



TRAVEL TRAILER CLUB OF THE MIDWEST

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Well, here it is the middle of June already. We've had really good weather for camping. Our Memorial weekend outings went good in both Campgrounds. Turnout was very good for both Campgrounds. Carolyn has started planning for the All American; it's in Hesperia this year. We hope all chapters will be represented! Campgrounds are looking good! Glad to see members using the Campgrounds.

Gene

Well summer is finally here. I hope everyone is enjoying the warm nights. Don't forget the local events going on at both Campgrounds and surrounding community's. Chapter's need to get planning the games for the All American, everyone can pitch in and do or donate what is needed. Let's have a great turnout. We had a great Memorial Day service at the flagpole, thanks to Bill Rollenhagen and all the other Vets who were there and served in the Armed Forces, again thank you all for your services. Stay safe and Go Camping...

George

From the Secretary

Hope everyone is out enjoying our campgrounds. Let's all try to help where needed. There are still many things that need to be done around both campgrounds. Our directors can always use extra help on doing things around our campgrounds. If you see something that should be done just ask Herman (Bellevue) or Larri (Hesperia).

Please make our newest members feel welcome to join in all our fun and activities.

Sandy

FROM BELLEVUE

First, I want to thank everyone that came to the pig roast on memorial weekend. And thank all those that signed the cards that I got and those that asked how I was feeling---again THANK YOU.

We did not have a planning committee meeting on June 16 because no one showed up again.

ACTIVITIES IN THE AREA IN JULY:

pizza cook off July 7

Battle Creek air show and balloon festival June 28 through July 4

Olivet Fireman festival July 8---and we are putting the people mover in the parade again this year.

Dick Hamlin has got the front gable end of the rec-hall painted and it really looks good--thank you Dick.

The gravel has been put on the roads.

Herm and Bill

Hello Fellow Campers!

I hope you all are enjoying your summer. A big thanks to all of you who attended the Pig Roast over Memorial weekend. It looked like everyone was having a good time. We did have a lot of people who paid the day of the event. While we were glad to have you, we can plan better if we knew how many people were going to be there to plan better for food. We certainly wouldn't want to run out of anything. I have been involved with a lot of events like this and we do plan for extra, but please try and make the deadline set for these big events. It would help immensely with the planning. Thanks in advance.

While we are talking about paying for things, we have had a lot of members renew their membership once the camping season begins. It was a little scary reporting on our member count in the May meeting, but they are improving. We have signed up some new members this year too. If you could see that dues are paid before the end of the year it would also help with the paperwork that is involved with payments and member reporting.

On a lighter note, I am enjoying the position of Treasurer. It is like an extension of work only I can do all that needs to be done in my pajamas if I want.

Part of the new member dues includes a name badge. I have been ordering those and some people I have talked to have either lost or misplaced their badge. I find it helpful when people wear their badges to help learn member names. If you would like to order a replacement badge, please send me an email to ttcmtreasurer14@gmail.com. And I can give you my mailing address to send a check, or if you see me I will take cash or a check. The badge cost it \$7.50 and the mailing cost is \$3.50 for a total of \$11.00.

That is all I have for now, and I hope to see you all soon.

Regards,
Cheryl Vogel

HESPERIA NEWS

Well, summer has finally arrived. We had a great turnout for the sewing bee. A special thanks to Leo Fitzpatrick for making our flower box by the Hesperia campground sign. Looks wonderful! With the new solar lights and the flowers added you can see it coming down the road from both ways. Our prayers go out to Dave Rogers who had surgery. Hope you are now on the mend. And we are praying for the family of Terry Hellman as his sister passed away. Blessings to all for a safe fun summer.

Also, due to others still needing to bring items to Hesperia; the yard sale has been postponed until July 19 and 20th. Sorry for any inconvenience.

There is a signup sheet in the clubhouse for the community picnic being held on July 7th. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided! If you plan on attending, please sign up or call 231-338-6124 and RSVP.

Larri & Joe

Hesperia Planning Meeting – June 16, 2018

Members Present: Joe Annis, Hesperia Assistant Campground Director; Kay Kowatch/RO;

Clione Carr/RO; Tom & Sheila Housler/MAL, Cyndi Behler/GA; Sandy Jarrell/TTCM Secretary.

Meeting called to order by Joe Annis at 2:04 pm.

The trees have been cut down. The internet has been installed. The black dirt for the volleyball court has been ordered and the trails to the west side of campground have been brush hogged.

There was discussion on building a better ramp on the bridge over the creek. There is a lot of wood that will need to be cut and split.

The Hesperia library will be installing a book box near the bulletin board outside of the clubhouse. It will have books for all ages.

Motion to close meeting made by Kay Kowatch, seconded by Clione Carr.

Meeting closed at 2:15 pm.

Notes submitted by Cyndi Behler

EDITOR'S NOTE:

If your chapter has an upcoming event and you would like to post it in the newsletter, please send me an email at the address listed below.

Please submit articles for the August newsletter by July 23rd. Please send them to ttcmeditorcyndi@gmail.com.

Thank YOU!
Cyndi Behler

UPCOMING EVENTS

- July 6-8: Pizza Cookoff – Bellevue
- July 7: Community Picnic – Hesperia
- July 19-20: Hesperia Yard Sale
- July 27-29: Fireman's Fest – Olivet (bring candy)
- August 4: Community Dinner - Hesperia
- Aug 31-Sept3: All American Rally - Hesperia

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Brian & Cindy Bonter
Shianna Ellis & Dallas Nicklas

WELCOME BACK!

Carl & Linda Quinn

BLOSSOMLAND NEWS

Can't believe July 4th is almost here. I swear we had snow at the beginning of May and by Memorial weekend it was 90 degrees! What a way to start the camping season. The pig roast at Bellevue is always a great time with lots of good food and fun for all. Even though it was HOT there were pools and water balloons for the kids. Some of our group went to Turkeyville but didn't last too long in the heat. Sunday there was kid's bingo, tie dyeing and an ice cream social. The band playing Sunday night was a great way to end the weekend. For a few of us who stayed Monday night we also had a pub crawl.

Our June rally was held on Father's Day weekend, another hot one! We were lucky to camp at Oak Shores in Decatur, which had a pool and most of Saturday and Sunday were spent in the pool. Our hosts were Barb & Tom S. and Dan & Nicole M. It has been a long time since I've camped at Oak Shores and it sure didn't disappoint. A trip to the Hayloft in Decatur for ice cream Saturday night was the best idea and a can't miss if you are in Decatur.

I got to go up to Hesperia after our rally for the sewing bee. It is amazing to see some of the projects that are made at the sewing bee. If you get a chance to go up for the fall sewing bee think about it. It really is a fun time with great people.

The weekend of July 27 we will be camping at Bellevue for the Fireman's Festival in Olivet. It is a fun festival with a parade which TTCM participates in with the people mover so anyone camping can be in the parade. They have spectacular fireworks on Saturday night. Our hosts for that rally are Pat and Gay S. and Sarah and Gabe Q.

Jo Ann Ingraham

Bellevue Campground

If you are dropping off your trailer, on site or in storage, at Bellevue and can't locate the property tender please text or leave message at 269-763-3551 with your name and trailer number. Also, please make sure your trailer number is visible from the road when leaving trailer.

Only one refrigerator is currently plugged in at the rec hall. The refrigerator in the upper shelter is also not plugged in. If you think you are going to use the 2nd refrigerator for a weekend, call or text 269-763-3551 a couple of days before the campout and they will plug in the 2nd refrigerator.

If you are leaving food items in the refrigerator or freezer after a campout please put your name, or group name and date on items you leave in the refrigerator or freezer. If you just want to leave items in refrigerator or freezer for anyone who is camping to use a note "help yourself" would be great.

Also, July 7 is the famous Pizza Cookoff at Bellevue campground and July 28 is the Olivet Fireman's Festival and TTCM takes our people mover in the parade.

Jo Ann Ingraham



TTCM All American Rally

'THE GREAT AMERICAN CAMPOUT'

August 31st thru September 3, 2018 in Hesperia

Preregistration Deadline: August 18, 2018

(Camping fees \$12/night will be paid at entrance when you arrive)

Pre-Registration Fee (before Aug 18th): \$25 Family / \$15 Single*

Late Registration Fee (after Aug 18th): \$30 Family / \$20 Single**

*does not include camping fees of \$12/night/**late registrations will be placed in HOBO parking in the overflow area
(Camping fees \$12/night will be paid at entrance when you arrive)

Mail payment (checks payable to TTCM) and this form to:

Carolyn Fitzpatrick

2985 Irish Acres Dr

Jackson, MI 49201

PHONE: 517-782-4650

Name: _____ Phone Number: (____) _____

Email address (*Confirmation will be sent via email*): _____

Chapter: _____ TTCM Number: _____

Adults: _____ # Teens: _____ # Children (please include ages): _____

Type of Unit: _____ Length: _____ Handicap Parking Needed? Yes No

Expected Arrival Date: _____

The following article was submitted by Dick Hamlin. It was published in The Great Lakes Pilot. The article was written by Tony Taton, and reprinted GLP in April 2012.

DRUG PROBLEMS

The other day, someone at a store in our town read that a Methamphetamine lab had been found in an old farmhouse in the adjoining county and he aske me a rhetorical question.

“Why didn’t we have a drug problem when you and I were growing up?”

I replied I had a drug problem when I was young:

I was drug to church on Sunday morning.

I was drug to church for weddings and funerals.

I was drug by my ears when I was disrespectful to adults.

I was also drug to the woodshed when I disobeyed my parents, told a lie, brought home a bad report card, did not speak with respect, spoke ill of the teacher or the preacher, or if I didn’t put forth by best effort in everything that was asked of me.

I was drug to the kitchen sink to have my mouth washed out with soap if I uttered a profanity.

I was drug to the homes of family, friends and neighbors to help out some poor soul who had no one to mow the yard, repair the clothesline, or chop some firewood, and if my mother had ever known that I took a single dime as a tip for this kindness, she would have drug me back to the woodshed.

Those drugs are still in my veins and they affect my behavior in everything I do, say or think. They are stronger than cocaine, crack or heroin, and if some of today’s children had this kind of drug problem, America would be a better place.

God Bless the parents who drugged us.



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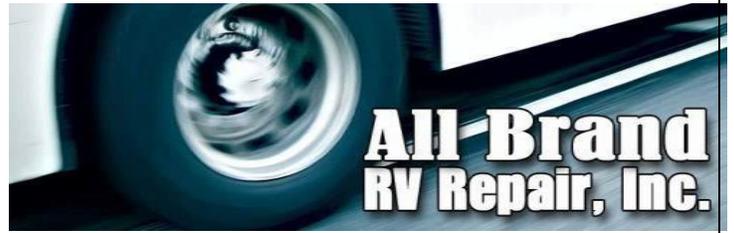


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DIRECTIONS:

**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.**

Hesperia Campground
6777 E. M-20
Hesperia, MI 49421
Phone: 231-338-6124
Email: hesperia1tccm@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.**