

Happy Wanderings

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2026 Elected Officers

President

Jeannie and Thomas
Compter

1st Vice- President/Rolling Wagon Master

Joyce and Ted Van Tuyl

2nd Vice-President/ 2026/2027 Rally Site Coordinator

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Alt. Nat. Director

Ron Lee

2025

Nominating Committee

Terry Gentry, Vera Bouse,
Evelyn Lee

Newsletter/Website/ Facebook

Carol Valk

HOW October Rally and 35th Anniversary Celebration October 2025



To start off the rally, we all went out to eat on Wednesday night to Louie's Bar and Grill. We had a very good meal and had a good turn out too.



On Thursday, we had a potluck. The Hosts cooked fried chicken breasts from scratch and it was really delicious. The HOW members brought sides and desserts. We had a great turn out and a lot of great dishes. There was talk about exchanging recipes, but none have been submitted yet but if we get any, they will be posted on the website or sent out in an E-blast!

After dinner, Jeannie had Card Bingo for everyone to enjoy. And, of course, there were those that played Hand and Foot and/or Jokers and Pegs as usual.

On Friday, we had a breakfast of scrambled eggs, biscuits, and sausage gravy. It was scrumptious. After breakfast, Carol Valk did a quick and easy craft event for the ladies. We made cute seasonal pumpkins out of rolls of toilet paper and cloth squares. They turned out really cute!



A few of the guys and a couple of the ladies played 18 holes of golf that morning/afternoon. The Winners were Jim McFarland, Tom Roberts, Jeannie Comptor and Lois Sturgil.

That afternoon we had dinner over at the Rood/Williamson Homestead. Many members played cornhole and/or bean bag baseball before dinner. Our cornhole winners were Gerald Branstetter and Darrell Rich. Our Baseball winners were Team #1 which we believe were Mike Zap, Lois Strugil, Linda Johnson, Joyce Van Tuyl, Bob Rood and Tom Roberts.



We had great food to eat – hamburgers, potato salad and beans AND.... we even had a soft serve ice cream machine!! There was always a line!!! Go figure!! And we have proof of who the culprits were!!



Their compound is beautiful. If you didn't have a chance to walk around, you missed out. They have a Koi Pond that was beautiful and a swimming pool that has a hard cover that lifts up and becomes a shade for the pool. That was really cool to see. They had plenty of seating – inside and out.

On Saturday we had breakfast together – pancakes, sausage, fruit and juice.

Afterwards we had our Business Meeting. The notes will be issued when the Newsletter goes out. Please note that the officer changes and other position changes are noted on the first page and the footer of this newsletter.

We had our 35th Anniversary Dinner Saturday night. It was catered by the Olive Garden. We had lasagna, chicken Alfredo, and spaghetti with a cream sauce or a red sauce and meatballs. They also had garlic bread. And Sherri Williamson made a beautiful cake to commemorate the 35th anniversary. We were so very blessed to have about 25 previous members that were able to join us on Saturday for the Anniversary Dinner.

One couple in particular, Manuel and Lois Jackson, were one of the original Founders of the Happy OK Wanderers. We were so happy that they were able to attend. Manuel spoke at the dinner saying he was so very proud that the members have kept it strong for 35 years. The previous members had such a great time catching up with each other and meeting new members.



Along with all the special guests, other members, some long past, could be seen on a slide show that Carol Valk put together with about 1600 pictures dating as far back as the 1991!! It takes almost 45 minutes to scroll through all the photos. We left it running as much as possible during all our events in the clubhouse. We will try to get it up on the website for those that want to see it again or for those that did not get to attend the rally. It was an 'old home week' for sure!



During our Anniversary celebration, Diana Huff – President of 6 State FRVA South Central – presented our President Ron Lee with a Certificate and a check to commemorate our 35th year!! It was much appreciated.

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A Big **Thank You** to **Bob Rood** for providing the television for the photo slide show and to **Scott Jordon** for providing a good portion of the photos for our slide show.



A tip of the hat to our Wagon Masters and Hosts for creating a wonderful October Rally and a terrific 35th Anniversary celebration!! You guys and gals were **AWESOME!!** What a wonderful time! Everything was perfect!!

Thank You all SO much!!!

Wagon Masters: Robert and Sherri Williamson

Hosts: Bob and Karen Rood Doyle

Patsy McMurray

Earl and Annette Bean



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.

Our Spotlight this month is on 2 couples that have been our **'ROCKS'**.

They have been members for years, have been hosts/wagon masters numerous times over the years and have earned the right to pass the baton to others with pride.

During our October / 35th Anniversary Rally, **Cyndi and Frank Timchak** and **Joe and Loise Sturgil** announced that they will no longer be active members. Both couples want to remain in the club so they will become Associate Members. We are lucky that we will still be able to see their smiling faces in the future as they continue to attend the rallies whenever possible. A **BIG THANK YOU** to both couples for all the work they have done over the years – between taking photos, hosting rallies, compiling and maintaining our member directory books, being Wagon Masters/Hosts, transporting our equipment tubs, serving as officers of the club and many, many other things that they have done.

Job well done, friends. We look forward to seeing you in the future - without the aprons!!!

On Sunday we had devotion in the morning and a continental breakfast of cinnamon rolls, muffins, fruit, coffee and juice. Everyone said their sad goodbyes and we closed the rally.

Our 2026 Rally Schedule is online!!
Click here to see it: [2026 HOW Rally Schedule](#)

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

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](#)



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**Our 2025 Christmas get together is on the 19th of December at
Libby's Café in Goldsby, Oklahoma at 11 AM.**

Please contact Jeannie before December 15th whether you plan to
come or not. If you plan to come please email Jeannie at:

jeannie@artsmart-creations.com

**Safe travels, God Bless
and see you next year!**

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