



TRAVEL TRAILER CLUB OF THE MIDWEST

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President News

Hello fellow campers,

Well the campgrounds have been open for a month now. I hope everyone is doing well. We have had a lot of cool weather, with rain, wind and tornadoes! The power was knocked out at Bellevue and caused some damage.

As I write this message, we are heading into Memorial weekend. I hope the festivities at both campgrounds went well! I urge everyone to spend some time at one of our campgrounds, enjoy and participate. Help out when needed. Remember as members you / we are the owners. It takes everyone's help to succeed.

I want to thank everyone that made it to the Board of Directors Meeting whether in person or via call-in.

Enjoy our campgrounds and see you around the campfires!

Bill Fox

Bellevue Members-at-Large Representative

We are currently in need of a MAL (Member-at-Large) Rep for Bellevue.

Anyone interested in filling this opening should contact President Bill Fox or Secretary Sandy Jarrell and let them know you would like to help the club by being a voice for non-chapter affiliated members.

Upcoming Events for 2025

June 16-20	Sewing Bee — Hesperia
June 20-22	Work Weekend & Neighborhood BBQ
July 25-27	Work Weekend
Aug 15-17	Work Weekend

Vice-President News

Events happening in the areas around the campgrounds

Hesperia

The Family Fun Fest is held on and around July 4th each year. Festivities include a wonderful parade, huge craft fair and market, horse and tractor pulls, live music, kids games and activities, food trucks, as well as other local shopping and dining experiences. As always, the magnificent fireworks display is at dusk on July 4th.

Hart — just 23 miles away

June 7-8 Free Fishing, Free ORV Weekend & Free State Park Admission

June 13 City of Hart Asparagus Festival Kick-O Party 7:30pm

June 13-15 Downtown Hart — National Asparagus Festival Hart, MI — nationalasparagusfestival.org

June 13 City of Hart — Asparagus Festival Kick-Off Party 7:30pm

June 14 Downtown Hart — National Asparagus Festival Car Show

June 14 Opening day Hart Historic District & Museum

June 15 Mears Museum & Historical Park opens

June 28 Hart Community Garage Sale

Bellevue

Antique Tractor Pull

Cornwell's Turkeyville

Saturday, June 7, 2025

10:00 am Tractor Pull

Flea Market and Antique Show

Cornwell's Turkeyville

June 7, 2025 - June 8, 2025

June 21, 2025 – June 22, 2025

10:00 am - 4:00 pm Flea Market and Antique Fair

If you plan ahead to August

Vintage Camper Show

Cornwell's Turkeyville

Saturday, August 9, 2025 - August 10, 2025

11:00 am - 5:00 pm

Brenda Hilderbrandt

Vice President

Secretary News

Hello Campers,

The May Board of Directors Meeting has captured the attention of the Executive Board. We only had three (3) Chapters present. If the following chapters do not contact the TTCM Secretary by providing a list of their Chapter members names and who their named officers are, the Chapters will be considered disbanded: Blossom Land, Double Dozen, Draggin Train, and Happy Wanderers. Deadline for information submission is June 24th.

Any chapter which falls below three (3) TTCM membership numbers, for a period of one year, will be considered disbanded. Currently, per our records, Draggin Train and Happy Wanderers appear to have less than three (3) members at this time. This requirement is clearly stated in our By-Laws.

If anyone is interested in starting a new chapter, it is written in the by-laws how to start one. Refer to By-laws Article XIV, Forming Chapters.

We also currently need a MAL (Member-at-Large) Rep for Bellevue. This should have been done before the first of the year.

Hope everyone had a fun filled Memorial Weekend. The work weekend at Bellevue was quite exciting with no power the Saturday before Memorial Weekend. Thank goodness the power came back on just before the Memorial Weekend Bell-Stock fun weekend. Hopefully everyone stayed warm.

Let's not forget that it take's everyone helping out to make our campgrounds operate smoothly. If you see something that needs to be done at either campgrounds talk to the Campground Director, find out where and what they need help with.

The Sewing Bee will be June 16th thru the 20th, with a shopping trip and lunch on Friday the 13th. If you have any questions contact Nancy Hellman 1-231-338-6124. All crafters are welcome. There is a \$15 fee for joining us but come all sewers and crafters for a week of fun filled days.

See you around the campground,

Sandy Jarrell — TTCM Secretary

Sewing Bee

June 16 – 20 with Shopping on Friday June 13

To all of our Sewing Bee participants this June's sewing bee will include a Mystery Bag exchange. Bring something that you may no longer use or want, put it in a brown paper bag, staple it shut, and than one day during the sewing week we will have a bag swap. It was so much fun last year doing this that I thought that we would do it again.

It is \$15 to join us and that money is used for projects around the campground. Any question, contact me.

Looking forward to see you all at the Sewing Bee

Nancy Hellman

Hesperia News

Hi everyone,

It was good to see everyone on opening day. We had several that brought in their units and several that were here in storage.

Time sure flies by, seems like I just wrote the May news article. The weather has been on the cool side, As I write this we are getting much needed rain. The report for Memorial weekend is going to be on the cool side.

We are enjoying our new water lines; it is so much nicer not having to run hoses so far.

The sewing bee is coming up June 16th to 20th. There will be a shopping day on Friday June 13th. There will be a car pool and leaving around 10:00 A.M. to take in the fabric shops. The fall Sewing Bee will be September 15th to 19th, with a shopping day the Friday before.

The July 4th weekend will have a potluck on Saturday the 5th at 5:00 P.M. with a country band to follow for the evening entertainment. Will see what we come up with at our meeting if we do anything else.

The health department was here for their yearly inspection. One thing they found was three units that didn't have the cap on their sewer pipe, that is a must when not in use.

Having a lot of things sitting under your unit doesn't look good for the campground.

Make sure you clean up after your dogs.

Will see everyone around the campgrounds.

Clione and Don

Bellevue Events for 2025

[*Mark your calendar now for this years events at Bellevue.*](#)

June 13-15	Father's Day Weekend
June 20-22	Work Weekend & Neighborhood BBQ
July 4-6	4th of July
July 25-27	Work Weekend
Aug 15-17	Work Weekend
Aug 29-Sep 1	Labor Day Weekend
Sep 19-21	Work Weekend (Halloween Event Setup)
Oct 4-6	Halloweekend 2025
Oct 17-19	Campground Closes

Potential Elimination of Several Chapters Due to Neglecting Required Obligations

***** Notice to All Chapter Officers and Chapter-Affiliated Members *****

Several chapters are in jeopardy of elimination due to not fulfilling their obligations to the TTCM mother club.

TTCM (the Mother Club) is comprised of 1) chapter-affiliated members and 2) non-chapter-affiliated members. Non-chapter-affiliated members are referred to as Members-at-Large or MALs.

Just as the mother club is required to have a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer, each individual chapter is also required to have a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. If a chapter does not have people elected to serve in these positions, then the chapter cannot exist.

It is each chapter's responsibility, **every year**, to provide the TTCM Secretary with 1) a list of the current year's chapter officers containing names and positions held, and 2) a list of names of all chapter members. (Member numbers would also be appreciated.)

Even if the chapter officers and members have not changed from the prior year, the chapter still must provide this information yearly.

These lists are to be provided anytime between the prior year's campground closing and up to, but no later than, one month prior to the May Board of Directors Meeting. (That means prior to April 1st since the May Board meeting could potentially occur on May 1st.)

It is not the responsibility of the TTCM Secretary to pursue each chapter every year to obtain this information. If you intend to have a chapter within TTCM, you need to understand that you have obligations to TTCM. Chapters sign up to these obligations when they are formed. If any chapter does not fulfill its obligations, then that chapter can rightfully be eliminated.

During the 2025 Board of Directors Meeting, several chapters were not present. It is unknown who the officers of those chapters are, as they did not fulfill their obligation to provide their chapter officer and member information to the TTCM Secretary.

At this time, Chapter Blossom Land and Chapter Double Dozen have until June 24th to inform the TTCM Secretary of their chapter information. If chapter information is not provided by the stated date, then the chapter will be considered disbanded. All assets of a disbanded chapter must be promptly given to the TTCM Treasurer.

Even chapters that were present at the 2025 May meeting should still make sure they have provided a list of their officers and members to the TTCM Secretary by June 24th.

TTCM Executive Committee

The TTCM President's email address is [ttcm0016@gmail.com](mailto:ttc0016@gmail.com) (for any clarification discussion).

The TTCM Secretary's email address is [ttcmsecretary14@gmail.com](mailto:ttcsecretary14@gmail.com) (for providing chapter list information).

The TTCM Treasurer's email address is [ttcmtreasurer14@gmail.com](mailto:tctmtreasurer14@gmail.com) (for arranging asset forfeiture).

T.T.C.M.
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
May 10, 2025

Call to Order: Bill Fox

Time: 11:04 am

Prayer: Penny Walsma

Pledge:

Roll Call: Present Golden Agers, Happy Wanderers, MAL's Hesperia, Restless Ones, President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Bellevue Director, Hesperia Director

General Membership Meeting Minutes of Sept 7, 2024:

President Report: Thank you to Don Gasaway and Troy Roberson for taking on the new water lines in Hesperia. Thank you to Zack Martin for getting another UTV.

Vice President Report: We want to remember those member, who passed away over the past 6 months, since the end of the last camping season.

Secretary Report: Remembering those we have recently lost.

Treasurer Report: We have a total of \$ [REDACTED] *[redacted as this is visible on the web]*

Bellevue: The Honey Wagon will now be locked and everyone who wants to use it must pay first then they will get the key.

Bellevue: NO more ICE at the campground. For rallies the Director will purchase a few bags for sale.

Bellevue Campground Report: Looking into a new phone as the old one no longer works. Ice in freezer people were not paying for it last year so this year we may buy a few bags local and bring them in. Vickie George will be asked to take the job of the Assistant Campground Director when she gets here. Members were not paying to use the Honey Wagon so it will now be locked until the member pays upfront and then gets the key.

Hesperia Campground Report: Thank you to Don Gasaway and Troy and Ilene Roberson for taking care of the new water lines plus the entire cleanup that needed to be done after the water lines went in. So water lines in and working great. Water samples past their testing. We are still looking, into another Port-a-potty, as required by the State of Michigan. We have a new Ambulance service in our area. The Pop Machine in the clubhouse is no longer working or the freezer chest. So there will no longer be pop available in the clubhouse.

Committees: Labor Day Rally: Bellevue – Zack and Sherry Martin are putting together thing for the Labor Day Weekend, so if anyone wants to help in any way contact Sherry. We will need help with many activities.

T.T.C.M.
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
May 10, 2025

Hesperia: There will be a Campground Planning Committee Meeting May 24, with the discussion of, the Labor Day Weekend and the Halloween Outing, so if any member would like to participate in any of those events come to the meeting. We need help from members to put on these rallies.

Bylaws Committee: N/R

Halloween Outing: Bellevue – Zack and Sherry Martin are putting together thing for the Halloween out, so if anyone wants to help in any way contact Sherry.

Hesperia: More information to come after the Planning committee Meeting.

Membership: We have 137 Units and 1 Associate member

Unfinished Business:

Bellevue:

Clubhouse floor (Bellevue). Zack and Sherry are looking into different options and cost.

Bellevue Grasshoppers mower is fixed and running.

Bellevue Assistant Campground Director: Will talk to Vickie George when she gets here.

Playground Structure – Still shopping around looking into cost and shipping cost.

Hesperia:

Massey Ferguson tractor – Fixed and back at the campground. Runs great.

Purchase of a new port-a-potty – still looking

Both Campgrounds: Purchasing a 5ft Box Blade

Purchasing a Flat Bed trailer to move things between both campgrounds, Bill Oates donated his.

New Business:

AUDIT OF 2024 BOOKS - will have to do at the General membership meeting in September.

Bellevue: Nothing other than typical maintenance things.

Hesperia: Little maintenance building needs a new roof. Have already purchased the shingles and paper needed and will be put on sometime before Memorial weekend.

T.T.C.M.
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
May 10, 2025

Need to get some quotes for the Clubhouse roof.

BOTH Campgrounds: Please do not ask to bring in your camper before opening day.
Campground Directors are busy getting ready to open.

Motion by Brenda Hilderbrandt for the executive committee, to make Sherry Martin the Assistant Treasure. Yea 5 No 0

Security at Both campgrounds. Bill fox will be checking into types and cost for both campgrounds.

Meeting Adjourned motion by Nancy Hellman and 2nd by Penny Walsma 12:48 pm

Editor Note

All chapters and individual members can submit articles for publication in the monthly newsletter.
If you would like to have something published in the newsletter please submit it to tcmnews@usa.com by the 20th of the month for inclusion in the next newsletter.

Max Jarrell

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DIRECTIONS:

From I-94: North on I-69 to Exit 48. Go west on M-78 about (1) mile to Babcock Road, turn left (South) onto Babcock Road.

At end of Babcock Road turn right (West).

Campground is about (0.8) miles on your right.

Hesperia Campground

6777 E. M-20

Hesperia, MI 49421

Phone: 231-338-6124

Email: hesperiacampground@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.

Contact Information

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