



TRAVEL TRAILER CLUB OF THE MIDWEST

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President News

Hello fellow campers,

It's hard to believe we are about to wrap up another season of camping. This year is going by too fast.

Both campgrounds are celebrating with Halloween festivities the first weekend in October. I hope and urge you all to participate if you can make it.

I want to thank everyone who took part in the general membership meeting. With the election over I also want to thank everyone who served on the executive committee. Some of you have been serving TTCM for quite a few years and all have contributed to the success of our organization.

Also, I would like to welcome the new officers and look forward to working with you all during the next term of office.

Some of our members have already started heading South to their winter destinations. I wish you all safe travels and look forward to seeing you next season.

The rest of us have a few weeks of camping left. If you have some time please reach out to the campground directors to see if any help is needed to successfully close our campgrounds at the end of the season. Take care, enjoy and thank you for your assistance.

See you around the campfire!

Bill Fox

Sewing Bee

Hello every one,

Just wanted to say how much fun we all had at our annual September sewing Bee. There were only 7 ladies but we got quite a bit sewn and a huge thank you to Carolyn Fitzpatrick for all the cooking that she did for us. We definitely did not go hungry. There were some gorgeous quilts made, appliqué sweatshirts, flannel jackets, Christmas stockings, place mats, and so much more. I hope that more members will join us for the June Sewing Bee in 2027.

Nancy Hellman

Vice-President News

Looking Ahead to Fall

I would first like to congratulate the incoming Executive Committee on being elected for the upcoming term. I wish you all the very best as you begin your three-year term.

I hope we, as members, will support the new team and work together to make our campgrounds stronger and help everything run as smoothly as possible. When we all pitch in and work together, it can make a big difference—and I look forward to a great three years for our club!

As we move into the fall months, some of us will soon be heading to warmer locations. I wish everyone safe travels and hope to see you somewhere on the road this winter.

Before we all head out, we still have some work to do! We need everyone's help with closing both campgrounds. Please reach out to your campground directors and see what you can do to help. Whether it's a big job or a small one, every helping hand is appreciated.

Thank you to everyone who continues to make our campgrounds and our club such a great place to be. Have a wonderful fall, and safe travels to all!

Brenda Hilderbrandt — Vice President

Secretary News

Hello Fellow Campers,

Happy fall everyone, warm days and cool nights are where a campfire really feels great.

The General Membership Meeting was Sept 12th so be sure you read through those meeting minutes and if you have any comments or you would like to know something that went on please get in touch with Bill Fox! There were many things discussed that everyone should know and stay informed on. There was a motion to enforce members to put their TTCM numbers and Yearly stickers on their trailers, visible for Campground Directors and all to see. We definitely need more members helping out with our club events even if it's only for an hour or two. This is YOUR club!! Get involved.

A By-laws committee was formed at the General Membership Meeting. They will be asking for ideas and suggestions from the membership as to what and how our By-laws need to be updated.

Our new secretary is Lori Yaklin and she will take over the secretary's duties come December. There will be more information in the next newsletter as to where to mail your dues for those who have not paid their 2027 dues and all of her contact information.

Our Labor Day weekends were loaded full of fun at both campgrounds. The Sewing Bee was just a few ladies but packed full of lots of sewing and food. Halloween at both campgrounds will be full of fun activities for every age. If you can help out contact our Campground Directors as they will need many helpers to make the weekend a great success!

Let's not forget, Campgrounds will be closing the weekend of October 16 – 17.

Sandy Jarrell — TTCM Secretary

Hesperia News

Hi Fellow Campers,

I want to thank Cyndi Behler for the surprise at the potluck on Saturday night, for my retiring from the directors position. It was a big surprise. I wasn't expecting anything. Thank you all for coming and the thoughtful notes and gift of money. I have enjoyed being director for the last 8 years. I am glad we were able to make the improvements that we did over the years. I will miss all the conversations we had while I took your camping fees.

We had a very successful Labor Day Rally and had a good turn out and I think everyone enjoyed it.

We had 7 women at the sewing bee this last week. We all had a good time sewing our projects, eating good food and playing cards in the evenings.

The guys are planning a wood splitting this Saturday as they were rained out last week.

We will be having our Halloween for the children on Saturday October 3rd.

A reminder that the campgrounds will be closing on October 17th at noon. Don't forget if you are storing your trailer on the lot or in storage your unit must have your TCM number and 2027 sticker on it and you must have your dues paid for 2027. Dues have to be sent to Sandy Jarrell beforehand.

Clione and Don

Hesperia Halloween Weekend Schedule — Saturday, October 3rd

All events take place on Saturday. Kids 16 and under. We also have things planned for the wee ones.

10:30 - Crafts and games in the clubhouse

12:00 - 12:30 Lunch is Walking Tacos and hot dogs for who ever wants them.

12:30 - Outside games

2:30 - Pinata's

3:00 - Hayrides

5:00 - Potluck

6:30 - Line up for costume parade in age groups

7:00 - Trick or Treating

8:00 - Be at Clubhouse for prizes.

Clione

Bylaws Committee

MEMBER INPUT IS NEEDED ON THE FOLLOWING !!!

It was determined at the September General Membership Meeting that the club Bylaws need to be updated.

A Bylaws Committee was established to handle this task.

The committee's purpose is to gather suggestions from club members and determine how to "adjust" the bylaws to reflect what the membership wants in this document. We are seeking member input for items that need to be added, deleted, reworded, or clarified within the bylaws.

Additionally, while gathering bylaw specific input, the Executive Committee has asked that the Bylaws Committee also collect suggestions for changes to all TTCM governing documents used by the club.

Therefore, we are asking for your input for potential changes to:

1. the Bylaws.
2. the Campground Rules.
3. the Code of Conduct.
4. the job duties of elected positions.
5. the job duties of volunteer positions.
6. any club documents that you know of but are unknown to the committee.
7. any General Complaint about the operation of the club.
8. any General Question about the operation of the club.
9. anything else you want to unload about.

Honestly, we are looking for member input on everything club related!! Don't be shy. Blast away.

Please submit your input to: ttcmbylaws@usa.com

The committee looks forward to your views and input.

Max Jarrell – Bylaws Chairperson

2027 Dues

Dues are \$30.00 before December 31 and \$50.00 after January 1, 2027

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

Please make your CHECKS payable to TTCM

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SPECIAL REQUESTS: (Please read **both** of them.)

- Please be extra, extra, extra considerate this year and, if possible, pay your dues before the end of "November".
- **Take note** — the current secretary **will not be** the 2027 secretary, therefore, the above address will not be where you send your dues if you decide to pay them next year instead of this year.

Calendar of Events for 2026

Oct 02 - 04 Halloween Outing weekend — both campgrounds
Oct 17 Campgrounds Closing Day

Editors Observation

The September General Membership Meeting did not disappoint. There were five (5) separate instances during the meeting that referenced to a lack of membership numbers (and year stickers) being displayed on members RV's. Of course, those who attended the meeting, for the most part, are not the ones who fail to display their numbers (and sticker). So, it was basically a big waste of everyone's time that the subject was even mentioned, again and again, multiple times, throughout the meeting – or was it?

Let's start with a recent observation. During a campgrounds visit in August, it was observed that 25% of Hesperia RV's and 45% of Bellevue RV's failed to display membership ID (and year stickers) on or near their unit. Really!!

As you will read in the attached meeting minutes (further in this newsletter) the membership in attendance at this year's General Membership Meeting, **yet once again**, voted to enforce the club rule regarding display of numbers (and year stickers). They voted that all RV's must be in compliance by Oct 12, 2026. Yeah, we'll see what comes of that!!

Now, enforcement is not something that has gotten much action in the past, and I am relatively confident it won't get much action going forward, for the remainder of this year, either.

However, hopefully, our newly elected campground directors will step up and fulfill the wishes of the voting membership when they open the campgrounds next year. Meaning ... no numbers, no sticker, no camping!!

Remember, supposedly, we elect people who we think can make a positive impact.

Historically, in 2022, this same issue was addressed at a Board of Directors meeting, and at that meeting, they even included the consequences for non-compliance — one warning, then, escorted from the campground. (See June 2022 newsletter available on the ttcn.org website for more detail.)

Unfortunately, the 2021-2023 leadership, and the following 2024-2026 leadership, just silently looked the other way instead of doing what the membership had asked of them and expected them to do.

So, at the end of the day, it isn't just about numbers (and stickers). Actually, it's about responsibility, it's about leadership, it's about fulfilling the obligations of membership.

Editor

TTCM ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP
MEETING SEPTEMBER 12, 2026

Call to Order: Bill Fox

Time: 11:03

Prayer: Penny Walsama

Pledge: Bill Fox

Roll Call: Present - Golden Agers, Mal's Hesperia, Restless Ones, President, Treasurer, Secretary Bellevue Director, Hesperia Director

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes: Motion to accept Minutes by Vickie George 2nd by Tim Rowse
Motion – Passed.

President Report: We all need to work together to make this club work for each other.

Vice President Report: N/R

Secretary Report: Everyone needs to put their TTCM Numbers and Yearly stickers on their Trailers. There are too many trailers that DO NOT have them on their Trailers. IT IS IN OUR BYLAWS that THEY MUST BE DISPLAYED AT ALL TIMES. PLEASE GET YOUR NUMBERS AND YEARLY STICKERS ON YOUR TRAILER.

Treasurer Report: We are on the negative side so far this year. There are names that MUST BE REMOVED from Bank Accounts and other accounts we have in the club name, like Johnathan Hutchins.

Bellevue Campground Report: The new playground equipment is installed and the kids love it. The lawnmowers have been worked on and still need some tuning.

Hesperia Campground Report: It's been a good season. The campground Golf Cart needed some repair; working good now. The campground looks good. Don Gasaway and Troy Roberson have been doing a great job keeping up with everything.

Committees:

Labor Day Rally - Bellevue: Had 20 units and 75 people for our rally weekend brought in \$1,075.

Labor Day Rally - Hesperia: Had 38 units. What a fun filled weekend making \$2,247. After cost of \$380 making \$2022 in profit.

Bylaws Committee: Motion by Lori Yaklin and 2nd by Robin Atkins to form a By-Laws Committee to look at current by-laws and see where it needs updating. Motion - Passed

Volunteers are Tina Johnson, Max Jarrell, Rhonda Nestell, Cyndi Behler

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Halloween Outing - Bellevue: October 3. We will be doing a Haunted Forrest this year with wagon rides and cook out for kids along with fun games for all.

Halloween Outing - Hesperia: October 3. There will be kid's games, pumpkin fun and food for all.

Membership: 260 members with 150 Units

Unfinished Business:

Bellevue: Looking at replacement equipment for the Kitchen. Knights of Columbus is closing and they are getting back with prices for their used kitchens equipment. We are looking at replacing the wooden outhouses with the fiberglass ones. There are a couple of clubhouse windows that need replacing because they no longer stay in place. To be done by November 15, 2026.

Hesperia: Clubhouse roof – Don Gasaway has 3 quotes, 2 at \$25,000 each and 1 for \$12,800. We have \$840 in the Roof Fund. The bid made for \$12,800 is for a metal roof. Motion by Sheila Housler and 2nd Ruth Hill to accept the bid for \$12,800. Motion - Passed

New Business:

Bellevue: Need to look at doing something with the ceiling in the clubhouse. It's not very bright in there. Maybe look at removing the plaster board and replacing it with a drop ceiling and brighter LED lights. Zack is putting together a proposal for replacement of the clubhouse ceiling.

We are still having trouble with the Grasshopper mower. Need to find out what the warranty is on repairs.

Need some shingles to replace a few.

The electrical stanchion on the top of the hill by pole barn needs immediate attention (box for #4 & #5 stanchion). Were the electrical stations that were hit and damaged by the side-by-side fixed?

Internet for TTCM Office use only and members must provide their own Internet.

Ranger (side-by-side) is to be driven by Members who are 16 years old with a valid Michigan state drivers licenses only AS STATED IN OUR CAMPGROUND RULES!

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Both Campgrounds:

There was a Health Department inspection the week of September 7, 2026. There was a Motion by Robin Atkins and 2nd by Vickie George that from this date forward September 12, 2026 that all INSPECTION REPORTS for BOTH CAMPGROUNDS must be forward to all Executive Committee members. Motion - Passed

Motion by Penny Walsama, and 2nd by Robin Atkins to have BREAKER LOCKS on any stanchion that is BAD or BROKEN. To be done before October 18, 2026. Motion - Passed

Golf Cart use for NONMEMBERS there was much discussion but AS PER OUR RULES THEY MUST HAVE INSURANCE on them or NO RIDING THEM!

Buying Paper Receipt books with carbon copies and giving members who request one to them. Both Campgrounds MUST have paper receipt books.

Numbers on trailers. ALL TRAILERS MUST have NUMBER AND YEARLY STICKERS VISIBLE AT ALL TIMES. This also means IN STORAGE ALSO. This is a BY-LAW REQUIREMENT - PERIOD. Motion was made to ENFORCE NUMBERS ON TRAILERS EVEN IN STORAGE by October 12, 2026 or leave. Motion by Max Jarrell, 2nd by Robin Atkins. Motion - Passed.

Election Committee:

2027 -2029 OFFICERS

President – Bill Fox

Vice President – Penny Walsama

Secretary – Lori Yaklin

Treasurer – Sherri Martin

Bellevue Campground Director – Vickie George

Hesperia Campground Director – Don Gasaway

Motion to destroy ballots in 7 days by Sheila Housler 2nd Lori Yaklin

Meeting Adjourned: 1:35 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

Bellevue Campground

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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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