



# TRAVEL TRAILER CLUB OF THE MIDWEST

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Hi Members,

What a warm summer it's been. What great weather for camping! We've had good turn outs for our activities. The Hesperia Campground will be having a Community Dinner in August. The All American is on Labor Day weekend and Lefty's fish fry in September with the Sewing Bee week right after.

Hesperia had a member have a Heart attack. After dealing with it I started looking at AED's for both Campgrounds. I've talked to a couple of the other Board Members about getting them for our Campgrounds. We think it would be a good idea. We were wondering if anybody would be interested in taking a CPR class.

It has come to our attention that our Members that have dogs aren't following the rules of our Campgrounds. When we walk our dogs, we are responsible for their waste whether it's in the dog walk areas or around the Campground.

It's also been brought to our attention that we are having Members using Facebook to air their grievances. This is not the place or way we handle our problems! The proper way is to talk to the Campground Director. Then you get ahold of your Chapter President who contacts the Board to resolve the issues.

Thanks for your understanding with the issues.  
Gene Kowatch

Hello everyone!

I'm glad I'm able to say that!! While cutting wood up at Hesperia, I suffered a heart attack, Fourth of July weekend. All is well, I am healing up fine. It sure is great to have many friends who were able to help me during this ordeal. Chest pain and shortness of breath is nothing to ignore, do yourself and your family a favor, get in to your doctor and treat these symptoms before your heart fails you.

Summer is going fast, and the cool fall season will be here before you know it. Let's all pitch in and help with the All-American Rally. Mrs. Fitzpatrick is heading this event; please lend a helping hand for this great event. My wife and I will not be able to be at the AAR due to a prior commitment, our youngest son is getting married 9/2/18. Again, thank you all for your thoughts and prayers.

Go Camping, see ya soon.  
George

I would also like to thank our Hesperia "family" for all their help on July 7<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your prayers, visits and well wishes. It meant a lot to both of us!

Cyndi Behler

Hello Fellow Campers!

The summer sure does seem like it is going fast. The weather has been extremely hot and then goes to chilly overnight. I am not complaining though, it sure is better than the white stuff. You know what they say about living in Michigan, wait a day and the weather will change.

I hope everyone has been enjoying the campgrounds. Our next big event is the All American over Labor Day in Hesperia. I hope you all can make it. Roger and I were in Hesperia recently and I am sure this will be mentioned in other places but there is construction on I-96. Imagine that. All traffic west bound is forced off at exit 33. There is a detour before that so look for the signs. Please don't let this stop you from coming as this event is a great time.

As I mentioned in a previous article, 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 [ttcm treasurer14@gmail.com](mailto:ttcm treasurer14@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 hope to see you all soon.

Regards,

Cheryl Vogel

**ATTENTION MAL MEMBERS:**

**A new MAL representative is needed for each campground. If you are interested, please contact me at 517 545-9041 or [ttcmsecretary14@gmail.com](mailto:ttcmsecretary14@gmail.com).**

**Thank you,  
Sandy Jarrell**

HESPERIA NEWS

Well, the yard sale turned out well. With the money from the yard sale we bought a water cooler for the clubhouse. The remainder of the money went into the playground fund. Thank you to everybody that donated items and helped with the yard sale.

Larri and Joe

THANK YOU

We want to give a Big Thank You to a fellow camper George Behler for coming to our rescue on a hot over 90 degrees Sunday when our air conditioner went out.

He came with his tools and found the problem and fixed it. It has been working like a charm since.

Thank You Very Much,

Bob and Clione Carr

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**August 4:** Community Dinner – Hesperia

**August 18:** Planning Meeting  
Bellevue – 10 am  
Hesperia – 11 am

**Aug 31-Sept3:** All American Rally – Hesperia

**September 22:** Lefty's Fish Fry - Hesperia

**September 24-29:** Sewing Bee - Hesperia

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

**Jim & Bev Boyer**

**Phil & Tara Nichols**

**Barry & Susan Owens**

**Bob & Kathy Wright**

This was published in a TTCM Newsletter in April, 1996.

#### **The Ten Commandments of Good Membership By Tom Ritter**

**A MEMBER is the most important person in this organization.**

**A MEMBER is not dependent on us – we are dependent on him.**

**A MEMBER is not an interruption of our work – he is the purpose of it.**

**A MEMBER does us a favor when he joins our organization – we are not doing him a favor by administering to his needs.**

**A MEMBER is a part of our organization – not an outsider.**

**A MEMBER is not a cold statistic – he is a flesh and blood human being with feelings and emotions like our own.**

**A MEMBER is not someone to argue or match wits with – but someone to work and build with.**

**A MEMBER is deserving of the most courteous and attentive treatment we can give him.**

**A MEMBER is a person who brings us TIME, TALENT and RESOURCES – it is our responsibility to give him a SENSE OF BELONGING, PERSONAL SATISFACTION and PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT.**

**A MEMBER is the life blood of this organization.**

## FROM BELLEVUE

For those asking about Bill--- he is out of the hospital and in rehab getting his strength back and we hope he will be home soon.

We want to give a big thanks to Sharon and Daryl for a good pizza cook-off.

Because a member failed to check in with at the property tenders unit when they came in they chose a site that had a kiddy swimming pool on it and instead of contacting the property tender they chose to call someone else and we got a call from the president wanting to know what was going on down here and he told us that it was looking like a low income trailer park by another member also the first member wanted to know where the wood was so he could have a camp fire and he was told that the wood was used by the pizza cook off weekend and because we do not get any help to cut more there was none. What was cut for the cook-off was cut by me and Pat Story while he was property tender. (we cut and split about 2 face cord for the cook-off)

We all know we need to attract couples with little ones (so they can grow up and become members) but when we get some new members the older members have a hissy-fit because there are toys laying around.

By the time you read this newsletter the Olivet Fireman's festival and all the garage sales in their tow will be all over.

Don't forget the All American in Hesperia this year over Labor Day week-end.

## FOR SALE

A Dish Tailgater satellite unit---about 4 years old but never used---also some coaxial for the unit---  
\$ 250.00 or best offer. Call Herm

Herm & Bill

**Please have your articles submitted to me for the September newsletter by**

**August 20<sup>th</sup>. Please email them to [ttcmeditorcyndi@gmail.com](mailto:ttcmeditorcyndi@gmail.com).**

**Thank you!**

**Cyndi Behler**

### ATTENTION LADIES:

The sewing bee will be held on September 24<sup>th</sup> through September 29<sup>th</sup> in Hesperia. Hopefully, we can all be together again.

Nancy & Beth

### **ALL AMERICAN RALLY RULES**

The following rules apply for the All-American Rally

Only those that paid the fee for the rally are allowed in the campground

All campers that do not want to attend must be off their site by Friday of the event if not moved will be charged the rally fee.

Nonmembers (Escapees, and Passport) are not allowed during the event.

All members can come to the membership meeting on Monday.

A parking committee will park all attendees.

### **ALL-AMERICAN TRAFFIC ALERT**

**Westbound I96 is closed at Plainwell exit to Alpine exit. Suggested route is: M66 exit at Ionia. Take M66 North to M46 to 131. Head north on 131 to exit for White Cloud and head west on M20. Follow M20 signs to Hesperia. Campground will be on south side of road.**

**M20 East is closed at 132<sup>nd</sup> – 154<sup>th</sup> streets due to bridge replacement. Suggested route: Take 31 North to Fremont exit 118 (M120) and head north to M20. Turn left onto M20. The campground will be on the south side of the road.**

# TTCM All American Rally

## 'THE GREAT AMERICAN CAMPOUT'

**August 31<sup>st</sup> 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: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

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# Adults: \_\_\_\_\_ # Teens: \_\_\_\_\_ # Children (please include ages): \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Unit: \_\_\_\_\_ Length: \_\_\_\_\_ Handicap Parking Needed? Yes No

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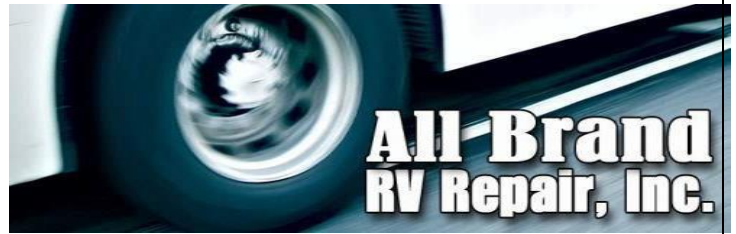


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**DIRECTIONS:**

**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**  
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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.**