



TRAVEL TRAILER CLUB OF THE MIDWEST

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President News

Hello fellow campers,

Here we are winding down another season of camping at TTCM. I hope everyone has had a good year. It was nice to see everyone who turned out for the fall meeting at Bellevue.

I'm proud to say both campgrounds look great this fall. I want to thank everyone for their hard work who made this possible.

The Halloween festivities are about to take place at both campgrounds the first weekend in October. If you get a chance I urge everyone to come on out. These events are always a great time.

One last thing, shortly we will be closing the campgrounds for the season. Please see the directors or assistants and ask what needs to be done to help with the closing. Your help is greatly appreciated.

I wish you all the best.

Bill Fox

Vice-President News

It's hard to believe the camping season is already coming to an end, but there's still plenty to do!

The Halloween Rally will be held at both campgrounds the first weekend in October, and then we'll be helping our Campground Directors with closing. There are picnic tables to store, leaves to pick up, clubhouses to clean, and many other tasks that need attention. Please consider lending a hand with one of these jobs so our directors aren't left doing it all themselves.

For those heading south for the winter, we wish you safe travels—be sure to keep in touch and let us know how much fun you're having in the sunshine. For those staying here in Michigan, stay cozy, safe, and enjoy the season ahead.

Brenda Hilderbrandt
Vice President

Secretary News

Hello Fellow Campers,

Wow camping season is coming to a close. **Let's get everyone's 2026 dues paid before December.**

Labor Day weekend at both campgrounds sounded like everyone had a fun time. Glad to see so many out camping. We need to support our campgrounds. For new members, all the raffles and fund raisers are how our club pays for those things that are needed at our campgrounds. We need everyone to get out and participate in the activities that are put on at both campgrounds. That is what this club is all about. Making new friends and helping out our fellow campers.

The Sewing Bee was small but so much fun. We did have a few members stop by and donate sewing supplies and fabric to us for projects. It would be great if we had more members that would like to come and do their crafts or sewing with us. It's all about getting together and getting to know each other. What a great time was had by all who joined us.

Let's not forget that there are the Halloween Outings at both campgrounds with activities from Friday night thru Sunday. So check out those articles further in this newsletter.

Happy Camping,

Sandy Jarrell — T.T.C.M. Secretary

Treasurer News

Hey T.T.C.M. Family,

The days are flying by way too fast, the nights are getting dark quicker, it's officially fall (already missing the summer) and we are about to celebrate Halloween at both campgrounds. I am excited to see how Bellevue's Halloween event turns out as we are supposed to have the most people we have had in years. We hope to see you there. Hesperia is changing some things for Halloween this year and should be a blast. I can't wait to see pictures.

I wanted to give a huge shout out to Cheryl Vogel for the work she has done in the past years as Treasurer for T.T.C.M. She has done a fantastic job and I appreciate all of the help she has given me and has offered to give in the future. I look forward to my new position as Treasurer.

Bellevue's internet and phone has been upgraded to T-Mobile and has been working great. I am currently working with Hughes Net for Hesperia to either upgrade the service or cancel the service.

There were a few new funds added to both campgrounds for future events, entertainment, and memorials (for the ones we have lost). I'm excited to see what the future brings our T.T.C.M. family!

I hope everyone has a great time at the Halloween events. I can't wait to see all of you.

Thank you,

Sherri Martin

Bellevue News

Hello all,

The end of the camping season, it's rapidly approaching. When this newsletter comes out we will be gearing up for Halloween Outings at both campgrounds. Members have been putting a ton of work in for Bellevues' Halloween weekend. We are working hard to bring back what we used to have. We will have a ton of activities, food and fun. Bellevue Halloween shirts will be for sale to Tye-Dye and this year we have adult sizes as well!

October 11th @ 11AM we will have a planning meeting at Bellevue. Come share your ideas and any projects you would like to tackle. We will also be going over our options for the new playground. That same weekend we will begin closing things down around the campground.

The campground closes October 19th so help will be appreciated from anybody who is available to finish wrapping things up.

The Martins

Hesperia News

It will be close to October when you get this, and the camping season will be coming to an end. The summer sure went by fast.

We will be closing the gate on the 18th. Everyone try to be out around noon. If you are putting your unit in storage here get the paper work done and get the fee paid and your dues.

Don't forget the Halloween weekend on October 3rd & 4th. The committee has some new things planned.

We had 7 ladies that sewed this fall. We had a good time chatting with each other. Maybe we will get more for the June Sewing Bee next year. Thanks, to Carolyn Fitzpatrick for fixing our lunch each day so we didn't have to go make our own lunch; they were very good.

Don and Troy are having a wood splitting bee this Saturday September 27th, getting it ready for next year. Hope everyone had a enjoyable camping season!

Clione and Don

Bellevue Events for 2025

Oct 4-6 Halloween 2025

Oct 17-19 Campground Closes

2026 Dues

Dues are \$30.00 before December 31 and \$50.00 after January 1, 2026

SEND your dues to: TTCM
6618 Allen Rd.
Fenton, MI 48430

Please make your CHECKS payable to TTCM

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SPECIAL REQUEST: It would be greatly appreciated by the Secretary and Treasurer if everyone would pay their dues before the end of "November". Waiting until the last day of December to mail your dues makes the record keeping more difficult than need be. Please be extra considerate this year and pay your dues now instead of later.

September Sewing Bee

Thank you to all of those who came out and brought their sewing and craft things to join us in our fun 5 days of sewing and crafting. Thank you to Carolyn Fitzpatrick for the great lunches that she put together so we could sit and eat and enjoy each other's company. There were quilts being finished, to quilts being started (Bugs in a jar). Daisy blocks quilt to those putting in zippers and making purses and jackets. Someone was making Halloween decorations for the campground. It was definitely fall but very warm during the day and cool at night. Thank you to all who helped set up the clubhouse for us. This is a fun group of members and we wish others would join us. If you would like to learn quilting come on out for the next sewing bee. Think about coming to join us June 15th thru 19th, 2026.

Nancy Hellman

Hesperia — Labor Day Follow Up — Thank You

I would like to take this opportunity to say Thank You to the people on the committee for the Labor Day Fiesta: Clione Carr, Carolyn Fitzpatrick and Bill Fox. I would also like to thank Don and Troy for all of their help getting the campground ready. Special thanks to Navi Cortez, Nancy Hellman, Ruth Hill, Ilene and Troy Roberson and Mike Turgeon. Most importantly, Thank You to everyone who participated to the weekends success!

Cyndi Behler

T.T.C.M.
General Membership Meeting Agenda
September 13, 2025

Call to Order: Bill Fox

Time: 11:19 a.m.

Prayer: Penny Walsama

Pledge:

Roll Call: Blossom Land, Golden Agers, Restless Ones, President, Secretary, Treasurer, Bellevue Director, Hesperia Director

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes: accepted by Carolyn Fitzpatrick with corrections

President Report: Thank you to all of the members who have helped out at both campgrounds this year.

Vice President Report: Thank you to all who have helped this year. Reported to Bill Fox

Secretary Report: Moment of silence for all the members who we lost since the last general meeting. Pay your 2026 dues.

Treasurer Report: All bills paid and we have 259 members. See Sherri for more information

Bellevue Campground Report: Honey wagon is now being paid for when used. Bill & Tina Johnson have been helping out along with a few other cutting grass and other things since Herm was sick. Vickie George was voted in as Assistant Campground Director for Bellevue (by the Board).

Hesperia Campground Report: Don Gasaway and Troy Roberson are doing a great job getting those little things done. Others have been helping out. Got a new outhouse put in per the State's requirements. Don is still working on getting a quote on a new roof for the clubhouse.

Committees:

Labor Day Rally: Bellevue – raised money for a new fund of \$207.76 for a Memorial Fireplace

Hesperia – The Fiesta Theme was fun and everyone had a great time we raised \$1919.92 for the campground.

Bylaws Committee: N/R

Halloween Outing:

Bellevue: 90 people have signed up so far. Friday night is Burger night, Saturday will have kids games and activities with a pulled pork & pulled chicken for dinner with a Sunday morning breakfast.

T.T.C.M.
General Membership Meeting Agenda
September 13, 2025

Hesperia: Friday night Ice cream. On Saturday there will be hot dogs & hamburgers for the kids with games and fun activities with a potluck dinner and a Haunted Trail.

Membership: 259 members and 1 Associate member

Unfinished Business:

Bellevue:

Clubhouse floor (Bellevue). Laid on the Table

Bellevue Assistant Campground Director (Board Voted on) Board approved for Vickie George to be the Assistant Campground Director for Bellevue 5 to 0

Playground Structure: Still looking at Commercial Playground equipment.

Hesperia:

Purchase of a new port-a-potty – They found one for free and is already put in and operational.

New Business:

TTCM – The Board voted to accept Cheryl Vogel's resignation as our Treasurer. They also voted to place Sherri Martin in her place.

AUDIT OF 2024 BOOKS volunteers are Cheryl Vogel, Tina Johnson and Vickie George

Meeting Adjourned

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
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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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