).

If you have camping items you would like to sell send the newsletter editor the information and it will be placed in our newsletter.



## Voice of the Vice

Plans for the 2015 AAR continue to move forward.

Is there a member out there who knows an Elvis impersonator? Send me an e-mail or give me a call.

The contest for the chapter who best represents the Casino they drew will be judged on Sat and Sun each chapter will be given a time to set up and display their best which hopefully will include something over the top...Popular vote will decide the winner.

I hope all our members are looking at the events as they occur throughout this summer at both campgrounds and consider spending time with us.

The first big weekend is, of course, Memorial Day. Everything is a go at Bellevue for the hog roast and Band night. As I've mention several times we keep costs under control with a fund raiser and auctions. So if you are planning to come to Bellevue for Memorial Day Pig Roast please bring an auction item.

The Vets camp free weekend was well received last year. As a result of this we did add a few new members. What a better weekend then Memorial weekend to invite a Vet.

This year the Board of Director's meeting is in Hesperia, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10am.

The Winnies are selling "Floating Charm Necklaces" at the very reasonable price of \$10 this includes 3 charms they will be available at functions this camping season.

Stay safe this winter, spring will be here soon.....

Daryl

## Notice from the Newsletter Editor

I hope that everyone has had a good start to the new year. I know that I am ready for spring and hopefully will be able to camp more this year.

I have a few housekeeping items that I want to address:

~The number of newsletters that I am sending out via USPS has increased. With the cost of first class mail increasing and the increasing number of newsletters being sent out the total cost is raising. If you are able to receive your newsletter via email please send me your email address and I will add you to the list.

~I have had a number of questions as to when the newsletter is published. It is sent out 9 times a year: Jan/Feb, March/April, May, June, July, August, September, October, and Nov/Dec. I try to get them out as close to the first of the month as possible, but life happens and it does no always happen. Be assured you will get your newsletters, but it might not always be right on the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month.

~If you have an item for publication please have it to me by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to publication. You can send it via email or USPS. Please also keep your publication to a minimum. We want to get the information out but we also do not want to have it cost an arm and a leg to do so.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns please let me know.

Melissa Murrie  
TTCM Newsletter Editor

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**Travel Trailer Club of the Midwest  
Profit & Loss  
January through December 2014**

**Ordinary Income/Expense**

<b>Income</b>	
50/50 raffle	116.00
All American	4,240.51
<b>Campground Beautification</b>	
Bellevue	40.00
Hesperia	280.00
Total Campground Beautification	320.00
<b>Camping</b>	
Camping-Bellevue	11,642.00
Camping-Hesperia	21,965.00
Total Camping	33,607.00
<b>Donation</b>	
Bellevue-Maintenance Fund	100.00
Donation-Hesperia playground	139.00
Donation-Hesperia vaccum	101.00
Donation - Other	594.47
Total Donation	934.47
Donation-Bellevue-club floors	1,253.79
Donation-Bellevue-clubhouse use	250.00
Donation-Bellevue-Playground	723.44
Donation-Bellevue-Table/Chairs	1,651.60
Donation-Bellevue Kit. supplies	115.00
Donation-Hesperia-Water filter	508.00
Donation-Hesperia Fuel	65.00
Donation-Hesperia Picnic Tables	202.00
donation-hesperia steam mop	131.00
Donation-Hesperia stove	623.90
Donation-Hesperia Water Project	515.00
<b>Guest</b>	
Guest-Belleuve	1,641.00
Guest-Hesperia	550.00
Total Guest	2,191.00
<b>Honey wagon</b>	
Honey Wagon Bellevue	66.75
Honey wagon Hesperia	357.00
Total honey wagon	423.75
<b>Ice income Bellevue</b>	300.25
Ice Income Hesperia	124.00
<b>Interest Inc</b>	49.14
<b>Membership Dues</b>	
TTCM Membership Dues	8,405.00
Total Membership Dues	8,405.00
<b>Outside dump</b>	
Outside dump Hesperia	160.00
Total outside dump	160.00
<b>Pig Roast Band</b>	1,179.00
<b>Pop-Bellevue</b>	84.70
Pop-Hesperia	500.70
Refund	93.99
<b>Sale of scrap metal</b>	62.35
Sale of trees	35,167.92
Service charge for bad check	25.00
<b>Special Event</b>	
Pig Roast-Bellevue	151.42
Sewing Bee Hesperia-June	147.30
Total Special Event	298.72

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<b>storage</b>	475.00
Teen Fund	208.67
<b>Total Income</b>	95,005.90
<b>Expense</b>	
All American Rally	2,945.61
<b>Annual dues to chamber of com</b>	60.00
Badges	158.43
<b>Camp Ground Improvements</b>	
Campground Improvements-Hesperia	109.81
Total Camp Ground Improvements	109.81
<b>Campground-supplies</b>	
Campground Supplies - Bellevue	23.31
Campground Supplies - Hesperia	123.10
Total Campground-supplies	146.41
<b>Campground-Maint</b>	
Campground Maintenance-Hesperia	2,109.97
Campground Maintenance - Bellevue	2,445.74
Total Campground-Maint	4,555.71
<b>Campground Beautification Exp</b>	
Bellevue	36.00
Hesperia	321.00
Total Campground Beautification Exp	357.00
<b>Campground Repairs</b>	
Campground Rapairs-Hesperia	223.43
Campground Repairs-Bellevue	615.04
Total Campground Repairs	838.47
<b>Clubhouse tables</b>	1,999.99
Decals	135.36
Election Exp.	197.40
<b>Equipment-Fuel</b>	
Equipment Fuel-Bellevue	767.14
Equipment Fuel-Hesperia	592.75
Total Equipment-Fuel	1,359.89
<b>Equipment-New</b>	
Bellevue-Printer	
Printer	266.93
Total Bellevue-Printer	266.93
<b>Hesperia-new snapper mower</b>	3,000.00
Equipment-New - Other	1,415.50
Total Equipment-New	4,682.43
<b>Equipment Repair</b>	
Equipment Repair-Bellevue	1,790.47
Equipment Repair - Hesperia	1,257.28
Total Equipment Repair	3,047.75
<b>Food</b>	51.00
Hesperia-Kitchen Sink project	263.11
Hesperia-Steam Mop	63.59
Hesperia-Water Filtration	1,220.00
Hesperia Water Project	521.54
<b>Ice Expense</b>	
Ice-Bellevue	366.00
Ice-Hesperia	60.00
Total Ice Expense	426.00
<b>Insurance</b>	5,228.61
Licenses & Fees Expense	1,107.94
May Meeting Lunch	89.02

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<b>Memorial</b>	
Milly Suchy	0.00
<b>Total Memorial</b>	0.00
<b>Mileage</b>	
Mileage-Bellevue	409.00
<b>Total Mileage</b>	409.00
<b>Mileage Hesperia</b>	631.00
monthly bank fee	5.00
New Air compressor	569.24
New Tractor	0.00
<b>Newsletter</b>	2,446.53
<b>Office Expenses</b>	
Computer for Treasurer	350.00
Office Expense-Bellevue	300.05
Office Expenses-Hesperia	16.93
<b>Total Office Expenses</b>	666.98
<b>Office Supplies</b>	
Office Supplies-Bellevue	44.97
Office Supplies-TTCM	194.38
Office Supplies -Hesperia	36.01
<b>Total Office Supplies</b>	275.36
<b>Pop</b>	
Pop-Bellevue	72.80
Pop-Hesperia	307.82
<b>Total Pop</b>	380.62
<b>Property &amp; Misc Tax Expense</b>	
Property Tax-Bellevue	2,535.63
Property Tax-Hesperia	2,222.85
<b>Total Property &amp; Misc Tax Expense</b>	4,758.48
<b>Property Tender Honoranum</b>	
Property Tender Honora-Bellevue	550.00
Property Tender Honora-Hesperia	500.00
<b>Total Property Tender Honoranum</b>	1,050.00
<b>Reimburse overpayment of dues</b>	5.00
<b>RV Brick at RV Hall of Fame</b>	500.00
<b>safety deposit box</b>	25.00
<b>Secretary Expense-Leo Fitzpatri</b>	132.87
<b>Septic</b>	
Honey Wagon-Bellevue	62.52
Port-a-Poti-Hesperia	210.00
Septic-Bellevue	200.00
Septic-Hesperia	400.00
<b>Total Septic</b>	872.52
<b>sewing bee-June</b>	32.76
<b>sewing bee earmarked sept.</b>	52.03
<b>snapper mower</b>	834.50
<b>Tax-preperation</b>	400.00
<b>Teen Projector Pruchase</b>	1,000.00

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<b>Utilities</b>	
Bellevue TV/Internet	668.00
Elecetric - Hesperia	7,233.16
Electric-Bellevue	6,092.39
Garbage-Bellevue	698.71
Garbage-Hesperia	374.00
Propane-Bellevue	221.91
Propane-Hesperia	256.28
Telephone-Bellevue	867.15
Telephone-Hesperia	1,081.42
<b>Total Utilities</b>	17,493.02
<b>Water</b>	
Water-Bellevue	159.52
Water-Hesperia	212.00
<b>Total Water</b>	371.52
<b>Website Maint.</b>	168.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	62,644.50
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	32,361.40
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>32,361.40</b>

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From I-69/I-94 – north on I-69, Exit 48. Go west  
on M-78, approx. 2 miles. South Ionia Road to  
W. Baseline Rd. East to 16 Mile Road. Turn left at  
Stop sign and follow for ¼ mile. Campground on the left

**Hesperia Campground**

6777 M-20  
Hesperia, MI 49421  
231-854-9913  
From Hesperia – head 3.5 miles west on M-20  
From White Cloud – west 16.5 miles on M-20  
Campground on the south side.