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Years of Happy Wandering

# Happy Wanderings



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An Affiliated Chapter of the Family Motor Coach Association

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## MEMBERS AND ASSOCIATE MEMBERS YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND OUR **25TH ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON**

**TO BE HELD AT THE CHOCTAW CASINO KOA IN DURANT, OK.**

**1:00 PM, SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 2016**

**ALL MEMBERS AND ASSOCIATE MEMBERS WILL BE TREATED TO A FREE CATERED MEAL, FREE ENTERTAINMENT, AND FREE CAKE AND ICE CREAM IN THE CAMPGROUND MEETING ROOM.**

**DRESS WILL BE "RALLY CASUAL" - NO COATS OR TIES. COME BEGINNING AT 12 NOON, RELAX AND ENJOY THE BEFORE TIME TO MINGLE AND VISIT WITH OLD FRIENDS AND NEW.**

**FILL OUT THE APPROPRIATE BOXES ON THE LAST PAGE OF THIS NEWSLETTER AND MAIL YOUR RSVP TO THE ADDRESS INDICATED.**



### more information

We have been talking about it for almost a year and now it is finally here. The 25th Anniversary Rally at the Choctaw Casino KOA in Durant, OK.

To the right is your personal invitation to attend the Free Luncheon that will be held on Saturday of the rally. Be sure to get your reservation in today because you only have until Friday, April 8th. Then journey south to the Red River for what should be a great time.

Be sure to follow the direction sheet on page 8 as you fill out your registration form. Remember if you have any question then just give me a call at 405.406.8118 and I will get your questions answered.

**See you in Durant!**

*Happy Wanderings*



Once again RV Mobile Lube will be available at the April Rally to service those of you who would like to have your coaches serviced. Be sure to fill out the information on the last page of this newsletter and plan on arriving at the rally no later than Wednesday, April 20th. This will allow Robert to have needed supplies and to finish servicing all of the coaches before the festivities on Saturday April 23. Information on pricing may be viewed on line at [www.rvmobilelube.com](http://www.rvmobilelube.com).





## Rally Sites for 2016

### Elected Officers-2016

**President**

Dwayne and Dee Davis

**1st Vice-President**

Tommy and Rita Team  
*New Member Recruitment*

**2nd Vice-President**

Frank and Cyndi Timchak  
*Host Recruitment*

**3rd Vice-President**

Dick and Hellen Stickle  
*Rally Site Coordinator*

**Secretary**

Vera & Joe Bouse

**Treasurer**

Lois & Joe Sturgil

**National Director**

Dan Stogner

**Alt. Nat. Director**

Kent Van Fossen

2016

**Nominating Committee**

Lois Austin  
Dan Stogner  
Donna Waller

As you can see we need additional hosts for the June Rally. An important part of being in the Happy (OK) Wanderers is serving sometime during the year as a host at a rally. Give Frank and Cyndi Timchak a call if you are willing to help host.

**March 17-20**  
Coffee Creek RV Park  
Santo, Texas

**March 17-20**  
FMCA Winter Rally  
Perry, GA

**April 21-24**  
**Choctaw Casino RV**  
**25th Anniversary Rally**  
**Durant, OK**

**May 19-22**  
Little Turtle RV Park  
Eufaula, OK

**June 23-26**  
Coachlight RV Park  
Carthage, MO

**August 3-6**  
FMCA 94th  
Family Motorhome  
Rally  
West Springfield, MA

**September 12-15**  
FMCA's  
South Central  
Area Rally  
Shawnee Expo  
Shawnee, OK

**September 22-25**  
Checotah/Lake Eufaula  
West KOA  
Checotah, OK

**October 20-23**  
Cedar Oaks RV Park  
Grove, OK

**December 10**  
*(Tentative Schedule)*  
**Christmas Luncheon**  
First Christian Church  
Stroud, OK

DATE	LOCATION	HOSTS
April 21 - 23 2016	Choctaw KOA Durant, Oklahoma	Joe & Vera Bouse, Joe & Lois Sturgil, Jerry & Jerri Messner, Marvin & Chris Curtis, Neal & Betty Von Tungeln
May 19 - 21 2016	Little Turtle RV Park Eufaula, Oklahoma	Tillman & Mary Frizzell, Gilbert & Lois Stagner, June Guess, Norma Hamel, David & Elizabeth Hubl Ernie & Jolene Hartman, Tom Murdoch
June 23 - 25 2016	Coachlight RV Park Carthage, Missouri	Jim & Donna Bratcher, Ray & Wilma Lusk, J. R. and Lou Robertson, Dick and Hellen Stickle  <i>Need 1 More Volunteer</i>
September 22 - 24 2016	Checotah / Lake Eufaula West KOA Checotah, Oklahoma	Frank & Cyndi Timchak, Leroy & Lois Hinderliter Ken & Shirley Absher, Ray & Wilma Lusk Chuck & Annie Myers
October 20 - 22 2016	Cedar Oaks RV Park Grove, Oklahoma	Frank & Sandy Taber, Rod & Ginger Cleavlin Tommy & Rita Team, Bob & Donna Waller Ken Ingraham & Virginia Van Horn

### MEMBER SERVICES - Official HOW WEB-site at [www.happyokwanderers.com](http://www.happyokwanderers.com)

**Membership**  
Betty Shedrick

**Hospitality**  
Lois Austin

**Chapter Clothing**  
Rod & Ginger Cleavelin

**Webmaster**  
Dwayne Davis

**Newsletter**  
Earl Powell

**Devotional Leader**  
Jerry Messner

**Choir Director**

**"Mr. Coffee"**  
Carl Threlkeld

**Chapter Photographer**  
Joe Sturgil

**Profile Books**  
Cyndi Timchak

**DA Award  
Coordinators**  
Earl Powell  
Frank Timchak

## LUCK OF THE IRISH PREVAILS

The wearing of the Green proved lucky for our March rally goers. The majority decked out in green shirts; the hosts donned green Leprechaun hats and shamrocks; and one of our newest couples came decked out in all three—including a green wig for Linda Johnson. Not to be outdone—George Chapman sported a green ‘Fro. All Irish eyes were smiling for our Thursday dinner of Irish stew with cornbread and lime sherbet with piroulines—served on lime green table coverings with St. Pat’s decorations. St. Patrick surely had some Irish descendants among the group.

Fortunately Kent Van Fossen had blessed our food and our activities, because we certainly needed some additional support to recall the answers to the Music of the 50’s Trivia Game led by Host Dan Stogner. Lucky winner of a fire extinguisher was Rita Team.

Door prizes were awarded by President and Host Dwayne Davis. Gary and LaVonda Waldron won a \$100 gift certificate for use at Kerrville RV Resort. Beth and Randy Plant won a free night of camping at Buckhorn Lake RV Resort. Joe and Vera Bouse won a folding camp chair. Kent and Lynda Van Fossen won a beautiful wind spinner. Dwayne and Carl and Phala Clough spent the time rounding up the wonderful door prize donations from the campgrounds and Bob Hurley RV in Tulsa and Freightliner of Tulsa.

It was great fun to have our newest members joining us -- Matt Campbell and granddaughter, Sophie, and nephew Sebastian, J. R. and Lou Robertson, Bob and Linda Murray, and Ken and Linda Johnson. Carol and Ken Valk, AZ/Dallas guests of Joe and Vera Bouse became our most recent members. First Vice President Rita Team presented the Bouse’s a lawn spinner for recruiting a new member and reminded all that each would receive a free rally coupon.

Rod and Ginger Cleavelin were busy providing members with chapter clothing and vests. Third Vice President Dick Stickle was taking orders for campsite signs. Host Jim Garrelts kept the beverages going all day and night and made the ice runs to Mineral Wells every day.

Our hosts served a hearty Friday breakfast of scrambled eggs, crescent rolls with link sausage, fruit cups, juice and coffee on Friday as many filled their day touring the area or playing games in the rally room. Generous servings of spaghetti with meat sauce, mixed green salad, bread and strawberry shortcake had us all humming and

The rally hosts gather for the first meal of the rally. Guess what holiday we were celebrating?



ready for playing Card Bingo with Dan Stogner and Betty Shedrick.

Many still had the luck of the Irish with them during Card Bingo. Dime winners included Beth Plant, Lois Sturgil (twice), Mary Powell, Ken Valk, Tillman Frizzell, Randy Plant, and Lavonna Kinnamon -- but the big winners were Betty Shedrick and Richard McElhaney. Several enjoyed playing other games each evening.

More door prizes were awarded. Tommy Team won a fire extinguisher; Rita Team, Beth Plant, and Lois Austin won tank chemicals. Mary and Earl Powell won classic RV dishes. Gilbert and Lois Stagner won glasses. Lou and J. R. Robertson won a folding chair.

Saturday was a busy day, so we began with Host Dan’s famous pancakes, ham, and fruit which was followed by our Business Meeting. Grilling hamburgers in the wind was not a pleasant task, but Host Dwayne and Host Don Kinnamon braved the burns to prepare delicious burgers for our dinner. Coke or root beer floats for dessert were real treats.

The SPRING dice game was a busy and fun game with a winner from each table. Jim and Donna Bratcher won classic RV dishes. Tillman and Mary Frizzell won glasses. Betty Shedrick and Lois Austin won a folding captain’s chair.

Sunday morning before heading out on our travels, we enjoyed burritos and visiting. President Dwayne Davis shared one of his “travel story devotions.” While touring Yellowstone once, he heard a news report of “asphalt

melting” which reminded him of a message from Revelations. Despite earthquakes and other events, we shall be safe in the Lord.

### LUCK OF THE IRISH MARCH RALLY PARTICIPANTS

Twenty-six coaches and one cabin were filled at Coffee Creek RV Resort in Santo, TX on March 17-20 for our first rally of the year. Hosts providing us a great time and generous and tasty food were Don and Lavonna Kinnamon and granddaughter, Maggie Neu, Carl and Phala Clough, Dwayne and Dee Davis, Dan and Von Stogner, and Jim Garrelts. Members included Joe and Vera Bouse, June Guess, Norma Hamel, Rod and Ginger Cleavelin, Randy and Beth Plant, Dick and Hellen Stickle, J. R. and Lou Robertson, Betty Shedrick, Lois Austin, Kent and Lynda Van Fossen, Gary and LaVonda Waldron, Gilbert and Lois Stagner, Earl and Mary Powell, Marvin and Chris Curtis, Bob and Linda Murray, George and Frankie Chapman, Richard McElhaney, Joe and Lois Sturgil, Ken and Linda Johnson, Tommy and Rita Team, Tillman and Mary Frizzell, Sonny Rose, Matt Campbell and Sophie and Sebastian, and Jim and Donna Bratcher.



*Top Left:* Visiting is always an important part of every rally. Norma Hamel, Lois Sturgil, and Vera Bouse catch up as they wait to begin the evening card game.

*Top Right:* Getting ready for the evening meal, Jim Garrelts, Phala Clough, and Lavonna Kinnamon begin by setting up the serving line.

Dwayne Davis did an excellent job of leading the complicated business meeting that was held at the rally. Check out the next page of the newsletter for copy of the minutes of the meeting.



**HAPPY (OK) WANDERERS  
SPRING BUSINESS MEETING  
March 19, 2016**

The meeting was called to order at 10:30am, Saturday, March 19, 2016 by President Dwayne Davis presiding with Flag Salute and Invocation.

Introductions of New Members: JR and Lou Roberson, Kenneth and Linda Johnson, Matt Campbell, and Bob and Linda Murray.

Minutes from September 19, 2015 were read by Vera Bouse. Motion made to accept minutes by Dick Stickle and 2<sup>nd</sup> by LaVonda Waldron.

Treasurer Report respectfully reported by Lois Sturgil.

Balance in account at February 29, 2016	\$10,973.34
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Officers Reports:

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President update: Rita Team reported that we currently have 51 members. Also when you recruit a new member you will receive a coupon for a free rally for you and your new member. Rita brought new member applications as well as FMCA applications. New Members also have to be members of FMCA.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President update: Frank Timchak unavailable.

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President update: Dick Sickle reported that they have been checking new parks, none confirmed, still working on the 2017 locations for rallies.

National Director Report: Dan and Voneita Stogner will be going to Massachusetts for the FMCA's 94<sup>th</sup> Family Reunion in August, 2016.

Nominating Committee: Nothing to report at this time.

Membership Report: Betty Shedrick reported 51 paid memberships and 5 associate members. 7 members have not paid their dues, we are contacting them, and have heard back from some of them.

It was suggested that when we negotiate rates with the RV Parks that we should try to negotiate for better rates on the cabins. This may help get more of the associate members to come to the rallies.

Old Business: Report on purchasing new coffee equipment, after checking out what is available, it was decided to do nothing at this time.

**New Business:**

Summer Rally – Question - Is there an interest in having a summer rally (July or August). No interest.

Amendment of HOW Standing Rules: Amendments were made on the following Standing Rules:

Item #6 – New members will be given one profile book per coach. Each new member will also be given a new name tag and chapter vest. Should replacements be necessary, the member will be expected to pay the cost of the replaced items.

Earl Powell made a motion to approve the change and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lynda Van Fossen. So moved.

Item #9 – Rallies of the chapter will be held the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend of the month. This schedule can be adjusted for campground availability and to allow travel time for those attending National and Area FMCA Conventions and Rallies. However, the September rally will be held no later than the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend of the month to allow time for the Secretary to submit the list of new officers and chapter rally schedule to FMCA.

Earl Powell made a motion to approve the change and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dick Stickle. So moved.

Item #17 – Annually the chapter shall reimburse the National Director or Alternate National Director or the chapter's voting representative, a portion of their travel expenses if they travel to attend, and vote, at FMCA'S annual Governing Board Meeting. Reimbursement will be in the amount of \$800 if the meeting is held more than 1000 miles for Oklahoma, or \$400 if less than a 1000.

Don Kinnamon made a motion to approve the change and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Earl Powell. So moved.

Item #19 – The election and installation of chapter officers for the coming year shall be held in the month of September. The report of the nominating committee shall be made to the membership no later than the month of August. The term of the elected officers shall be November 1 through October 31. Nominations may be made from the floor with the consent of the person being nominated.

The Secretary will submit the list of duly elected and installed officers to FMCA in September.

Earl Powell made a motion to approve the change and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dick Stickle. So moved.

Budget Item: New recruitment – Do I hear a motion to continue our new members recruitment program where we offer a coupon for a free rally and a coupon for a free rally to the recruiter.

Dick Stickle made a motion to approve the recruitment program and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lois Sturgil. So moved.

25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Report – Earl Powell reported on plans for the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the club. Good news is that it won't cost you anything for the luncheon on Saturday, if you have paid your dues. It will cost \$15 for the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary luncheon if you have not paid your dues. However it will cost you for the rally. Dress will be rally casual. Please wear your vest to luncheon, wear a white shirt under your vest.

Announcements: We have not been to ask to help with the Six State Rally in Shawnee this year. Our Secretary has completed all the necessary information to FMCA, that we are a certified chapter for 2016.

Motion to adjourn by Earl Powell, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dick Stickle.

Vera Bouse  
Secretary

## Houston RV Show Promotes FMCA

Many in the Houston area were recently introduced to FMCA and the fun of RVing when they attended the largest indoor RV expo in the U.S. during February. South Central Area officers and members greeted those exploring the coaches in the RV exhibit space generously provided for FMCA promotion by Ron Hoover RV of Houston.

Our members shared the benefits of FMCA, stories of the friendships made, and the importance of information provided to seasoned and new motorcoach owners. The questions began with "Do you have a motorm-home?" or "Are you shopping for a motorhome?" Tips on what to consider when purchasing were shared, such as "Can you stand up in the shower?" or "Check the way the bay doors open" or "Check the length of the bed" or "Once you decide, be sure to take a test drive." It's unsure who had more fun—those looking at coaches or our members visiting about their travel, full timing and the fun at rallies.

Eight dealers displayed over 500 camping units at the NRG Stadium facility in Houston, and NRG staff stated

an attendance of 35,000 during the four day event. A large number of camping resorts provided information along with RV related product exhibitors.

South Central FMCA members sharing information included FMCA National Vice President South Central Area Rod and Ethel Sartwell, SRA Senior Vice President Joe and Nancy Wright, who encouraged the liaison with Ron Hoover. Others included Seminar Captain and Door Prize Lt. Leroy and Lois Hinderliter, Chaplain George and Darlene Archer, Program Book Captain Earl and Mary Powell and South TX Renegades chapter members Larry and Doni Gordon, who initiated the idea to have a presence at the Houston RV Show.

Plans are in the works to have South Central chapter members share FMCA information at other state RV shows. Dallas is on the schedule for the fall. If you or your chapter are interested in helping to promote FMCA during a show, please email Rod Sartwell, National Vice President South Central Area at [rod.roseair@gmail.com](mailto:rod.roseair@gmail.com) or call 918.289.8939.

**Happy (OK) Wanderers Durant Rally**  
**Choctaw Casino KOA**  
**Rally Activity Schedule**

- Thursday, April 21st**      Dinner 6 pm  
Hosts will furnish the meat (Ham) and Dessert (Joe Bouse's Brownies)  
Activities: Games and Conversation
- Friday, April 22nd**      Breakfast 9 am  
Biscuits, gravy, sausage patties, fruit and juice
- Lunch on your own
- Dinner at 6 pm  
Mexican Fiesta and dessert  
Activities: Games
- Saturday, April 23rd**      Breakfast at 8 am  
Cereal, milk, cut fruit, bagels/cream cheese
- Lunch at 1 pm - Free Catered Meal. Meeting Room will be closed from 10 am to Noon for set-up and decorations. Plates, glasses/coffee cups, napkins and utensils will be provided.
- Dinner at 6 pm  
Finger food
- Sunday, April 24th**      Breakfast Burrito  
Devotion

***Bring you own plates glasses and silverware to all meals except the Saturday Luncheon***

### Rally Registration Directions

**Directions:** From Jct. of US-70 and US-69, Go South 3 1/2 miles on US-69 to Choctaw Road. Turn East (Left) and travel approx. 1/4 mile to Enterprise Drive. Turn North (Left) one block to campground on right, 3650 Enterprise Blvd.

**Reservations:**  
**(Campground)** **Do NOT Call the Park** to make your own reservations! The rally host will let the park know when you will arrive and when you will depart, plus any special needs you have for parking. If you have special needs please list them on the reservation form.

**Facilities:** 20/30/50 AMP Full Hookup on Concrete.

**Cost:** \$30/Night including days before and after rally dates.

**Registration:**  
**(Rally)** Rally registration is \$15/person with checks payable to Happy (OK) Wanderers. Entire last page of this newsletter, plus check, should be filled out and mailed to:

**Earl Powell**  
**P. O. Box 55**  
**McLoud, OK 74851**

**Registration**  
**Deadline:** **Friday, April 8, 2016**

**Rally Hosts:** Joe and Vera Bouse, Joe and Lois Sturgil, Jerry and Jerri Messner, Marvin and Chris Curtis, Neal and Betty Von Tungeln.

### 25th Anniversary Luncheon Registration Directions

For all **PAID** 2016 Members and Associate Members all you need to do is write you and your spouses name (if applicable) on the appropriate line of the form. The Anniversary Committee does ask that you wear your vest to the Luncheon with a white shirt under your vest.

All Non 2016 members, associate and guest are invited to attend the luncheon but you will be required to pay \$15/person. Make you check payable to Happy (OK) Wanderers and list the names of those attending on the second line.

Dress for the Anniversary Luncheon is "Rally Casual" (No coats or ties).

Anniversary Rally hosts include: Lois Austin, Betty Shedrick, Joe and Lois Sturgil, Kent and Linda VanFossen, Earl and Mary Powell.

### RV Mobile Lube Service Directions

If you are requesting lube service, you are asked to fill out the bottom box on the registration page. This will assist Robert in having enough of the correct supplies available to service our coaches. If you would like to see prices just go to [www.rvmobilelube.com](http://www.rvmobilelube.com) for an up to date price list of services that are offered. Robert accepts cash, check, or credit cards for payment of services

If you are having service please arrive Wednesday or before of the rally week to allow Robert enough time to service all of the coaches by Friday Evening.

Robert is someone that has serviced several of our coaches for several years. He is well trained and does an excellent job. ***Where else can you sit in your lawn chair with a cold drink watching you coach being serviced?***

### April Rally Registration

Name: \_\_\_\_\_, Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Arrival Date: \_\_\_\_\_, Departure Date: \_\_\_\_\_, Coach Brand: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of People Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$15/Person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**For Associate Members and Guests not attending the full rally**

I will attend Breakfast \_\_\_\_\_, Dinner \_\_\_\_\_, on the following day(S): \_\_\_\_\_

Number of people attending \_\_\_\_\_ X \$5/person/meal = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

***All Checks should be made payable to Happy (OK) Wanderers***

### 25th Anniversary Luncheon Registration

Names of Members and/Associate Members attending for Free: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Non-Members and Guest attending for \$15/person: \_\_\_\_\_

***All Checks should be made payable to Happy (OK) Wanderers***

### RV Mobile Lube Service

(just leave this box blank if you are not requesting service)

Brand of Coach (ie. Winnebago, Newmar, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

Size and Brand of Engine (ie 450 Cummins, 350 Cat, etc): \_\_\_\_\_

Circle items to be serviced:      Engine              Chassis              Generator

Special service request: \_\_\_\_\_

***Payment will be made to service provider, cash, check, or credit card accepted***