

Happy Wanderings

The Official Newsletter of the Happy (OK) Wanderers

An Affiliated Chapter of the Family Motor Coach Association



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Minutes!!!

Do you have a minute??

Yes, you do. This newsletter is full of minutes from the last business meetings. Chapter business proceeded whether we were all together or not. Appreciate all the Acting Secretaries who kept us up to date.

As you look through the rally sites for next year, be selecting which rally you want to host, so you can sign up at the Weatherford rally and the Christmas Luncheon. Or contact Linda Murray 918-630-0212 mureze@gmail.com to tell her which one you want to host. It's great fun to work with other hosts.



Wanderlust Crossings RV Park Phone # 580-772-2800.

1038 Airport Road, Weatherford, OK 73096

Rally Dates: Oct 15-18. Registration Form on last page.

Here we go again! It seems that no matter how hard you wish for conditions to improve, it seems that Corona-19 virus still has the upper hand.

After much discussion among the officers, the decision was made to cancel the September rally at Shawnee. This was a shame since the Red River Rovers were going to join us. A chance to visit with old friends and make new ones ended up being lost.

All the membership should know that the officers thought long and hard before they decided

to cancel the early rallies and the Shawnee Rally. I hope that when you get the chance to visit with the officers that you will thank them for their hard work this year trying to make it safe and being sure that we have done all the paper work to keep us a functioning FMCA Chapter. Also, thank all the hosts who made rally plans but had to put them on hold.

Enjoy the October Rally. Details for the December 12 Christmas Luncheon at Stroud Christian Church will be sent out as a separate e-mail as soon

as they are finalized.

A list of 2021 Officers and 2021 rally sites can be found on page 2 of this newsletter. The officer change does not take place until November 1. Thanks to all those who are serving our chapter members now as officers and hosts and those who will be serving. You keep our chapter going!

Chapter dues for next year may be paid before Nov. 1 to Treasurer Carl Clough. After Nov. 1, to new Treasurer Debi Branstetter. The \$30 dues may be paid during rallies or the Christmas Luncheon or mailed to the Treasurer at any time.



2021 Elected Officers

President

Joe and Vera Bouse

1st Vice-President

Joe and Lois Sturgil
New Member Recruitment

2nd Vice-President

Bob and Linda Murray
Host Recruitment

3rd Vice-President/ WagonMaster

Ron and Evelyn Lee
Rally Site Coordinator

Secretary

Joyce and Darrell Rich

Treasurer

Debi & Steve Branstetter

National Director

Dan Stogner

Alt. Nat. Director

Dick Stickle

2022

Nominating Committee

Rod Cleavelin
Joe Sturgil
Dick Stickle

Rally Schedule

For **2021**

March 10-13

**FMCA'S 102nd
International Rally**
Georgia Fairgrounds
Perry, Georgia

March 24-28

Oakwood RV Resort
Fredericksburg, TX

April 8-11

Choctaw KOA Resort
Durant, OK

May 20-23

**Wanderlust Crossings
RV Resort**
Weatherford, OK

June 17-20

Xtreme RV Resort
Eufaula, OK

July 7-10

**FMCA's 103rd
International Rally**
CAM-PLEX Event Center
Gillette, Wyoming

September 23-26

Roadrunner RV Park
Oklahoma City, OK

October 6-9

**FMCA South Central
Area Rally**
Kansas State Fairgrounds
Hutchinson, KS

October 14-17

Coachlight RV Park
Carthage, MO

Dec. 11 Christmas Luncheon

Welcome New Members

Barbara and Wayne Long

Oklahoma City

Deborah and Jim McFarland

Choctaw

Donna and Carl Reed

Sulphur

Linda and Tom Roberts

Oklahoma City

Karen and Bob Rood

Oklahoma City

Skip Steele

Tulsa

Lou Jean and Doyle Tampleton

Holdenville

Returning Member

Jerry Slutz

Tulsa

IN MEMORIAM

Carl Reed

To PAY Your \$30 Dues:

Mail to **Carl Clough before Nov. 1**

**35 Chickasaw Road, Sand Springs, OK
74063**

or **give check to Carl at rally**

Or **Mail to Debi Branstetter after Nov. 1**

3552 S. 149th Ave. Tulsa, OK 74134

Or **give check to Debi at Christmas Lunch**

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

Membership
C Seikel

Hospitality
Hellen Stickle

Chapter Clothing
Ken and Linda Johnson

Webmaster
Dwayne Davis

Newsletter
Earl Powell

Devotional Leader
Jim Bratcher

Chapter Photographer
Joe Sturgil

Profile Books
Cyndi Timchak

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

SURVIVORS: HAPPY OK WANDERERS STYLE
June 24-28 Rally at Xtreme RV Park in Eufaula, OK

Story by Hellen Stickle

Boy! It's great to go somewhere again!!! It's like being freed from detention! To all of you who couldn't make it because you weren't well---all I can say is we missed you "all" and "just get well!"

Xtreme RV Park is new and nice—all paved pads and patios, 2 salt water pools, large banquet room which we divided in half with room dividers, nice kitchen (not as nice as Choctaw in Durant) up the hill from the lake, marinas, and restaurant, which we took advantage of. It had a band Saturday night at the amphitheater down the hill. Pretty good music. Sounded good. The park also has train tracks so you know you are in an RV park. They also had brand new golf carts you can rent to run around in and Faye Shelton rented one!

Our table, Joe and Lois Sturgil, Dick and Hellen Stickle, ordered unsweet tea with Lois ordering water. Her water was served, then the 3 others were brought our glasses. We agreed it looked awfully weak but the glasses were red. We sweetened it up but it tasted really weak. Another waitress showed up with 3 glasses of tea and informed us that we had been given water. We told her what we did; we thought we had tea; she started laughing. I think the whole restaurant heard our story and joined in. "Sweet water" "Bah!"

Wednesday, Carl Clough ordered pizza, and we had a pizza party on his patio and caught up. Linda Johnson painted all her outdoor furniture, fence and anything that popped up got painted!! Lois sewed masks for everyone attending the rally. Good thing she made extras. Dick broke his elastic first thing; she got him a bigger mask.

Joe Bouse wasn't feeling quite his spunky self (and we found out why. He needed a stint replaced and 2 added.) Jerry Slutz joined us. He is a returning member. Phala Clough has to schedule surgery in July on her shoulder that never got better from her original surgery. Come to find out, the original replacement was too large. (She is a smaller person.) Jerry Slutz is also scheduled for shoulder surgery. Carl Clough's knee was operated on to pull his knee cap back in place after he fell on it before the September rally last year. It didn't work.

As for myself and Dick, all I can say is this shelter in place caused quite an expansion, we feel like Goodyear Blimps!!

Our Chaplain, Jim and Donna Bratcher arrived. Jim has had a rough year: hospitalized 3 times for pneumonia and double pneumonia. He is still a little weak and Donna is the strong on this time.

Debi and Steve Branstetter, one of our hosts, did a fine job rounding up gift for drawings. A guest they invited, Skip Steele decided to join up. Also Bob and Karen Rood, guests of the Branstetter's decided to join. Welcome new members!!!

Ron Lee was a little down in his back, but it didn't slow him down much! Evelyn was her perky self. Their guests, Doyle and Lou Jean Templeton decided to join also. Welcome new members!!!

Bob and Linda Murray had guests, their daughter and 2 grandsons. The teenage grandson was really interested in World War I and II history. He loved to visit museums. Great kids!!

Chris and C Seikel finally made it to another rally. Both were quite slim and trim. Christ retired but C has been working from home (Covid) and on the exercise machine. Their accident last year was really bad. A young man in his new sports car coming from the opposite direction lost control on a curve in the Tennessee mountains, skidded sideways across the center line and hit the Seikels. A pin in C's neck saved her from a broken neck; she had just a fractured back and now has sciatica (pinched nerve) causing a lot of pain. Flew a friend in to drive them home when they were released from the hospital. She had told some friends around the campfire the night before, she was putting the key in the outdoor kitchen in case they didn't get back and to take care of their dog. No More Motorcycles!! C Seikel has also been busy putting our Happy OK Wanderers chapter on Facebook and inviting new FMCA members to join our chapter.

Darrel and Joyce Rick arrived. They really like Texas. Of course, it's because family is close by. Tillman and Mary Frizzell arrived with Mary using a cane for her bad knee. She can't get any medical help due to this nasty "Corona" bug. Faye Shelton drove in and was glad to be out, too!! Dan and Von Stogner agreed. They had been shut inside too long. They had nice guests also. Keith and Glenda Fermur are Stogner's neighbors. They had to leave early due to a death, but we think they may join us, too.

National Director Dan Stogner reported FMCA losses: members and money! Cost a lot of money when they cancelled the Tucson and Lincoln, Nebraska rallies. Jerry and Tia Azlin brought their granddaughter. She is still a teenager, so maybe she enjoyed us "seniors".

Our great hosts, Joe and Vera Bouse, Ron and Evelyn Lee, Steve and Debi Branstetter and Joe and Lois Sturgil, who jumped in at the rally to help, treated us to some excellent food and desserts. Burgers and brauts, peach, blackberry, and cherry cobbler with ice cream. (Like I needed a few more pounds!) We had loaded baked potatoes, Lasagna, scrambled eggs with sausage, pancakes, ice cream and cookies, and scrumptious strawberry pies compliments of Debi Branstetter. She baked them herself and offered to sell the secret recipe. Each remaining pie was auctioned for \$50. We piggies didn't go hungry and I'm not implying at all. (we were not fed slop!) We just pigged out! Well, I can't speak for everyone, but I did!!

During the Business meeting on Saturday, 3rd Vice President Ron and Evelyn Lee announced the parks booked for 2021.

March 24-28 Oakwood RV Resort, Fredericksburg, TX

April 8-11 Choctaw KOA Resort, Durant, OK

May 20-23 Wanderlust Crossing RV Resort, Weatherford, OK

June 17-20 Xtreme RV Resort, Eufaula, OK

September 23-26 Roadrunner RV Park,, Oklahoma City, OK

October 14-17 Coachlight RV Park, Carthage MO Fall Festival

South Central Area Six State Rally is scheduled for October 6-9, Hutchinson, KS

Our 30thh Anniversary for the Happy OK Wanderer chapter is coming up in 2021. So think about a celebration; how you can help; and what would be fun!

Our September rally this year is in Shawnee at the Citizen Potawatomi Nation RV Park. Tia and Jerry Azlin are the lead hosts. In addition, the Red River Rovers chapter will be at the CPN campground. They will use the South Building; Happy OK Wanderers will use the North Reunion Building.

We had a really good time. Our guests are now new members and 1 returning member really liked us , and we really liked them. So thankful for new members. We had great fun bidding on all the leftovers, and Jim Bratcher gave us a good send off with his devotional. Jerry Slutz left Saturday for Montana to visit his three year old grandson and, well, I guess the parents, too. Hope the trip was safe.

We fought the wind for 5 hours on the way home. Dick was tired when we arrived home. Enjoy our hot months in July and August. Hope to see everyone in September. (Special Thanks to Hellen Stickle for her reporting on the rally!)

October 19, 2019 Minutes

Happy OK Wanderers Business Meeting

A short meeting was held to discuss a site change for the March 2020 rally.

The site was changed to Win Star RV Park, Thackerville, OK and will be held March 26-29, 2020.

Annual dues are \$30.00 and are due on January 1.

Christmas Dinner will be held on December 14 in Stroud, OK. Cost is \$50.00 per couple. Fees can be

paid to Lois Sturgil.

C. Seikel is developing a HOW Facebook page.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Evelyn and Ron Lee

Secretary

HOW Business Meeting
June 27, 2020
Extreme RV Park, Eufaula, Oklahoma

Call to Order: President Joe Bouse opened the Meeting at 10:00 A.M.

Flag Salute: Joe led the Flag Salute

Invocation: Jim Bratcher gave the prayers.

Introduction of Guests and New Members: Debi Branstetter introduced their guests: Skip Steele, Paul and Karen Rood. They have joined our How group.

Ronnie Lee introduced their guests: Doyle and LuJean Tampleton. They have joined as well.

Reading of the Minutes from September 21, 2019 meeting was read by Evelyn Lee.

Treasurer's Report: Carl Clough reported May's statement is at \$8407.77. In June, \$400 was paid to Ronnie and Evelyn Lee for trips to set up 2021 rally venues. Ending balance for June, \$8400.77.

1st Vice President: Joe and Lois Sturgil has nothing to report but welcomes our new members that joined in this rally.

2nd Vice President: Bob and Linda Murray: All hosts for the rallies have been filled.

3rd Vice President: Ronnie and Evelyn Lee: All RV rallies have been contracted for.

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

September 23-26, Roadrunner RV Park, 4740 South I-35 service rd, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

October 14-17 Coachlight RV Park, Carthage, Missouri

National Director Report: Dan Stogner reported on the meeting at FMCA. They have lost 6,320 members this year and all conventions were canceled for the 2020 year. The financial outlook is not good with a \$237 deficit.

Membership Report: 52 active members. And 5 associates.

Old Business: No old Business.

New Business: Ronnie Lee made a motion to change the Head Host to Wagon Master because of the wording on all contracts with our RV Parks. Motion made and carried with the consensus of the group.

HOW's 30 anniversary will be in 2021 and Joe and Vera will get a committee to plan this event.

Vera Bouse and Lois Sturgil will plan a training session for hosts at our rallies that have never volunteered to help. We think this would give new people and other people who think they wouldn't know what to do.

Also, we would like to have an officers training with the offices are changing each year.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 A.

HOW "Zoom" Business Meeting
July 24th, 2020

Minutes from July 24th are as follows:

Because of Covid-19, the Happy Ok Wanderers met via Zoom to vote for the new officers for 2020/2021.

The officers are:

President: Joe and Vera Bouse

1st Vice President: Joe and Lois Sturgil

2nd Vice President: Bob and Linda Murray

3rd Vice President: Ronnie and Evelyn Lee

Treasurer: Steve and Debi Branstetter

Secretary: Darrell and Joyce Rich

32 members voted and all approved the new officers.

Respectively submitted by: Lois Sturgil, acting secretary

Having a Great Time at Eufaula in June!



Bewitching Fall Fest

Wanderlust Crossings, Weatherford, OK

October 15-18

Thurs, Oct. 15 Pulled Pork Sliders, Potato Salad, Chips
5:30 Apple Pie/Ice Cream

Fri, Oct. 16 Hashbrown Casserole, Sausage, Fruit, Juice
8:30 am Coffee, Milk

5:30 Stew, Cornbread, Crackers, Brownies w/
whipped cream
Card Bingo with prizes following Dinner

Sat, Oct 17 Pancakes, Bacon, Applesauce, Hot, Regular and
8:30 m Sugar Free Syrup, Juice, Coffee, Milk

5:30 Spaghetti, Garlic Bread, Salad, Ice Cream Sandwich

Costume Up Everyone—Witches and Warlocks
Prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd Place after Dinner

Sun, Oct 18 Various Bear Claws, Bagels, Fruit, Coffee, Juice
8:30 am Milk

Please wear your MASKS while going through the food line. Bring your dinnerware.
Remember to have a BOOOOtiful Time!!!

Wanderlust Crossing RV Park
1038 Airport Road
Weatherford, OK 73096
580-772-2800
October 15-18, 2020

Directions: Take I-40 west to Weatherford, OK to Airport Road (Exit 84). Turn south and go ¼ mile To RV Park on the east side of Airport Road.

Camping Cost: Camping is \$47.25 (30 and 50 amp) per night. With Good Sam discount cost is \$42.52 Call to make your own reservations before September 28.

Rally Cost: Fee is \$20 per person. Make check payable to Happy (OK) Wanderers.

Registration: Mail your rally registration and check before September 28 to:

Ken and Linda Johnson Phone: 918-441-4555 or 918-683-2314
2921 Mayer Lane
Muskogee, OK 74403

Hosts: Ken and Linda Johnson, Carl and Phala Clough, Bob and Linda Murray,
Darrel and Joyce Rich

Wanderlust Crossing RV Park
1038 Airport Road
Weatherford, OK 73096
580-772-2800
October 15-18, 2020

Names: _____ Cell: _____

Arrival Date: _____ Departure Date: _____

Number of People Attending: _____ x \$20 per person/meal _____

For Associate Members/Guests NOT Attending Full Rally

I will attend Breakfast _____ Dinner _____ on the Following day(s)

Number of People Attending __ x \$5 Person/M meal _____