



TRAVEL TRAILER CLUB OF THE MIDWEST

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President News

Hello campers,

The 2025 camping season is officially over. I want to thank everyone who was able to spend time at either of our campgrounds. We had a great time.

Thanks to all of you that helped out during the season. Whether it was opening and/or closing the campgrounds, volunteering to assist during one of the events, or something else, it was all appreciated. It is these gestures that make our campgrounds what they are today.

I wish everyone safe travels and a wonderful holiday season. We look forward to seeing you next year.

Take care and enjoy.

Bill Fox

Vice-President News

It's hard to believe the camping season has come to an end — it seems like it just began! The changing leaves, however, remind us that fall is truly here.

Thank you to everyone who worked together to make the 2025 season one to remember. The Halloween Rally at Hesperia was a wonderful success, filled with fun games, creative crafts, adorable bags made by the kids, and even lunch for our young campers.

Looking ahead, we're excited to announce that community dinners will be returning every **third Saturday of the month**. Be sure to mark your calendars and join us for delicious food, friendly conversation, and the opportunity to reconnect with familiar faces — and maybe meet a few new ones! (bring a dish to pass, your table service and a drink)

If you are heading south for the winter safe travels, see you in the spring.

Brenda Hilderbrandt
Vice President

Secretary News

Hello Fellow Campers,

We are going into the Holiday Season very quickly. Happy Holidays everyone.

Just wanted to remind those who haven't paid their dues please do so before December.

I would like to bring up that next year is Election time. Please consider running for an office. This is a great opportunity to get involved with some of the decisions that move our camping club forward into the future. Not only that but it is a great way to get to know more of our members in this fun club.

There will be a few openings, such as the secretary position, as I will not be running for the secretary's position again. So, if anyone is interested in that position you can ask me what may be involved. There are descriptions of each officers duties and what you have to do to put in a resume to run for an office in our By-Laws — which are available on the website. So, please consider running for an office.

Everyone stay safe, travel safely and hope to see you all next camping season.

Sandy Jarrell — T.T.C.M. Secretary

Hesperia News

Hi Everyone,

The camping season has come to an end for another year. Was sad saying our goodbyes to everyone. Hope everyone had an enjoyable season.

We had a wonderful turn out for our wood cutting & splitting bee on the 27th of September. We had 22 men and women plus two young boys. They had three wood splitters going and got the job done in three hours. Thank you to everyone that worked. Also, thank s to Sheila Housler for making barbecues to go along with the pizza for lunch.

We had a great turn out for Halloween, the kids had a full day of things to do. They picked a Halloween design out of vinyl to put on their bags, had another craft project, and played games with candy for prizes. Throwing darts at water balloons on a board, scavenger hunt, hayrides around the campground and the haunted trail after dark.

There were 45 for trick or treating; they all went home with a bag full of candy. Ilene did a great job of decorating around the campground and club house. We also had 6 people competing to decorate their trailer; Steve and Thelma Drake won first place. I want to thank everyone that helped out in making it a great day.

Don and Troy will be busy cleaning up the leaves for a few days.

Thank you everyone for a great season. Lord willing we will all be back next year!

Clione and Don

Bellevue Planning Meeting Invitation

Sherri Martin is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Date and time: **Sat, Nov 8, 2025 at 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM**

Join Zoom Meeting at:

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/9597443279?pwd=uU7vDaOXEZaONawujkbOKpb49Rv0T2.1&omn=81535530428>

Meeting ID: 959 744 3279

Passcode: b9ZTq1

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For those who have never used Zoom for a meeting you can attend this meeting on your personal computer, tablet, or cell phone.

You **do not need** the Zoom app to attend this meeting. However, be aware that Zoom will try everything in their power to get you to download their app. Ignore their download requests.

Step 1) Copy or type the above URL address into your web browser and hit enter.

Step 2) Zoom will tell you — open the Zoom App, or, download the Zoom App. Again, ignore this.

Step 3) The very last sentence on the page will say:

“Having issues with the Zoom Workplace app? [Join from your browser](#)”

Step 4) Click on “Join from your browser”. This should take you to the meeting login screen.

Step 5) Provide login info and you will be taken to the meeting.

Note: I had to repeat step 4 & 5 several times during a test run. As with any web based meeting they never seem to work the same way twice. Step 4 & 5 screens should change and update within 20 to 30 seconds. Any longer than that then start over.

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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.

Note From the Editor

Election of Officers in 2026

Next year is an election year.

Over the winter, all members need to give some thought to running for an office next year.

FYI, several current officers are not running for re-election!!!

That said, this is your opportunity to step up, be an active member, and assist with leading the club in the future.

At election time we need to have multiple candidate choices for each office and not just one default name — or, no name at all in some cases; that's not really a choice.

Zero or one candidate for an individual office does not speak well for our memberships commitment to the idea of what a club is. It basically implies that we are only here to do the absolute minimum — if even that much.

At the last club election we had no one run for one of the offices and two of the offices had last minute candidate name submissions — as in, if no one else cares to run I guess I'll, reluctantly, give it a go.

Passive membership doesn't do much for club progress.

Next spring, consider submitting your name as a candidate for one of the officer positions.

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Basic Election Info for Our Newer Members

There are six (6) elected officers: president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and one campground director for each campground.

Officers serve a 3 year term.

You must be a member for one full year before you can run for an office.

Basic officer duties are outlined in the club by-laws. (By-laws were provided in your information packet when you joined. They are also available on the club website at: ttcm.org)

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Pertinent Election Info for Seasoned Members (and New Members)

The election process was changed at the last by-laws update.

You would be well advised to read and familiarize yourself with the election voting procedure changes.

If you refuse to know the updated process — because you can't be bothered to read the by-laws — don't complain when you don't get to vote!!!

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Editor — Max Jarrell

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.

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