



TRAVEL TRAILER CLUB OF THE MIDWEST

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IN SYMPATHY

Please keep the family of Harriet Conklin in your thoughts and prayers. Harriet passed away 9/21/18.

Fellow Campers,

I can't believe it's the end of September. The leaves are turning, and it won't be long we will be blowing them off of the Campground. It won't be long, and Halloween will be happening down to Bellevue. I would like to mention that with all the stuff going on in the world today a little goodwill towards each other will go a long way. Just remember a smile, handshake or a thank you makes us feel better. I would like to thank Carolyn and all the volunteers that have helped with the Rally without them it would be very difficult to put the rally on! Roger Vogel has said that he's going to put on the Rally next year. Let's all pitch in to help with it!

Gene Kowatch

Who said it is chilly, I mean chili season. Yes, my friends fall is creeping up on us, soon the campground's will be rolling up the welcome mat and hanging the closed till spring sign. There has been and will be more improvements at both campground's, thank you to all those folks that continue to help make the campground's look great and enjoyable...Many hands make lite work.

Hope everyone remembered Lefty's Fish Fry, always a tasty and o my gosh I ate to much good time.

Safe travels to all those headed south, stay healthy and stay safe. Hope to see you all in the spring.

P.S. Please pay your dues, thank you.

Go Camping. C Ya.



George Behler

MALs - There are two new reps for the MAL group, one for each campground. Bellevue Campground rep is now Jessica Hutchins and Hesperia Campground Rep is Bill Fox. Please make them feel welcome and let's give them a hand when and where they need it.

Thank- you Jessica and Bill for stepping up.

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Secretary - I can believe that it is already mid-September and our last days of Camping are going by fast. I hope that everyone is planning on getting out there camping at least one more time. We have the Bellevue Halloween Outing (October 5-7) coming up and it would be a lot of fun if we had a big crowd to end our 2019 season. There will be fun activities for the kids and adults. Don't forget to bring your **COSTUME** (adults) **AND CANDY** too. Let's kick this Outing off with a Party Weekend for **ALL** ages! Make sure to get to know someone new and make them feel welcome to our TTCM family.

Don't forget to pay your 2019 Dues, before December 31, or you will be paying an extra \$10.00 for Reinstatement fees. I will be at the Fish fry, Sewing Bee and the Bellevue Halloween Outing to collect dues. 2019 Dues must be paid before you can place your RV in Winter Storage. Address is listed below.

To all Chapters - The Secretary needs your 2019 Officers names and phone numbers, emails if they have changed. This is so the Secretary can send you information for your Chapters. Please Email them to me (tcmsecretary14@gmail.com).



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Hello Fellow Campers!

Sad to say that camping season is almost over. Make the most out of the last few weeks.

If you haven't gotten in your registration for the Bellevue Halloween Rally and you plan on attending, please let me know as soon as possible. We want to make sure that we have enough food for all.

My email address is ttcm treasurer14@gmail.com.

The All American Rally was a great success despite the rain! Thank you again Carolyn Fitzpatrick for hosting and being so organized. We raised \$1,367.01. It was nice to see everyone.

I hope you all have a safe winter and hope to see everyone in the Spring!

Regards,

Cheryl Vogel

Hesperia Planning Meeting – August 18, 2018

Members present: Larri Hoople – Hesperia Campground Director; Bob & Clione Carr – RO; Dianna Wiggers – MAL; Gordy & Cheryl Dennis – RO; Carolyn Fitzpatrick – RO; Tom & Sheila Housler – MAL; Mike Sjostrom – RO; Kay Kowatch – RO

Meeting called to order at 11:05 am by Larri Hoople.

Need to get an additional key for the tractor made.

Would like to build up the electrical fund for more 50-amp service.

Need to treat ground bees.

September 22nd is the fish fry and the weekend of September 28th will be wood cutting.

One of the wood outhouses in the north east corner is infested with ants or termites. We need to come up with a solution. It was suggested to close it off and chemically spray bomb it and see if that takes care of it.

The drain field has been treated with RidX and the water faucets have been replaced.

The new playground equipment has been installed.

Motion to close meeting made by Cheryl Dennis, seconded by Kay Kowatch.

Meeting closed at 11:35 am.

Notes submitted by Kay Kowatch

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 5-7: Halloween - Bellevue

October 19-21: Campground closing

WELCOME BACK

Merle & Lucille Dailey

Anne Kurburski

The 2018 All American Update

The 2018 All American is now history. It was a fun, rainy, hot, 4 days. The weather was not the best, but it was not a total washout either. We did get all of the activities in as planned, and everyone got to participate.

We had plenty of volunteers from every chapter. They helped park units, run games, planned crafts, cooked the food, organized the activities, and cleaned up the grounds and the buildings. This truly was a group effort. Those few little rain drops we had on Saturday morning and Sunday evening did not seem to dampen anyone's spirits. The children really enjoyed themselves running from game to game and craft to craft. They even had their own bike and pet parade.

Thank you to everyone who participated, and volunteered, and helped with everything. We had 50 units and we took in \$1,884.00 and expenses of \$516.99 so we made a grand total \$1,367.01. Remember this does not include any of the camping fees. So I would say it was a very profitable weekend for TTCM.

Thanks again for everything
Carolyn

REMINDER: Campgrounds will close the third weekend in October. Please help the directors with all the work required to close them.

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BLOSSOMLAND NEWS:

What a great time at the AAR. Hesperia campground looked wonderful. Blossomland had 8 units plus 1 guest family. Peggy's daughter and son in law and their 4 kids brought our grand total to 14 kids in our group alone. Great idea for the parking committee to put us next to the playground. The new items at the playground got plenty of use. We had our end of the year supper on Saturday night that included Ben I's smoked brisket and Carrie T sugar free desserts. One thing about Blossomland is we sure do enjoy our food.

Though the weather was just a little wet, we all took in in stride. Brad M. used the rain from my awning for a shower. Dan M got a surprise when he saw the clouds coming in at 4 am on Sunday morning and decided he should get out of the tent and into one of the trailers just before the tent collapsed under the rain and wind. Luckily the rest of his family was already in the trailers.

I tried Hillbilly Euchre on Friday night for the first time. It was a fun time, but the hardest round was the no talking round. Doris V and Peg D. each had to take a penalty at our table. I hear a rumor the Gordon D. had to take penalty points not once but twice. Diane K. also found out after the game that Herm may have left the light on for her, but he didn't leave the steps out!!!

Games were scheduled for both days, but the rain delayed Saturday's games and rock painting to Sunday. Thank goodness Sharon W. brought in her craft project for the kids on Saturday afternoon. Kids and parents both participated in making bracelets and necklaces until the kids 10 cent auction started.

I believe the Hutchins family was the big winner for both kids and adult 10 cent auction. Good thing they had a truck to take all their goodies home. Amy F tried to give some of her winnings to others by having her little boy, Cedar, take their winnings to others knowing we couldn't refuse them from such a cutie, BUT we got smart fast and every time he brought someone an item he was sent back to Amy with something.

I think Nicole and Dan's family was the biggest winner at the kids cake roulette but with 6 kids playing her chances were very good.

Chloe M. stood in for Kay at the adult roulette while Kay helped with roulette. It appeared she was lucky for Kay.

Sunday we were able to have the games and painted rocks. Restless Ones had a game, Blossomland had a game and a group of new members (I'm sorry I didn't get their names) had two games. Kay and Doris did painted rocks. We had adults and kids doing our games. The painted rocks went over very well with kids and adults. The parade also happened on Sunday afternoon with Gordon and his granddaughter leading the parade followed by decorated bikes and dogs. The progressive campfire had lots of fun food while it lasted but was cut short by more rain.

While most people left on Monday, Gay and Pat S. had their son Patrick and two grandsons Logan and Owen out for a couple hours to visit

A big thank you to Carolyn for chairing the AAR 2018. I know it can't be done without lots of help from the volunteers who served supper on Friday night and Saturday lunch and our breakfast cooks on Sunday morning to the people who volunteer to run games and crafts along with the parking committee to the people who help clean up and set up for the next events.

Always a fun time but I was glad I could spend a couple extra days up in Hesperia to recuperate. Next is Lefty's fish fry, Hesperia sewing bee and Bellevue Halloween rally.

Jo Ann

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Joint Planning Committee Meeting

September 1, 2018

Meeting Called to Order 3:55 p.m.

Old Business

Hesperia – All projects completed except the Wood Cutting Bee.

Playground – New equipment up and replacement of old equipment. Removal of old playground equipment. Sand from the Volley ball court moved to the playground.

Internet – Internet fixed and working better.

Tree Removal – Trees were removed and cleaned up.

Wood Cutting Bee – Wood Cutting Bee will be held on September 29th. Going to need some help, with this last project.

Bellevue – There has been a set back because of Bill Oates and Dick Hamlin not being able to help out.

Painting Club House - Gable on the east end of the club house has been painted but not the west end. Working on renting a lift.

Club house floor – May have to place drain tile around outside of club house. Floor is unlevel (between old part and newer part). Placing a sealer on the floor. Need to look at the dampness first.

Gravel on Roads – The gravel is 80% done. The rest will be done before the campground is closed this year.

Wood Cutting Bee – Double Dozen will be at Bellevue to cut wood on September 29th to cut wood for the Halloween Weekend Outing. They are asking for help from all members. Come out and help them. No help refused.

New Business

Hesperia – Going to look into adding more 50-amp service to campsites.

Bellevue - Finish putting gravel on roads and paint the west end gable on clubhouse.

It was suggested by Cheryl Vogel to have Edison or whoever is our electric company come in and do an analysis of where and how we can save money at both campgrounds.

Adjourn 5:04 p.m.

Sandy Jarrell

TTCM Secretary

General Membership Meeting

September 3, 2018

Meeting Called to order at 10:05 AM by Gene Kowatch

Pledge to the flag

Prayer by

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

Reading of the Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting, May 5, 2018.

Motion to accept the Minutes of the Board of Directors meeting May 5, 2018 as read was made by Kay Kowatch, 2nd by Tom Strzyzkowski motion pass.

President Report – The TTCM Campground Winter/Summer Storage form is ready to hand out. Thank you to Bill Oates for making this form. It was voted on at the May meeting this year. If planning to put your RV in Winter Storage, you must fill out the form and pay the storage fee **before** parking your RV. There will be a \$50.00 Storage fee for storing your RV at Bellevue or Hesperia.

Vice President Report– No report

Secretary Report – Thank you to those who have paid their dues and updated their phone numbers.

Treasurer Report – Camping fees are down roughly \$5000.00, Hughes Network is now coming out of TTCM funds. Signed a Three-year contract for Bellevue Garbage in order to keep the cost down!

Main TTCM checking account (Mother Club).....	\$21,502.13
Savings account.....	78,035.60
Bellevue checking account.....	3,349.44
Hesperia checking account.....	4,583.00
Special earmarked funds account.....	11,748.55

\$1700 in All American Rally Raffles

Motion to accept the Treasurers report, subject to audit, was made by Leo Fitzpatrick and 2nd by Tom Strzyzkowski motion pass.

Bellevue Director Report– Gravel on the roads is 80% complete, going to finish this year. Water lines, down below the club house put on hold, interim measures are to run hoses for now. Club house Gable on east end painted, still need west end done. Lawnmower from Hesperia too expensive to repair sold to Stanley Lawn & Garden.

Hesperia Director Report – Thank you everyone who came to the Rally. Everything is done on this year’s list. Talk of adding more 50-amp stantions.

Committees

All American:

Blossom Land – Had a great time, lots of kids. It was a smooth time, appreciate the chairperson!

Double Dozen – Thank you Carolyn. What a fun time.

Dragon Train – Thank you Carolyn and your crew

DunnLand Winnies – Had a great time, plenty of water, lots of fun, thank you Carolyn

Golden Agers – Thank you for great time and extra water.

Happy Campers – Very Good time and thank you for all your effort.

Happy Wanders – Excellent time thank you Leo

MAL's – We enjoyed ourselves and looking forward too many years to come.

Restless Ones – Appreciate Carolyn's hard work and Leo's. Had a good time.

River Raisin – Wonderful relaxing weekend, everyone enjoyed not rushing from activity to activity.

Senior Advisor – Great Time. Going to need your help Carolyn, for next year's. Going to take it on for 2019, Called All American Corn Roast!

Secretary – Great time fun weekend!

Treasurer – Great Time, very relaxed.

Bellevue – Thank you for a fun time.

Hesperia – Great time thank you Carolyn, Leo and Crew.

President – Carolyn you did a, outstanding job! Thank-you! It's been very different when one person takes on chairing the Rally opposed to a chapter. Great having everyone helping out. If you want to help next year contact Roger Vogel!

Jo Ann Ingraham add that the Craft Idea and games where great!

Tom Strzyzkowski – Liked having both days with kid's game!

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

Discussion about Planning Meetings – Not enough Chapters are showing up to have a quorum for planning committee meetings. Are we having planning committee meetings too often? Would have to change the by-laws to change how often to have them? A decision was made to discuss this more at the May Officers meeting.

Wood Cutting Bee's are scheduled for Bellevue & Hesperia on September 29. We need members to show up and help out!

Discussion about how we treat each other - Things said that should not have been said. Any issue regarding a campground should be address with the respective Campground Director. It was agreed that the TTCM Facebook Page is not the place to air complaints.

Motion to adjourn made by Gordon Dennis and 2nd by Tom Strzyzkowski motion pass.

Sandy Jarrell

TTCM Secretary

EDITOR NOTE:

Please have articles for November newsletter to me by November 23rd. Please note that the November issue will be the last newsletter for the year. Please send articles to tccmeditorcyndi@gmail.com.

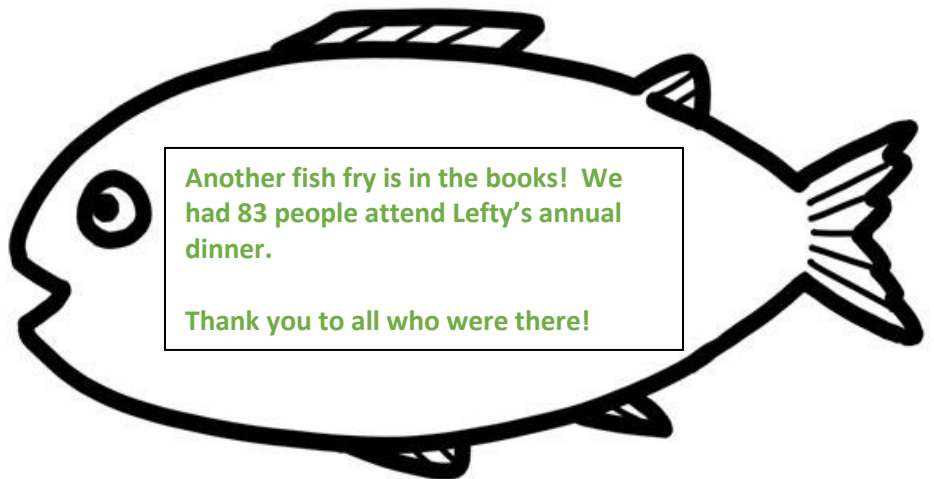
Hope everyone likes the changes made to the newsletter. This change was necessary due to equipment at the post office not reading the correct addresses for the mailings.

Thank you!

Cyndi Behler

Thank you to Steve & Carol McNeal for the new television for the Hesperia clubhouse!

Hesperia campers.



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Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone _____

E-Mail _____

Dues Paid for _____ (Show New Membership Card) (Following years dues must be paid in advance for Winter storage)

Type of Unit to be Stored:

Travel Trailer 5th Wheel Motor Home Tent Camper Cargo Trailer

Year _____ Make _____ Model _____

Serial Number _____ License Number _____

TTCM Member agrees to carry his/her own Liability and Comprehensive Insurance. This is to protect against theft, windstorm, water damage, fire, hail, vandalism, and or any act of GOD.

TTCM Member, cannot or will not hold TTCM or its Officers responsible for loss of any kind while their unit is in Storage. Property in Storage at TTCM is placed there entirely at the owner's risk.

The storing of personal property within unit is discouraged.

NO CAMPING in or OCCUPYING unit while in storage.

In case of Emergency, Notify _____ Phone # _____

I have read the above Campground Storage Agreement. I understand and agree to the terms set forth and I have received a copy.

Member Signature

Date

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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.**

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