

AROUND the WORLD RALLY

The April hosts took the Happy OK Wanderers on a **three nation tour** filled with fun, national foods, facts and fellowship. **Ireland, Italy** and, of course, the **USA** were selected as top tour stops for the 27 coaches making the excursion beginning at the Choctaw Casino KOA in Durant, OK.

Tour Guide Dwayne Davis introduced some special guests. Herman Alsup, FMCA SCA Six-State Southern Vice President and Vendor Captain, and his wife, Mitzi, FMCA Merchandise Captain, signed on for our tour. Joining in also were newest members, Tia and Jerry Azlin from Shawnee, who were referred by Dan and Von Stogner.

Hosts for the tour were Dwayne and Dee Davis, Dick and Hellen Stickle, Tillman and Mary Frizzell and Dan and Von Stogner. They decorated the tables with lights that featured a symbol from the selected nation. Of course, our energetic Linda Johnson added to the fun as she sported “national pride” for each stop with an Ireland hat, a pizza hat and a cowboy hat—along with the appropriate colors for each nation. In addition, Linda and Ken Johnson have donated a Happy OK Wanderer dinner bell to help with getting the group’s attention when needed. Thanks!!! Thanks, too, to Bob Waller and Frank Taber, our members we share with the Coaches for Christ chapter, who offered blessings.

The pre-rally group of about 30 “tourists” enjoyed USA catfish at Huck’s in Dennison, TX on Wednesday evening to whet their appetite for the final day’s tour of the USA.

The **Ireland tour** began on Thursday evening with a generous and scrumptious serving of Irish Stew served with Cornbread. Apple and cherry pie ala mode made the meal complete.

Then, the **Irish challenge** began. Every group of four was to write an Irish Motorhome Limerick!! Despite the looks of shock and awe, the limericks were fun!! The two winning limericks were penned by the team of Sandy and Frank Taber and Beth and Randy Plant and the team of June Guess, Norma Hamel, Faye Shelton and Sandi Gardner. Runners up were the team of Rod and Ginger Cleavelin and Earl and Mary Powell.

MY Motorhome has been many places

And seen many faces.

Some have been happy and some have been sad,

But all the places have made us glad.

So, now in Durant, we’re hoping for all Aces.

My Motorhome is a way to escape

From life’s problems—for goodness sake.

So show me a place

Where a big rig will face

A clear, blue, calm mountain lake.

Ireland Door Prizes of RV products donated from Leisure Time RV were won by Bob Murray, Neal Von Tungeln, Vera Bouse, Ken Johnson, Joyce Rich, and Frank Timchak. Hand and Foot, Poker, and Pegs and Jokers were played by several groups as others returned to their coaches to prepare for the next day’s tour.

The **Italy tour** began on Friday with generous servings of Italian Pancakes and Sausage, and Italian Orange Juice. Several folks played games in the rally room each afternoon. Some enjoyed the movies at the casino. Some enjoyed gaming success at the casino. Beth Plant was proud of her BIG WIN as she showed off her voucher for \$.01 !!!

The **Italy tour** continued Friday evening with Lasagna, green beans, and Italian bread. Italian gelato sundaes topped with cookies and a cherry were the final touch. Dwayne Davis introduced Phase I of **Going RV**—a series of questions “easily answered by experienced RVers”—or so he said! Some of the questions were tough: How long do people own their RV? (8.4 years) How many national parks are in Hawaii? (7) But our tourists prevailed. Team June Guess, Norma Hamel, Rita and Tommy Team were the winners. Italy Door Prizes were won by Earl Powell, Joe Sturgil, Kent Garnder, Frank Taber and Donna Waller.

The **USA tour** began on Saturday with a Southern breakfast tradition of biscuits and gravy, sausage, and fruit cups. Following breakfast, the morning was filled with a “government gathering” as our first Happy OK Wanderer Business Meeting of the year was convened by President Frank Timchak.

Several groups played games in the afternoon. The **USA** dinner of grilled hamburgers with all the toppings, chips, potato salad, and green beans was completed with brownies ala mode. Dwayne Davis introduced Phase 2 of **Going RV**. More tough questions: Which is the deepest river gorge? (Hells Canyon) How many camping areas in our National Park system? (673) Once again, several of our tourist teams prevailed. Team Ken and Shirley Absher and Leroy and Lois Hinderlites were the winners. USA Door Prizes were won by Jim Garrelts, Herman and Mitzi Alsup, Tia and Jerry Azlin, Sonny Rose and Ellen Wilson, and Faye Shelton.

Sunday wrapped up the **Around the World Rally** with a Continental breakfast of muffins and cinnamon rolls. Our tourists returned to being campers and drove into the wind as they continued on their own journeys. See the pictures at the Photo page of the website.

Many Are In Our Daily Thoughts and Prayers

It was great to have Jim and Donna Brathcher present for part of the rally and to have Jim offer our first meal blessing. Several of our folks have been enduring some health issues, so it was great to see Hellen Stickle, Lois Hinderliter, Neal Von Tungeln, Von Stogner, Betty Von Tungeln, and Cyndi Timchak. Our prayers continue for all the others who may have been uncomfortable with their health strength over the winter months.

Around the World Rally Participants

Jerry and Tia Azlin, Herman and Mitzi Alsup from Lubbock, TX, Ken and Shirley Absher, Joe and Vera Bouse, Jim and Donna Bratcher, Rod and Ginger Cleavelin, Kent and Sandi Gardner, Jim Garrelts, June Guess, Norma Hamel, Leroy and Lois Hinderliter, Ken and Linda Johnson, Bob and Linda Murray, Beth and Randy Plant, Earl and Mary Powell, Darrel and Joyce Rich, Sonny Rose, Ellen Wilson, Faye Shelton, Joe and Lois Sturgil, Frank and Sandy Taber, Tommy and Rita Team, Frank and Cyndi Timchak, Betty and Neal Von Tungeln, and Donna and Bob Waller.

SCA Six State Rally in September in Shawnee

Herman Alsup invited all to attend the SCA Six-State Rally at the Expo Center in Shawnee this September 19-23 and encouraged all interested to volunteer (by indicating volunteer on your registration sent to FMCA). If you need input on what you can volunteer to do, check with the officers or ask around. Many have volunteered in the past and can explain about the job responsibilities.

The Happy OK Wanderers usually arrive together and park as a group. Although the rally begins on Wednesday morning, our members often arrive on Monday—at least on Tuesday. We enjoy the Thursday evening Chapter Night by getting together—sometimes for a cookout/pot luck.

Our chapter always participates in the Chapter Fair, which is a recruitment opportunity on Thursday afternoon. Our members usually donate quilts to the Quilt Display, where Cyndi Timchak arranges for them to be donated to local charities and usually two Veteran groups. So, if you have any quilts to donate, be sure to take them to Shawnee. Plans are still being formulated. Of course, the rally events include seminars, exhibits, show RVs, breakfasts, entertainment, ladies’ luncheon, pet obstacle course.....and more.

YOUR CHAPTER NEEDS YOU TO HELP

There are lots of jobs in addition to the Officer positions that keep our chapter going. If you can take on these responsibilities, please notify Frank and Cyndi Timchak, our Presidents, as soon as possible.

One key position is **Membership**. Membership receives information on new members from FMCA. Then sends information (past newsletter, letter of introduction, rally registration form) to the potential members via email or postal. Your postage and copies are reimbursed. (If you need copies, use the FMCA Office Depot discount card.)

Hospitality is the second position. Purchasing and mailing greeting cards (for illness or sympathy) that will usually be brought to a rally so all the members present may sign and send a greeting. Sometimes just sending a greeting card from the chapter. Also sending emails to Earl Powell or sending them out yourself to notify the chapter members of the concerns. Postage and cards are reimbursed.

During the SCA Six State Rally, a **Chapter Fair** is held to help chapters recruit. This year it is scheduled on Thursday, Sept. 20 from 2:00 -3:00 p.m. in the Conference Center (where Breakfast is enjoyed.) Your responsibility would be to set up our chapter display on a table. Decorate, hand out newsletters, a rally list, talk to people about our chapter, sign up new members, and later to give new member information to Membership, Profile Book (Cyndi Timchak), and email addresses to Newsletter (Earl Powell). Also disassemble. You would probably want to get a couple of other couples to help you. You will be reimbursed for copies (use the FMCA discount card for Office Depot) and supplies. If you are wondering why our Presidents don't manage this even, both of them have other responsibilities at SCA. Frank is the Sign Lt. and Cyndi is Quilt Captain.

Following the Checotah Rally, it will be time to go to the SCA Six State Rally in Shawnee. If those attending want to park together as a group at Shawnee, we are in need of a **Caravan Coordinator** to set the time and to select the meeting place close to the Expo Center at Shawnee where the participants can gather to get into lines to caravan into the Expo. Earl Powell can send the information to all members notifying them of the location, date and time for the gathering.

LUBE RALLY SUCCESS

Thanks to all who needed service and were willing to add an additional rally gathering in the busy month of May to their schedules. Powell, Timchak, Stickle, Sartwell, Von Tungeln, Bouse, and Waller (thanks to a lot of extra traveling) had their diesel coaches serviced by Robert Matthews of RV Mobile Lube of Texas. Lee, Hinderliter, and Azlin had their gas coaches serviced as well.

Tia and Jerry Azlin shared a huge offering of smoked pork so the group came together on Tuesday evening with additional shared dishes and enjoyed Pegs and Jokers and Hand and Foot. Of course, we also enjoyed the free Wednesday and Thursday buffet breakfasts at WinStar. Survived the severe winds and rains, too.

Happy OK Wanderers RALLY- June 2018

Coachlight RV Park, 5305 Garrison Ave. Carthage, Mo.

Theme- "GOD BLESS THE USA"

June 21-24

Make plans for "God Bless the USA" at Coachlight RV park. **Call the park directly for your reservations at phone 417-358-3666.** We have 30 sites reserved at rally rates of \$29 per night. The park will hold reservations without credit card until arrival. The exact number of sites must be identified by **June 1** and any late changes after you have submitted your registration can be made by calling Frank Taber at 918-671-0731. Hosts for the rally are Rod & Ginger Cleavelin, Frank & Sandy Taber, Wanda Gifford, and Bob & Donna Waller. Red, White and Blue colors remind us of this great Nation, Let's keep it Great.

Registration for June 2018 Rally

June 21-24

Coachlight RV Park - 5305 Garrison Ave. Carthage, Mo., 471-358-3666

Name: _____ Cell. _____

Date of Arrival _____ Date of Departure _____

Special needs parking: _____

Registration for Rally \$20.00 **per person** attending rally _____

Remember to bring Tableware to each meal.

Please mail before May 28th to Frank Taber 1305 Sherwood Lane, Broken Arrow, Ok, 74011- Cell 918-671-0731 or Home 918-455-6032.

Make Check payable to Happy OK Wanderers

Next Rally FMCA South Central 6- States "Pre-Rally" at Shawnee, OK in September

RALLY HOSTS: Rod & Ginger Cleavelin, Bob & Donna Waller, Frank & Sandy Taber, Wanda Gifford.

“HOW” June 2018 Rally Agenda

THEME “GOD BLESS THE USA”

COACHLIGHT RV PARK, CARTHAGE, MO.

- Thurs 6 PM: Taco Soup, Bread, Garlic Butter, Frito’s, Brownie & Ice Cream
Q & A Group Game and “On your own” Games.**
- Friday Breakfast at 9:00 AM- Sausage, Biscuits & Gravy, Fruit & Juice, Coffee
Activities and Lunch on your own.
6 PM –“ All American” - Burgers, Dogs, Beans & Chips, Ice cream Bar
Evening – Card Bingo Group Games & “On your own” Games**
- Saturday Breakfast at 9:00 AM -Mess Hall Mess (“SOS”), Fruit & Juice, Coffee
Activities as preferred and lunch on your own
6 PM “Picnic”- Cold Cuts on Hoagie, Chips, Cupcake and Ice Cream
Evening – Group Mixer & “On your own” games**
- Sunday Breakfast at 8:30 AM – Muffins, Fruit, Juice, Coffee
Devotion at 9:00 AM
Rally concludes after Devotion**

BRING TABLEWARE TO MEALS

Check out Carthage Precious Moments Chapel

Till we meet again- Checotah KOA – Six-State Pre-Rally, September 2018

RALLY HOSTS: Bob & Donna Waller, Ginger & Rod Cleavelin, Wanda Gifford, Frank & Sandy Taber