



TRAVEL TRAILER CLUB OF THE MIDWEST

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A big THANK YOU to JoAnne Ingrahm and helpers for the delicious lunch at the May meeting!

Well here it's the middle of May already. Our camping club the Restless Ones had our first outing. We are in Bellevue and the Campground is looking really good. We are now able to accept Escapees in our Campgrounds at a discounted rate. Thanks Bill for getting that done. The Pig Roast is coming up on Memorial Weekend, lots of fun. Hope to see everyone there. Lots of activities coming up in June, we hope to be at most if not all of them.

Gene

Hope everyone made it back home safe and sound. Both Campgrounds and greening up nicely. Bellevue has their annual Pig Roast coming up so, that sounds delicious. Hope they have great weather that weekend!! Trees have been taken down around the Hesperia clubhouse, looks a little different, but safety comes first. Now to make time to cut, split and stack, plenty to do. Anyone looking for something to do around the Campgrounds, ask the director's, I'm sure they have a list. Remember every helping hand helps. Thank you. Go Camping.

George

Secretary Report

Please welcome to 2 new members:

Greg Eberschiag from Ashtabula, Ohio, he will be joining Dragon Train this year.

Mark and Leslie Wilson from Bellevue, Michigan, they will be joining MALs

Anyone who joins another chapter must notify TTCM Secretary, so that I can change and/or add you to another chapter's list. I am trying to keep a list of all chapter members. Again, the secretary needs to have your phone number and we are going to be taking emergency contact numbers also. You never know what could happen and the Campground needs to get ahold of someone for you. You can email them to me or if you see me out camping just let me know. Thank you again for your co-operation.

We have 186 members and 41 members that did not renew their memberships. Chapters please try and get ahold of those who have not renewed their membership with you and TTCM to let them know that we need them in our club. They can renew either by mail or at the campgrounds. Please make use of our Associate Members as well, whenever possible or if a friend, neighbor or family member needs help. You can send them to one of our Associate Members.

Hope to see you all at the pig roast. I am looking forward to it. Everyone has a great time. The fellows do such a fantastic job roasting the pig. So new members come on out and greet everyone and have a great weekend of camping.

Sandy

**PLANNING MEETING – June 16th
BELLEVUE AT 10:30 AM and HESPERIA AT 2:00 PM**

Hello Fellow Campers!

The better weather is finally upon us, and it will be over before we know it. Enjoy it while you can! Take advantage of our low-cost campgrounds and bring your friends! Membership is down from last year but camping more often will help supplement revenue.

Looking forward to the Pig Roast in Bellevue this coming weekend. While you read this, it will have past already, but there were a lot of people who signed up. The weather doesn't look too promising, but this is Michigan just wait a minute and it will change. Make the most out of your summer!!

All Chapter Presidents at the May meeting were given a set of 2017 Profit & Loss Statements, a 2018 Balance Sheet and an Ear Marked Funds list. For any Chapter President that was not in attendance, please see me or send me an email at tcm treasurer14@gmail.com so I can get this paperwork to you.

Regards,

Cheryl Vogel

TTCM Treasurer

UPCOMING EVENTS

- June 16:** Community Dinner – Hesperia
Planning Meeting
- June 18-23:** Sewing Bee – Hesperia
- June 28-29:** Yard Sale – Hesperia
- July 6-8:** Pizza Cookoff – Bellevue
- July 7:** Community Picnic – Hesperia
- July 27-29:** Fireman's Fest – Olivet (bring candy)

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

**Gordon Anderson & JoAnn Shaft
Michael Sjostrom
Mark & Leslie Wilson**

**Please have articles submitted by June 23
for publication in the July newsletter.**

**Please mail to
tcm editorcyndi@gmail.com.**

**Thank You!
Cyndi Behler**

**Please keep the family of Wayne Stout in your thoughts and prayers. Wayne passed away
unexpectedly on Friday, May 25th.**

HESPERIA NEWS

The trees are all cut down and debris gone. Now just back filling holes. Weeding of the gardens about done. If mother nature would just now cooperate could get a few extra items off the list. Fellow campers are moving in for the memorial holiday. We are planning on having a float in the 4th of July parade. Anyone wishing to participate is welcome. Everyone have a fun, happy and safe summer.

Larri & Joe

Bellevue Campground

The new picnic tables are distributed thru out the campground.

Thank you to Debbie Steenbergh for weeding the sandbox and putting a boat in there for the kids to play in.

Thank you to Janet Felimonik and Cheryl Vogel and Jason Mullins Son for clean up around the clubhouse flower beds and planting of flowers and mulch.

The grass project has started, now we are waiting for the sun to come out to help make it grow.

The Boy Scouts were here for two nights sleeping in tents down by the lower shelter. They cleared the trails of branches and fallen limbs.

Dick Hamlin, thank you for the repair of the Grass Hopper mower.

MEMBERS ARE AGAIN COMING IN AND DROPPING OFF THEIR TRAILERS and PARKING WITHOUT TALKING TO CAMPGROUND DIRECTORS. *** THIS HAS TO STOP ***

A FORM IS IN THE OFFICE THAT MUST BE FILLED OUT IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY WHEN YOUR RV IS IN STORAGE OR LEFT ON-SITE.

Herm & Bill

SEWING BEE

Ladies, get ready, get set and SEW! The sewing bee week is rapidly approaching. Mark your calendars for June 18th through the 23rd. Get those sewing machines and projects ready for a week of fun!

Nancy & Beth

Winter Storage

We know it is a little too early to think of winter, but we wanted to inform the membership of a change regarding winter storage. All trailers must have their membership number displayed and a "winter storage" form completed along with a \$50.00 fee to store any trailer on the campgrounds for the winter months.

This is due to rising costs and a decline in income.

The policy of giving a donation for storing your trailer over the winter has been in place for years, yet very few members have felt the need to donate.

Thank you for your cooperation.

The Board

Board of Directors Meeting

May 5, 2018

Meeting called to order at 10:05 AM by President Gene Kowatch

Pledge to the Flag

Prayer by Dick Hamlin

Roll Call – Blossom Land (H), Double Dozen (H), Draggin Train (H), DuneLand Winnies (NS), Golden Agers (H), Grand Valley (NS), Happy Campers (H), Happy Hitchers (NS), Happy Wanders (H), MALs (H), Restless Ones (H), River Raisin (NS), President (H), Vice President (H), Secretary (H), Treasurer (H), Senior Advisor (H), Bellevue Director (H), Hesperia Director (H).

There is one correction, to the General Membership Meeting Minutes of September 4, 2017. A motion to accept the changes in Article 10, was made by George Behler and 2nd by Doris McGahan. It should have been 2nd by Delores McGahan.

Motion to accept the Minutes as read and corrected by Bill Oates and seconded by Gordie Dennis. Motion Passed

President – Both Campgrounds look great. Thank you for voting for him. All-American is in Hesperia this year. All-American Rally needs a chairperson. Carolyn Fitzpatrick has volunteered to chair the All-American Rally.

Vice President – Would like to see a food drive in Hesperia like they do in Bellevue. We need to have more 50/50 Raffles. Everyone needs to get out and go camping. Let's remember that we are one group.

Secretary - Updating Phone numbers and would like to have emergency contacts. Accidents do happen.

Treasurer - Passed out Profit and Loss sheets for 2017. We have a profit of \$2,911.32. Total Account is \$115,177.05, Saving Account \$78,022.56, Checking Account \$14,876.76, Bellevue Account \$2,964.46, Hesperia Account \$2,991.80, Earmarked Accounts total is \$16,321.47.

Taxes will be filled by May 15.

Hesperia switched to Hughes Network for internet, also look at the monthly payment and charges that were unnecessary.

Bellevue internet is Hughes Network and Roger Vogel has the Hughes Network on his credit card and Cheryl does not want to be writing him a check every month. She will be looking into paying Hughes Network, in some other way.

Hesperia's bill is \$109.97 for internet and the phone is \$134.92. Can put the phone on what is called winter vacation \$19.95.

Credit Card use at our campgrounds is that it would cost TTCM \$23.99 a month plus a % of purchase. So, in other word we would have to up our prices or take a loss of monies to TTCM. Decision was made to table this for the time being.

Motion made to accept the Treasurers report made by Leo Fitzpatrick and 2nd by Bill Oates. Motion Passed

Bellevue Campground – Not a lot planned this year. What we have so far is painting the Gables on clubhouse. Add more water spigots down below clubhouse, so they do not have to connect hoses together. Lower Picnic shelter needs work. Put a larger tank on the Honey Wagon, as newer units have larger tanks. Need to add some dirt and top soil from the clubhouse to the Electric house. Can not get rigs leveled. On the floor of the clubhouse place 2 different types of test

areas to see which one holds up to the cement floor. The Old floor in clubhouse, as two different types of cement. There is a moisture problem with part of the floor. Bill Oates purchased new plastic picnic tables to be place at campsites and must remove the old ones. Those who would like to take an old one home may do so by Memorial Weekend, otherwise these will be broken down. The Road behind the clubhouse (down the hill) is in need of some gravel, so we would like to place more gravel on that part of our roads.

Motion was made by Roger Vogel and 2nd by Joe Annis, to spend up to \$1000.00, for gravel on that portion of the road.
Motion Passed

Hesperia Campground – The new internet is up and running. We have 25 gigabytes for day use and 25 gigabytes for night use than it will slow way down when we go over 50 gigabytes. The Volley Ball area is no longer used, so we would like to remove the sand and move it over to the playground for the younger kids. Then reseed and put a box around TTCM sign, fix up the TTCM sign and plant some perennials. Larri would like to start locking up equipment and have a sign out sheet so she can keep track of equipment and who is using it. There is also a need to remove 8 trees because of safety issues. The first Estimate was for \$750 per tree for a total of \$6,000. The 2nd estimate with the same removal, was a total of \$2700. They cut, grind stump and clean up mess (grind up small stuff). They will cut up trees, but we will have to split the wood up.

Motion made by Leo Fitzpatrick and 2nd by Gordie Dennis to spend \$2700.00 to remove the eight trees Larri has pointed out. Motion Passed

Larri Hoople would like to have Joe Annis as her Campground Directors Assistant for the next three years.

Motion was made by Cyndi Behler and 2nd by JoAnn Ingraham to make Joe Annis the Hesperia Campground Directors Assistant. Motion Passed

All-American Rally – Carolyn Fitzpatrick said that she would be the chairperson again with lots of help. Sandy Nott offered assistance, along with others.

By-Laws – No Report

Newsletter – No Report

Website – No report

Unfinished Business –

Playground - New Equipment installed and new sandbox in place.

TTCM Flyer - Bill Oates made up a flyer for TTCM members to hand out at parades and to RV Dealers. Bill also made a New Membership flyer. It did not have Campground phone numbers or a place for emergency contacts. This is the flyer with name, address, phone number, email, and who sponsored them. Bill will add campground phone numbers and emergency contact and send it to the secretary.

Motion was made by Cyndi Behler and 2nd by Debbie Steenburgh, to print 400 of them after correction. Motion passed.

Pass these flyers out to RV Dealers and suppliers.

Storage Container for Bellevue is not needed at this time, so this is to be tabled for the possibility of needing it in the future.

Winter Storage – In discussing how many members had actually given a donation for leaving their campers on TTCM property for the winter, it was only one person. After much discussion, Bill Oates showed the Executive Committee a document that TTCM already has and had previously used for winter storage. Gene ask Bill to update it and place a “TTCM is not liable for any damages” and place a \$50.00 fee for winter storage.

Motion was made by Cheryl Vogel and 2nd by JoAnn Ingraham, any member who wants to leave their campers (RV) on TTCM properties, for the Closed Season, must fill out a Winter Storage Form, and pay a fee of \$50.00, check or cash, before the end of the camping season.

Credit Cards being used at campground were already discussed in Treasurer Report.

New Business

Larri Hoople asked Gene if we could move earmarked funds, left-over funds, from projects that are completed. Gene Kowatch said that she could.

Wood Cutting - at Bellevue. Herman needs to get some estimates for the removal of some trees from the woods on the West side of the property. When and who is going to stay around in the fall for them to cut the trees down, as they would probably be cut down in late October.

Motion for adjournment by JoAnn Ingraham, 2nd by Gordie Dennis

The Great American Campout

WHO: All TTCM members and guests

WHAT: Three fun-filled carnival days

WHEN: August 31- September 1-2-3- 2018

WHERE: Hesperia Campground (near the shores of Lake Michigan]

WHY: To have fun - Meet new people - Enjoy the outdoors - Support TTCM

To help financially with the campgrounds. This really does help to keep the camping costs down.

Please get out your Red-White and Blue and pack up the car, trucks, and trailers and don't forget the kids. Come on up to Northwest Michigan for Labor Day weekend 2018.

We will have activities for everyone 8 months to 80 crawling, crippled and crazy.

We would like all chapters to help and volunteer. The more the Merrier. As the saying goes more hands make less work.

Please talk to your chapters and let your President know what your chapter would like to do to help.

There will be more information in the next newsletter.

Carolyn Fitzpatrick



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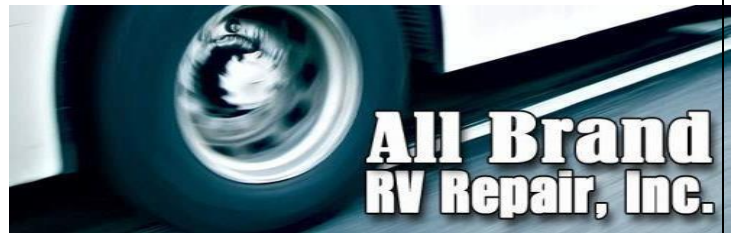


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DIRECTIONS:

**From I-94: North on I-69 to Exit 48. Go west on M-78 approx. 1 mile to Babcock Road, turn left (South).
At end of Babcock Road turn right (West).
Campground is approx. 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.**