

# Happy Wanderings

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## 2025 Elected Officers

### **President**

Ron and Evelyn Lee

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

Bob and Karen Rood

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Ted and Joyce Van Tuyl  
Rally Site Coordinator

### **Secretary**

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### **Treasurer**

Jim and Deb McFarland

### **National Director**

Dan Stogner

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

Ron Lee

## 2025

### **Nominating Committee**

Vera Bouse, Evelyn Lee

### **Newsletter/Website/ Facebook**

Carol Valk

## !! SPECIAL EDITION !!

## HOW Rolling Rally August 2025



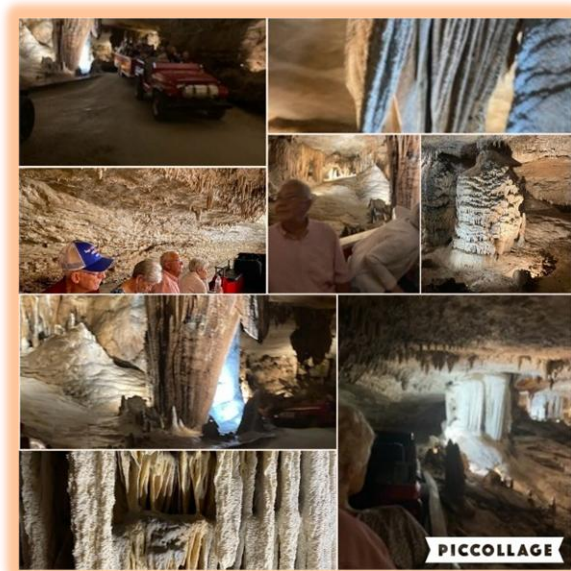
Cooks RV Park

The How Rolling Rally began in Springfield, MO at Cooks RV Park. We gathered for dinner at Ziggies Cafe. The food was very, very good and amazingly reasonable. Service was a 10.

After dinner was Joyce's great cookies and goodie bags.

The next morning, we had delicious donuts and a great devotional from Jim McFarland.

We left shortly after that to take a tram tour of Fantastic Caverns. It was a beautiful and amazing tour and the 60-degree temperature was a welcome.



We had dinner at Lambert's Cafe.

*Big Question: Did they throw the rolls at you??*

We gathered for games and great root beer floats afterwards.

On **Monday**, we drove to The Wildlife Museum and Aquarium at Bass Pro shop - going through at our own pace. I think all would agree it was worth the money, most of us took about 4 hrs going through it all. It was extremely well done.



Later in the day, we gathered at Cracker Barrel for dinner. We closed out the day with cookies and playing Camping Bingo.

**Tuesday** was a driving day to Ivy's Cove RV Park in Russellville, AR. Dinner was Tarasco Mexican restaurant. The food was really good but the service was somewhat lacking.



*Ivy's Cove*



We had fun with games to win prizes and everyone got to make their own S'mores! They were amazing.

On **Wednesday**, we visited the Arkansas River Center and received a great deal of information about the Arkansas River Lock and Dam system from a great Corp of Engineer employee. They did a great job. We ventured on the road and stopped for lunch at Fowler's Family restaurant. Food was great and so was the service. One waitress was extra super!! We all recommend if you are ever in the area, you should try this restaurant. We continued up to Mt Nebo State Park. At the top is the Visitor Center and the most beautiful, amazing view of the Arkansas River and surrounding areas. We had 'dinner on your own night' and then gathered for games. Some gathered for cards and some tried their hand at bean bag baseball.

**Thursday** morning and we were back on the road again headed to Big Pines RV Park in Roland, Ok. The restaurant next to the park was 4-star diner. Another great choice by our leaders, the Van Tuyls.

Pegs and Jokers and Hand and Foot cards rounded out the day.



Big Pine RV Park

**Friday** found us traveling about 15 minutes to the United States Marshals Museum. This was such a well-done presentation. It was so much fun and had lots of interesting information. Most of the group took about 2 hrs and it was well worth it. Marshalls are the oldest law enforcement group in the US, having been formed by president George Washington.

Dinner was an Oriental restaurant and was very good.

Back at the park, we gathered for games and dessert - we had Joyce's famous Hot Fudge Sundae!! Definitely not to be missed!!!

On **Saturday**, the group caravanned to Ft Smith National Historic Site and enjoyed a great time wondering the site and meeting for lunch at Miss Anna's. Dinner was 'on your own'.

We gathered for games and cards afterwards.



**Sunday** morning was donuts and a devotion and then we sadly said our farewells.

**And a big THANK YOU to our Hosts:**

**Ted and Joyce Van Tuyl**

The group would like to say a big **THANK YOU** to Ted and Joyce Van Tuyl for all the wonderful events and places they chose. It was amazing every single day with new and different things to see and learn, with games and prizes. The great food and desserts, new games, bingo and cards were loved by all!

It will be very hard to top this next year – hint, hint. 😊

**Our Wagon Masters and Hosts are the BEST!!**





## Spotlight Corner



We have so many wonderful Members in the Happy OK Wanderers that we thought it would be nice to highlight them periodically. *If you want to **Spotlight a member, please email me.***

This month, we would also like to say **THANK YOU** to **4** of our members who helped take notes and pictures and videos of the rally so that this Bonus Newsletter could be possible:

**Doyle McMurry (pics)**  
**Jeannie Compter (pics)**  
**Karen Rood (notes)**  
**Scott Jordan (drone footage)**



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you

Just a reminder that the **Revised 2025 Rally Schedule** is out and can viewed and downloaded at:

[2025 Rally Schedule – Happy OK Wanderers](#)

**And we have our 2026 Rally Schedule online!!**

[2026 Rally Schedule – Happy OK Wanderers](#)

**A big thanks to Ted and Joyce Van Tuyl for all their work planning all these rallies!!!**

Another reminder – More and Larger pics, videos and drone footages are posted on the HOW website under 2025 Galleries.

Click here to see Rally Pics:  
[2025 Galleries – Happy OK Wanderers](#)

**We hope to see as many members as possible at the FMCA 6 State Rally in Mineola,Tx. in September.**

**Safe travels and see you next rally!**

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| <b>Hospitality/E-Blasts</b><br>Karen Rood                    | <b>Webmaster/<br/>Newsletter/Facebook</b><br>Carol Valk | <b>Chapter<br/>Photographer</b><br>Joe Sturgil | <b>DA Award<br/>Coordinators</b><br>Frank Timchak<br>Dan Stogner<br>Joe Bouse |
| <b>Activities Directors</b><br>Jeannie and Thomas<br>Compter |   |  |   |