

Happy Wanderings

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information**

As I write this, it is the day after the first snow, so it seems it was a strong message we received from the October rally hosts, who provided each of us with an ice scraper in the Welcome Bags. They are pretty good weather predictors.

Enjoy all the holidays approaching, and stay safe in the weather changes.

The Christmas Luncheon is a great way to usher in the Christmas season and to help a wonderful group of friends in Stroud.

Looking ahead to next year, Head Hosts, please keep in mind that I need your menu and registration deadline info about four weeks ahead of the scheduled rally dates. This gives me a chance to get the newsletter out and for members to return the registration by the listed deadline date. Thanks for your help on that.

For Now till Next Year....

Happy Wandering!!



South
Central
Area
FMCA

2018 Christmas Luncheon Saturday, December 8, 2018

Schedule of Activities

Arrival Anytime after 10:30 am

Hors d'oeuvres at Approximately 11:00 am

Holiday Meal - Approximately 12:00 Noon

A Mexican Fiesta with all the extras



At the conclusion of events, everyone is invited to the home of Steve and Julie Bivin, **501 South 10th Avenue**, for light refreshments and visiting.

Directions to the Church

From the intersection of Highway 99 and Highway 66, travel East to the first stop light (4th Avenue), turn North (left), and travel one block North to **323 West 4th Avenue** to the First Christian Church.

Registration for the Luncheon is on the last page of this Newsletter

Registration Deadline is Saurday, December 1, 2018

If you have not paid your 2019 Happy (OK) Wanderers membership dues of \$30, this is a great time to do so. Give check to Carl Clough, Treasurer.

Luncheon cost is \$25/Person made payable to Happy (OK) Wanderers

Editors Note: For those new members that have not attended the Christmas Luncheon, let me say it is something that you should put on your Holiday List to do this year. This is a fundraiser for the Sunday School Class that prepares the meal for us each year. Money they raise is used to provide extras for the church. We, in turn, have a really wonderful meal prepared for us in a comfortable setting with wonderful fellowship. Hope that you will add it to your list of Christmas Activities!

Happy (OK) Wanderers Web-Site is located at www.happyokwanderers.com



Rally Schedule For 2019

March 13-18
FMCA's 99th International Conv.
 Perry, Georgia

March 21-23
 Coffee Creek RV Park
 Santo, TX

April 11-14
Muskogee Hatbox Park
 Muskogee, OK

May 16-19
Choctaw Casino RV Resort and KOA
 Durant, OK

June 20-23
Wanderlust Crossing
 Weatherford, OK

August 14-17
FMCA's 100th International Convention
 Minot, ND

September 18-22
FMCA's 46th South Central Area Rally
 Shreveport, LA

September 19-21
Citizen Potawatomi Nation RV Park
 Shawnee, OK

October 17-20
Win-Star RV Park
 Thackerville, OK

December 7
 (Date and Location is Tentative)
Christmas Luncheon
 Stroud, OK

Rally Hosts for 2019

March Rally-Coffee Creek RV Park-Santo, TX

Head Host: Ken and Linda Johnson, Hosts: Darrell and Joyce Rich, Carl and Phala Clough, Paul and Barbara Terpening. Extra Host: Ronnie and Evelyn Lee.

April Rally-Muskogee Hatbox Park-Muskogee, OK

Head Host: Mary and Tillman and Frizzell, Hosts: Ken and Linda Johnson, Dick and Hellen Stickle, Dwayne and Dee Davis. Extra Host: Sandy Burchett.

May Rally-Choctaw Casino RV Resort and KOA-Durant, OK

Head Host: Jim and Donna Bratcher, Hosts: Dick and Hellen Stickle, Frank and Cyndi Timchak, Dan and Vonietta Stogner.

June Rally-Wanderlust Crossing-Weatherford, OK

Head Host: Joe and Lois Sturgil, Hosts: Joe and Vera Bouse, Marvin and Chris Curtis, Neal and Betty Vontungeln.

September Rally-Citizen Potawatomi Nation RV Park-Shawnee, OK

Head Host: Earl and Mary Powell, Hosts: Don and LaVonna Kinnamon, Ron and Evelyn Lee.

Need two additional Hosts for September

October Rally- Win-Star RV Park-Thackerville, OK

Head Host: John and Alma Belzer, Hosts: Mary and Tillman Frizzell

Need three additional Hosts for October

We also need three to four members to volunteer to serve as substitute hosts to cover when a host has to make a last minute cancellation.

2019 Elected Officers

President

Dick and Hellen Stickle

1st Vice-President

Joe and Vera Bouse
 New Member Recruitment

2nd Vice-President

Randy and Beth Plant
 Host Recruitment

3rd Vice-President

Tillman and Mary Frizzell
 Rally Site Coordinator

Secretary

Evelyn and Ronnie Lee

Treasurer

Carl and Phala Clough

National Director

Dan Stogner

Alt. Nat. Director

Joe Bouse

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Nominating Committee

Chris Curtis
 Earl Powell
 Frank Timchak

MEMBER SERVICES - Official HOW WEB-site at www.happyokwanderers.com

Membership

C Seikel

Chapter Clothing

Ken and Linda Johnson

Newsletter

Earl Powell

Profile Books

Cyndi Timchak

Hospitality

Hellen Stickle

Webmaster

Dwayne Davis

Devotional Leader

Jim Bratcher

DA Award Coordinators

Earl Powell
 Frank Timchak
 Dan Stogner

Chapter Photographer

Joe Sturgil



This is one of Joe Sturgil's Pictures from his drone. The shot is of the campground in Grove, looking back toward Sail Boat Bridge.

HALLOWEEN TREATS

Once you drove into Cedar Oaks RV Park and saw Linda and Ken Johnson's coach decorations, you were in the Halloween mood and ready to enjoy all the skeletons, bats, pumpkins, fall centerpieces and even a "dancing chicken" that the hosts had arranged in the rally room in Grove, OK. A dozen or so enjoyed a Mexican restaurant on Tuesday evening before the rally began, and about 30 or so enjoyed the Lazy Parrot restaurant on Wednesday. By Thursday, all were ready to explore the area and delve into the Halloween fun of the rally.

Chris Curtis welcomed all travelers and introduced guests, Sandy Burchett from Shangri-La and Tom Love and Janet Young, new fulltimers from Grove. Joe Bouse presented the DA Award to Dan Stogner, who insisted that he had already awarded it to himself for his electrical cord episode, but Joe insisted. Then Hellen Stickle mentioned that Dick had left his surge suppressor in Colorado and had to return from Gillette to retrieve it. There was also a mention of air brakes, but.....

Jim Bratcher offered our blessings for all the delicious

meals. Dwayne Davis explained that the Membership fiscal year is Jan. 1-Dec. 31, with dues to be paid by Jan. 1. Elections are held in September due to a time deadline of September 30 with FMCA to publish the names of the new officers. Officers move into their positions on November 1. Dan Stogner, our National Delegate, reminded us that FMCA needs your vote on a refund proposal and electronic voting. Details are in the FMCA magazine and the deadline is December 31.

President Frank Timchak thanked all for their help and support during his tenure and especially appreciated Rod Sartwell, Rod Cleavelin, Dwayne Davis, Earl Powell and Rita Team, who installed the officers—and especially Cyndi Timchak. Dick Stickle announced the December 8 Christmas Luncheon in Stroud. Carl Clough is accepting dues checks. Several committees met during the rally: Auditing, DA, Nominations and future rally hosts.

Thursday's meal of hamburger soup and turkey and cheese croissant sandwiches was a great fall treat and was followed by gi-normous pieces of Joe Bouse's fa-

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mous brownies along with ice cream cups. Chris Curtis posed the question: How many years total have all the folks in the room been married? Von Stogner won the prize with the closest calculation of 828 years!!!!

The hosts provided tons of door prizes: camo shirts, lanterns, kitchen gear, Red-Neck Bird Feeder, fall wreaths, Halloween treats and more. McClain's also provided special door prizes. Thursday winners were Joe Bouse, Neal Von Tungeln, Linda Johnson, John Belzer, Mary Frizzell, Von Stogner, and Phala Clough won the rolling tote bag. Everyone won a prize.

Friday's winners were Chuck Myers, Rita Team, Carl Clough, Jim Bratcher, and the Grand Prize of a chaise lounge chair was won by the Cleavelins. Saturday's Grand Prize winner of another lounge chair was the Belzers.

Hellen Stickle brought birthday greetings for Lois Sturgil, Betty Von Tungeln, Mary Frizzell, and Donna Bratcher, and we all joined in to congratulate Chuck and Anne Myers on their 65th wedding anniversary in November. Betty Von Tungeln invited all Happy OK Wanderers to share in the fun of a Birthday Celebration for Neal on December 30 at their church in OKC. Mark the date. More info later.

Friday meals were scrumptious—as usual. All enjoyed scrambled eggs with ham and cheese, English muffins, fresh fruit and juice. Dinner was plentiful with a stack of Mexican Fiesta and the treat of ice cream bars. Saturday's biscuit and sausage gravy with fruit cups and juice



Chris and Marvin Curtis finished First in the Halloween Costume Parade at the Grove Rally.

got our day started. The hosts offered lunch that day, too. Then they prepared pork loin, cole slaw, creamed peas and potatoes and huge portions of pineapple cream pie. All wonderfully delicious—and too filling.

Frank Timchak offered his woodcraft gifts for sale again. Amazing jewelry chests, angel candle holders, crocodile games and more were enjoyed by all and provided a lot of wonderful Christmas gifts from grandparents.

The Halloween Costume Parade was enjoyed prior to dinner on Friday. Winners were Pope Marvin Curtis, who was accompanied by Sister Chris as a nun. Witch Von Stogner was second with her raven on her wrist, long black tendrils, adjusted chin and nose to complete her “grim” look, and she was accompanied by Dan as a black cat. Honorable Mention was earned by Joe Sturgil as a cat burglar and Lois Sturgil as a witch. Dwayne Davis did a great job judging the contest.

All the costumes were fun and amazing. Linda Johnson was a modern day Elvira Witch, who was riding on her Dirt Devil Sweeper, and accompanied by Ken, the Handsome Devil. Mary Powell was a fortune teller; Carl Clough was a cat, and Phala was a Jedi with her light saber. Vera Bouse was a spider. Captain Jack Sparrow was “owned” by John Belzer and accompanied by Alma as Madame Zoltar. Mr. and Mrs. Casper, the Friendly Ghost Couple, in their wedding gear were Neal and Betty Von Tungeln. Rita Team was Flo from the Progressive insur-

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Dan and Vonieta Stogner finished a close second in the Costume Parade.

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ance commercials and was accompanied by Frank of State Farm (known to us as Tommy). Thanks to Dwayne Davis, our webmaster and Photographer Joe Sturgil, you can enjoy all the photos on the Happy OK Wanderers' website.

Saturday's game was an Observation Exercise. Lois Sturgil came in "dressed to the Nines" and carried a tray filled with a variety of fall goodies. All got a good look. Then Chris Curtis asked all to write down what all Lois had been wearing. Rod Cleavelin earned First Place. Dwayne Davis earned Second Place. Lois was wearing 2 watches, 5 necklaces.....The men really kept an eye on her.

On behalf of Frank Timchak, Dan Stogner, and Earl Powell, the DA Award was passed along again on Saturday evening. Earl mentioned potential winners: Dick Stickle with his abandoned electrical unit; Jim Garrelts, who left Wichita Falls still plugged in---and who had NO "automatic disconnect"; Carl Clough, who advised all to not try to park your rig in a tight yard with trees and after dark because it results in a bent tow bar, a side-swiped tree and "a wife you can't see". But Captain Jack Sparrow, our own John Belzer, was the new DA Award recipient. At this rally, John locked his slide before OPENING

it, so he needed a hammer and several friends to help him remedy the situation. He said when he called the dealer for advice, he was told, "Just get a bigger hammer and beat it in the right place." John gave a gracious acceptance speech, but asked for help in passing the prestigious award along to the next winner. He is willing to hear all stories to pass along the committee, so he can be **one and done**.

Sunday, the hosts closed the rally with sweet baked goods for breakfast, which was followed by a message from our Chaplain, Jim Bratcher, and his surprise quartet. Rita Team, Tillman Frizzell, Jim Bratcher and Lavonna Kinnamon sang *Victory in Jesus* and *Amazing Grace* to send us off on our travels in peace.

Participating were Hosts, Joe and Vera Bouse, Chris and Marvin Curtis, Lois and Joe Sturgil, and Neal and Betty Von Tungeln. Others enjoying the event were John and Alma Belzer, Jim and Donna Bratcher, Rod and Ginger Cleavelin, Carl and Phala Clough, Dwayne and Dee Davis, Tillman and Mary Frizzell, Jim Garrelts, Ken and Linda Johnson, Don and Lavonna Kinnamon, Chuck and Anne Myers, Earl and Mary Powell, Dick and Hellen Stickle, Dan and Von Stogner, Tommy and Rita Team, Frank and Cyndi Timchak, and Bob and Donna Waller.



Lois and Joe Sturgil were named Honorable Mention in the Costume Parade.



Flo dropped by and sold Tommy some motor home insurance. No, not really, it is Rita Team with husband, Tommy in their costumes for the contest.

Some Bits and Pieces for You to Remember

Date Changed for April Rally

Be sure to remember that the date for the April Rally is changed from 18-21 to **April 11-14 in order to avoid Easter Sunday.**

We believe that the correct date is reflected in all of the notices that we are sending out.

Conflicting Dates in September

If you look carefully at the rally schedule on page 2 of this newsletter, you will notice that our September Rally takes place at the same time as the South Central Rally. This is due to the SCA Rally changing locations and dates when we had already reserved our dates based on their original schedule.

Hosts needed for 2019

If you are a new member, or even a well seasoned member, the chapter is in need of additional hosts for the 2019 rally season. Check out the list of rally hosts on page 2 of this newsletter and see if you can fill one of the positions needed. If so, give Randy and Beth Plant a call at 405.348.1854 and let them know your choice.

Registration for Christmas Luncheon

Saturday, December 8, 2018

First Christian Church

Stroud, Oklahoma

\$25/Person

NAME: _____

Cell Phone Number: _____

\$25/Person X _____ = _____

Checks should be made payable to: Happy (OK) Wanderers

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2018

Mail this form and a check for the total amount to: **Steve and Julie Bivin**

501 South 10th Avenue

Stroud, Oklahoma 74079

Don't forget your check book. It is a great time to pay your 2019 Dues of \$30 to our Treasurer