

HALLOWEEN FALL FEST - October 15-18, 2020

Wanderlust Crossing RV Resort at Weatherford, OK

Story by Hellen Stickle

Halloween Fall Fest!! And it was fun for all who came. For those who didn't, we missed you. I know some missing had coaches in the shop that weren't ready. Some for health reasons. We wish you a speedy recovery. Our chaplain has sold his coach. Haven't heard their future plans. WE hate to lose Donna and Jim Bratcher, but sometimes you know it's time to retire!

Sunday was windy!! Our hosts arrived early! They wanted to be prepared. A last minute switch from Carl and Phala Clough as hosts to Cyndi and Frank Timchak. Carl got really sick and they were unable to participate. Thanks to Frank and Cyndi for hosting. They worked to get the clubhouse decorated for Halloween.

Monday was a slow day. Dick had a Dr. appointment in OKC to check on his heart. On the way back we cut off north of Roman Nose Park, which we had never visited. It was their off season but the golf course was busy. Faye Shelton arrived. She said she hadn't been in her coach in a while and the Oklahoma dust had settled all over the inside and she was busy cleaning.

Tuesday, we went to dinner with all who had arrived. Went to Shedd's down on Main Street and the food was delicious and our companions were even better. A lot of laughing and talking and eating!

Wednesday brought a lot more Happy OK Wanderers, and we all went to Lucille's Road House for dinner. They put us in their banquet room so we were all together. Very nice. New member Jim and Debbie McFarland, Wayne and Barbara Long, Bob and Karen Rood were in the group. Great fun and delicious food.

On Thursday, the hosts served the perfect rally meal: pulled pork and chicken accompanied by potato salad, pickles, chips and dessert. We all enjoyed the games.

Friday began with egg and potato casserole accompanied by bacon and sausage, juice and fruit! No one went away hungry! The hosts served the perfect Fall Meal of beef stew and cornbread. Umm! Umm! Good!! Plus dessert. Then the games were on for those who play.

Saturday breakfast of pancakes, bacon, sausage, fruit and juice was delicious! We had some good pancake flippers! The evening meal was Ken's wonderful spaghetti! So good!!! Also served garlic bread and salad and dessert! Stuffed!!

Saturday was also Costume Day. Had some neat costumes. Our hosts were witches and warlocks. Joe Bouse was Siesta Joe sporting a big sombrero and poncho. Winners all but Charlie and Sandy Val Bracht were Red Baron and Rose the Riveter. Bob and Linda Murray were a Warlock and Witch. Raymond and Georgia Franks were Settlers or Ma and Pa Farmers. Raymond had strapped overalls, and Georgia had made an old fashioned dress complete with apron and sun bonnet. Great Job!! Linda Johnson and Joyce Rick were good witches. Sadly the rest of us were spoil sports, no imagination but we enjoyed their look!!

We had drawings Thursday, Friday and Saturday. I think everyone got a gift. Our hosts were quite generous. Played card bingo and again everyone won a candy bar.

Friday, Lois Sturgil and Vera Bouse held a class on hosting a rally for the benefit of new members...but everyone stayed for it. Saturday was also the Business Meeting led by our President, Joe and Vera Bouse. Our new members were introduced.

Guests Ed and Becky Aust are our newest members. We are glad they decided to join us. We are truly blessed! We have a great chapter, and the new members are an additional blessing!

Our National Director Dan Stogner couldn't make it. He was going to drive in on Saturday but Von got sick! So we missed them. Membership C and Christ Seikel had their coach in the shop and didn't make it.

Decided to have our 30th Anniversary Rally in Durant in April, 2021. Discussed raising money by members providing baked goods or canned jellies and jams or hand made wood products to be auctioned off.

The Christmas Luncheon will be in Stroud on December 12 at First Christian Church. Price is \$25 per person. This will be the last gathering of the year. Hope everyone can come!

Wagonmaster for the Rally was Linda and Ken Johnson who hosted the team of Bob and Linda Murray, Darrell and Joyce Rich and Frank and Cyndi Timchaki. Those attending were Ed and Becky Aust, Joe and Vera Bouse, Steve and Debi Branstetter, Raymond and Georgia Franks, Jim Garrelts, Ron and Evelyn Lee, Wayne and Barbara Long, Jim and Debbie McFarland, Randy and Beth Plant, Tom and Linda Roberts, Bob and Karen Rood, Faye Shelton, Jerry Slutz, Dick and Hellen Stickle, Joe and Lois Sturgil, and Charlie and Sandy Val Bracht.

Happy Oklahoma Wanderers Business Meeting Wanderlust Crossing RV Resort, Weatherford, Oklahoma October 17, 2020

Call to Order: President Joe Bouse opened the Meeting at 9:30A.M.

Flag Salute: Joe Bouse led the Flag Salute

Invocation: By Wayne Long

Introduction of Guests & New Members: Joe Bouse introduced the New Members. Wayne & Barbara Long, Jim & Debbie McFarland, Tom & Linda Roberts. Guests Ed & Becky Aust had joined at the October 2020 Rally.

Reading of the Minutes from the last business meeting (June 27, 2020) were read by Joyce Rich. A motion was made to accept the minutes as read. Dick Stickle approved the motion, seconded by Linda Johnson.

Treasurer's Report: Debi Branstetter reported September's statement:

Beginning Bal. September 1, 2020	\$8,505.84
September deposits & disbursements	\$0.00
Ending Bal. September, 2020	\$8,505.84

1st Vice President: Joe and Lois Sturgil welcomed our new members that joined and have come to their first rally in Weatherford, OK.

2nd Vice President: Bob & Linda Murray reported Wagon Masters and hosts for the 2021 rallies **have not** been filled to date. The Murray's asked members to contact them anytime to sign up or needing more information. The sign-up list will be accessible during the rest of the rally. It will be revisited at the Christmas Luncheon in Dec 2020 in Stroud, Oklahoma.

3 rd Vice President: Ron Lee reported all RV rallies for 2021 have been contracted

- **March 24-28, 2021, Oakwood RV Resort. 78FM 2093 Rd, Fredericksburg, Texas.**
- **April 08-11,2021, Choctaw KOA Resort. 650 Enterprise Blvd, Durant, Oklahoma**
- **May 20-23 , Wanderlust Crossing RV Resort, Weatherford, Oklahoma**
- **June 17-20 Xtreme RV Resort , Eufaula, Oklahoma**
- **Sept. 23-26, Roadrunner RV Park, 4740 South I-35 service rd, Oklahoma City, OK**
- **October 14-17 Coachlight RV Park, Carthage, Missouri**

Ron Lee encouraged those that have not signed up to be Wagon Masters/hosts at these rallies, please consider to do so. The locations have nice kitchens and rally rooms. Club members are encouraged to let Ron or Evelyn Lee know if you have any ideas for 2022 RV parks in the NW (ARK, KS, TX). Let them know and they will check them out.

National Director Report: Joe Bouse stated there is nothing report as this time.

Membership Report: Cyndi Timcheck reported:

55 active members	8 new members
4 associates	1 Returning

Lost 10 members in 2020

Old Business:

HOW's 30th Anniversary in 2021. All club members approved having it at the April's Rally in Choctaw KOA Resort in Durant, Oklahoma.

Budgeting for the 30th celebration was discussed. The 25th anniversary budget was \$3,200. Approximately 100 people attended. The 30th celebration estimate will be approximately 70 attendees.

A Benefit Auction was discussed to be part of the 30th Anniversary celebration. This would be part of the entertainment. Club members are to bring something for the Auction. It was mentioned home made items go very well.

A motion was made to approve a budget of \$2,500 for the 30th Anniversary expenses held in Durant, OK. The celebration to include a Benefit Auction as part of the entertainment. Dick Stickle approved the motion and was seconded by Evelyn Lee.

Vera Bouse and Lois Sturgil conducted a training session for Wagon Masters and hosts for HOW rallies. It was a refresher course to existing members and gave new members guidelines and opportunities to ask questions.

New Business:

HOW Annual Christmas Luncheon will be December 12th at 11:00 am. At First Christian Church, Stroud, OK. Cost is \$50 per couple or \$25 individual. Make checks payable to HOW. Send money to Lois Sturgil.

Campsite member signs can be ordered by contacting Dick Stickle. Price is \$20 each. Made payable to HOW.

Debi Branstetter, Treasurer announced 2021 annual HOW membership dues of \$30 are due. Make checks payable to HOW. Dues can be mailed to Debi Branstetter. They can also be collected at the upcoming Christmas party.

Calendar magnets for 2021 HOW rally dates will be available at the Christmas Luncheon on Dec. 12. Cost is \$1 each.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 A.M.

Respectfully submitted by Joyce Rich