

# Happy Wanderings

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## HOW Oct 2023 Rally

Coachlight RV Park

Carthage, MO



### 2023 Elected Officers

#### **President**

Joe and Lois Sturgil

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President**

Ron and Evelyn Lee  
*New Member Recruitment*

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President**

Bob and Linda Murray  
*Host Recruitment*

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> Vice-President/ Wagon Master**

Gerald & Diane Branstetter  
*Rally Site Coordinator*

#### **Secretary**

Deborah and Jim McFarland

#### **Treasurer**

MD and Terri Gentry

#### **National Director**

Dan Stogner

#### **Alt. Nat. Director**

Ron Lee

### 2022

#### **Nominating Committee**

Vera Bouse, Debi Branstetter,  
Evelyn Lee

#### **Newsletter/Website/Facebo ok**

Carol Valk

We had a great year-end rally. The team was amazing



Those that came in on Wednesday, gathered for dinner and went to Sirloin Stockade. We had a great time.



There were 14 coaches at the October Rally, including 2 new members: **Richard and Rosemary Templeton** from Lawton and **Jim and Connie Worley** from Edmond. Welcome to both couples. You guys fit right in!!

We were also honored with the presence of our RGV friends, Jerry and Patty Beck. So nice to see them!



Thursday night's dinner was beef stroganoff, salad, garlic bread and cheese cake for dessert. It was delicious 😊. We played games after dinner and taught the new comers, the Templeton's to play. They caught on very quickly.



Friday morning, we had homemade burritos. The Wagon Masters, Joe and Lois Sturgil and the Hosts, the Val Brachts and Van Tuyls, were great cooks! It was smooth sailing!!



Friday night found us treated to Chicken Breast Supreme, salad, green beans, and delicious chocolate dump cake with ice cream 🍦.

After dinner, we played 🍁 🎮 fall themed bingo games and there were some great prizes.

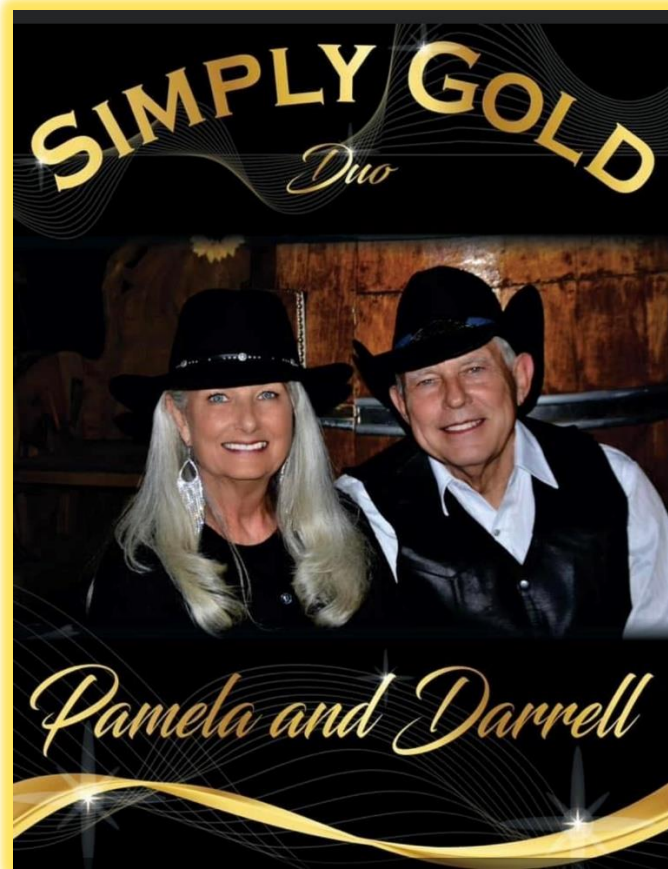


Saturday morning was French toast, bacon, and great cantaloupe.

After breakfast, Skip Steele spoke about the rolling rally for July 2024, since the March rally has been cancelled. There were suggestions for Angel Fire, NM or Colorado Springs, CO. Skip and committee will be looking into those to locations and provide more details later.

Saturday night's dinner was another great one. We had pulled pork sandwiches, an amazing coleslaw, baked beans, and chips. Dessert was banana pudding and cookies.

We were also treated to amazing entertainment by Simply Gold Duo, commonly known as our own Darrell Rich and Pam Wolfe!



They were kind enough to grant our request to sing after dinner and what a way to end Saturday night 🤝 !! They were awesome.....as usual!!!

Weather was a little cool and we had some rain, but no one seemed to be bothered by the it. It was a nice change after all the heat we have had over the summer and definitely marked the start of Fall.

Sunday morning cinnamon rolls and pastries were delicious 😊 .

We missed Gerald's Sunday devotion. They missed the rally due to Gerald having eye surgery and we pray for speedy recovery for him.



We all hope to see as many members as possible for the December Christmas luncheon. Details to be sent out soon.

**Just as a reminder, more/larger pics are posted on the HOW website under 2023 Galleries.**

**Y'all be safe out there but please get out and enjoy this**

**Fall 🍂 weather before it turns to Winter ❄️ !!**

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