

# Happy Wanderings



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An Affiliated Chapter of the Family Motor Coach Association

October, 2018



## Christmas Luncheon

Saturday, December 8, 2018

Stroud, OK Frist Christian Church

Registration Next Newsletter, Plan to Attend

## SEPTEMBER RALLY AT CHECOTAH

Written by Hellen Stickle



A special *Thanks* to two members for their help with this issue of the newsletter. First Hellen Stickle for writing the story about the rally, and second to Joe Sturgil for the photos of the rally.

Notice that I have listed the upcoming Christmas Luncheon that is held in Stroud. This is a great time to get together, without the coaches, for a wonderful meal prepared by members of the First Christian Church. They have done this for several years for the Happy (OK) Wanderers as a fund raising activity to raise money for items they have donated to the church.

So if you are going to be in the area be sure to note this date on your calendar. Next month, after the Grove rally, I will be sending out the final newsletter of this calendar year containing the registration for the luncheon. Be sure that you register and attend!

Oh, Boy! OFF to the Rally. Can't wait to see the Hokies. Everyone's on the road again coming from all directions

Tuesday arrivals: Paul and Barbara Terpening, Carl and Phala Clough, Dick and Hellen Stickle Darrell and Joyce Rich and Tommy and Rita Team. We had a little pow-wow at Tommy and Rita's. They just happened to be sitting outside cooking their dinner, and we all drifted over. We overstayed. I hope their dinner was edible.

Wednesday: More Happy OK Wanderers rolling: Gardner, Absher and Stogner. Looking good; our hosts are arriving. Woo-hoo! Timchak, Curtis, Cleavelin, Culver, Von Tungeln, Johnson, Kinamon and Myers.

Our lead hosts, Ken and Shirley, arrived with food. Park office wouldn't let them in the meeting room to the food in the fridge. Didn't get the key 'til late afternoon. Bummer! But they let our avid card players play in the park office dining room. The games began!

Thursday: Another day, more arrivals: Sturgil, Bouse and Chaplain Jim and wife, Donna Bratcher. Donna is looking good, feels fine and everything is in remission—gone—great!! Ladies headed to rec. room to play cards. Tom Murdoch rolling in.

Supper time! Gang's all here! Where is Earl and Mary? Our hosts served us baked potato (loaded up), BBQed pork, salad, brownies and ice cream for dessert. Then we were

entertained by Ken Absher with pickin' and grinin.' He sang songs he wrote about his and Shirley's RV travels. Full of humor. Very entertaining.

Names were drawn and door prizes awarded. Then! Let the card games begin. Poker and Hand and Food. Win or lose; it is a lot of fun.

Friday: Breakfast. Cooks are hustling to get food ready for the Mass! Tribe beginning to wander in. Some dragging, some hyped, but all smiling. Our hosts served up egg casserole, toast and fresh fruit and juice. Yummy!

The ladies met at noon and whipped up 12 quilts.

Supper time: Earl and Mary joined us. Had all American food—burgers and

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**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**

Carla and Phala Clough

**National Director**

Dan Stogner

**Alt. Nat. Director**

Joe Bouse

2020

**Nominating Committee**

Carl Clough  
Earl Powell  
Frank Timchak

**Rally Schedule  
For 2019**

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

March 21-23  
Coffee Creek RV Park  
Santo, TX

April 18-21  
**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 2018**

**March-Coyote Ranch RV Resort, Wichita Falls, TX**

*Lead Host* - Carl and Phala Clough  
Ken and Linda Johnson  
Bob and Linda Murray  
Terri and M.D. Gentry

**April-Choctaw Casino RV Resort, Durant, OK**

*Lead Host* - Dwayne and Dee Davis  
Dick and Hellen Stickle  
Tillman and Mary Frizzell  
Dan and Von Stogner

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

*Lead Host* - Frank and Cyndi Timchak  
Ronnie and Evelyn Lee  
Tom Murdoch  
John and Alma Belzer

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

*Lead Host* - Frank and Sandy Taber  
Bob and Donna Waller  
Rod and Ginger Cleavelin  
Lyanna and Micheal McKinney

**September-Checotah/Lake Eufaula KOA, Checotah, OK**

*Lead Host* - Ken and Shirley Absher  
Tommy and Rita Team  
Chuck and Anne Myers  
Kent and Sandi Gardner

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

*Lead Host* - Joe and Lois Sturgil  
Joe and Vera Bouse  
Neal and Betty Von Tungeln  
Marvin and Chris Curtis

**Alternates** - *Committed to fill in where needed. This is a new role in the era of four party host teams. This pool would be tapped if a health issue forces a host to miss or if the lead host determines additional help is needed for a given rally.*

Dan and Von Stogner  
Joe and Lois Sturgil

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

**Membership**  
C Seikel

**Chapter Clothing**  
Ken and Linda Johnson

**Newsletter**  
Earl Powell

**Profile Books**  
Cyndi Timchak

**Hospitality**  
Hellen Stickle

**Webmaster**  
Wayne Davis

**Devotional Leader**  
Jim Bratcher

**DA Award  
Coordinators**  
Earl Powell  
Frank Timchak  
Dan Stogner

**Chapter Photographer**  
Joe Sturgil

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brats, potato salad, chips, and ice cream sundaes. September birthdays celebrated: Sandi Gardner, Vera Bouse, Rita Team, Beth Plant, Kent Gardner and Cynthia Seikel. Also Kent and Sandi Gardner's 54<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Drawing held and door prizes given, then a game of Trivia played. Stogner's group won. Now for the real fun, game, CARDS!

Saturday: Breakfast Time. Our hosts prepared gravy and biscuits, fresh fruit, and juice. Yummy! Business Meeting held after breakfast.

All rallies in 2019 will be in OK except the first one in Coffee Creek, TX. Approved.

New Volunteers: Hospitality—Hellen Stickle, Membership—Cynthia Seikel, and Chaplain—Jim Bratcher.

Chapter Profile Books—Cyndi and Frank Timchak

Voted on Towables---All eyes, but one.

New Officers Recognized for 2019:

President—Dick and Hellen Stickle

First Vice President—Joe and Vera Bouse

Second Vice President—Randy and Beth Plant

Third Vice President—Tillman and Mary Frizzell

Treasurer—Carl and Phala Clough

Secretary—Evelyn and Ron Lee

National Director—Dan Stogner

Alternate National Director—Joe Bouse

Nominating Committee for 2020—Earl Powell, Frank Tim-

chak, and Carl Clough

Saturday Suppertime: Lots of chatter and good food aromas makes one's mouth water. Our hosts served up bris-ket, baked beans, cole slaw, rolls and ice cream with Shirley's home make cookies—chocolate oatmeal peanut butter, chocolate chip and peanut butter---3 different kinds of cookies! Yum! Yum! Ken entertained us again with traveling songs, and we found out "We just don't look good Naked anymore." Drawings, door prizes, and cards.

Our hosts for the rally: Lead host, Ken and Shirley Absher, Tommy and Rita Team, Chuck and Ann Myers, and Kent and Sandi Gardner. They did an outstanding job feeding and entertaining this tribe of Hokies.

Kent and Sandi provided all the drawing prizes, which were donated by Bob Hurley RV and Camping World. Our thanks to you.

Joe Bouse was awarded the DA Award for his collision with Vera. No one was injured, but both the car and coach needed a little tender care before they were used again.

Sunday a.m. Final Rally gathering, fellowship and continental breakfast and a faith inspiring devotional by our Chaplain Jim Bratcher. Everyone leaves weighing a little more!

Happy Travels to you all until we meet again.

Heard from Julie Bivin that the Christmas Luncheon Party will be on Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup> in Stroud.

Lois Sturgil announced there will be a Halloween Costume Parade and prizes awarded on Friday. So please plan ahead and **come with your costume ready to have some Halloween fun!**



Making quilts for the South Central Area Rally



Evening Meal at the Checotah Rally.

## September South Central FMCA Six-State Rally in Shawnee

Thanks to Carl and Phala Clough, who led a caravan of 9 coaches into the Expo grounds at Shawnee on Sunday at the conclusion of our Happy OK Wanderer rally in Checotah. They were joined by 3 other coaches and that group was able to park together to enjoy the South Central Area Rally.

Our chapter had 23 coaches present and 16 members volunteered during the rally. Frank Timchak and Rod Cleavelin prepared and displayed all the signs. Cyndi Timchak hosted the Quilt Display and the Quilt Social. Ginger Cleavelin, and Ken and Linda Johnson sold FMCA merchandise. Earl Powell prepared the Program Book and daily newspaper and posted the rally on the website, while Dan and Von Stogner assisted with the newspaper production and distributed the news each day. Mary Powell coordinated the rally activities. Neal Von Tunglen worked Security and Betty Von Tungeln worked Family Registration. Lyanna and Micheal McKinney were early risers and worked Food Service for our breakfast time. Rod Sartwell had scheduled all the entertainment so he was still making the entertainers comfortable, and he presented his Internet Sales seminar. June Guess and Norma Hamel worked Commercial Registration. With a mix of warm and sunny and rainy and cooler days, many were able to get some repairs completed or purchases installed. There were lots of seminars and exhibits to experience. The entertainment was great, and there was a nice number of new RVs to explore. Great time to visit and have breakfast or lunch or dinner together. The Ladies Lunch-

eon was magical. Several of us got our free flu shots. Tom Murdoch was a fortunate winner in the 50/50.

Our Chapter Fair table was welcoming and we think our group snagged some new members. Phala Clough says, "Many thanks to Our volunteers who manned the Chapter Table: Cyndi Timchak for foraging for a tablecloth, Von and Dan Stogner for a cute scotty dog quilt cloth as a top tablecloth, Dick and Hellen Stickle for the fall table décor and candy and for Dick putting up the HOW banner, and Phala, Linda Johnson, and Chris Curtis, who assisted in member recruitment. We had a number of people stopping to ask questions—and maybe a few new members who were very interested. We had 39 for Chapter Night Dinner at Van's in Shawnee. A special treat was to have Frankie and George Chapman, as well as Chris and Cyndi Seikel, who drive in to enjoy dinner with us.

Happy OK Wanderers attending the SCA Rally were the Earl and Mary Powell, Frank and Cyndi Timchak, Rod and Ginger Cleavelin, Dan and Von Stogner, Carl and Phala Clough, Ken and Linda Johnson, Chris and Marvin Curtis, Tillman and Mary Frizzell, Lavonna and Don Kinnamon, Tom Murdoch, Darrel and Joyce Rich, Dick and Hellen Stickle, June Guess and Norma Hamel, Neal and Betty Von Tungeln, M. D. and Terri Gentry, Pam and David Denny, Bob and Linda Murray and their guests, Ken and Kathy Heaberlin, Rod and Ethel Sartwell, Roy and Cindy Standridge and their son and his wife, Jay and Anna Standridge, Michael and Lyanna McKinney, Bob and Donna Waller, and George and Frankie Chapman.



**Above:** Installation of 2019 HOW Officers: **Right:** Seems like everyone enjoyed trying on wigs at the wig ladies booth at the South Central Area Rally. Pictured is HOW member Bob Murray.



**October Rally**  
October 18-21, 2018  
**Cedar Oaks RV Park**  
Grove, OK

- Thursday:** Dinner 6:00 P.M. Hamburger Soup and Sandwiches with fixings. Joe Bouse's famous Brownies with Ice Cream Cups.  
Entertainment and games after the meal
- Friday:** Breakfast 8:30 A.M. Scrambled eggs, sausage and English muffins, Fresh Fruit, Orange Juice  
Dinner 6:00 P.M. Mexican Fiesta with Chips, salsa, queso, beans, rice. Ice Cream Bars  
Entertainment will be halloween costumes judging. Prize will be given to best costume so would like everyone to dress up.
- Saturday:** Breakfast 8:30 A. M. Biscuit, Sausage, Gravy, Mixed Fruit cup Orange Juice  
Dinner 6:00 P.M. Pork Loin, Cold Slaw, Creamed Peas and Potatoes French Bread Surprise dessert
- Sunday:** Breakfast 8:00 A.M. Bakery Goods  
Devotion after breakfast

**Please bring your plates, flatware, cups, glasses, bowls as needed to all meals.**

Hosts: Joe and Lois Sturgil, Joe and Vera Bouse, Marvin and Chris Curtis,  
Neal and Betty Von Tungeln

### October Rally - Ceder Oaks RV Park

October 18 - 21, 2018

1550 83rd Street NW

Grove, OK 74344

918.786.4303

**Directions:** Take I-44 (Will Rogers Turnpike) North East to Exit 302 exit towards Grove and travel 12 miles on Highway 59, past Sailboat Bridge, to Cedar Oaks RV Park on the right side of the street.

**Camping Cost:** Camping fee will be \$24.95/night (cash or check). Credit cards are two(\$2)/night higher. The price will be the same if you wish to arrive up to two days earlier or stay two day after the rally. **DO NOT call and make reservations with the campground.** Your campground reservations will be made by the rally host after they receive your completed rally reservation form. You will pay for your camping when you arrive at the campground for the rally.

**Rally Cost:** **Rally Fee is \$20/Person.** *Reminder, we voted on this rally fee increase at the Spring Board Meeting in April.* Please make your check payable to Happy (OK) Wanderers.

**Registration:** **Deadline for registration is October 11, 2018.** **This is a later deadline date to give you more time to register.** You will need to have your rally registration to us so we can notify the campground of the number and dates of coaches that will be attending the rally.

Please mail your rally registration and check to:

**Joe and Vera Bouse**  
4125 Twelve Oaks  
Harrah, OK 73045  
Phone # 405.818.9112 or 405.226.3414

**Hosts:** Joe and Lois Sturgil, Loe and Vera Bouse, Neal and Betty Von Tungelin, and Marvin and Chris Curtis

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

Arrival Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of People attending Rally \_\_\_\_\_ X \$20/Person = \_\_\_\_\_ Total

For Associate Members, Guest and members not attending the full rally

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

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