

Happy Wanderings

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2025

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HOW May Rally Eufaula, OK 2026

“ Blessings of Spring 🌸 ”



May rally was held at Little Turtle RV Park in Eufaula Ok. We lost a couple of rigs due to conflicts and health conditions. Prayers really do work. Deb McFarland was able to go home from hospital and is resting and recovering well 🤍.

We had 10 coaches and 19 people. Most came in on the Wednesday before and we gathered for dinner at Uncle Jimmy's Country Cooking. The restaurant is about 18 months old and sits right next to the RV Park. Food was delicious and reasonably priced. We had one waitress and she was amazing and enjoyed picking on Bob Rood. Knowing him, there's no telling what he did!



Thursday night was our potluck dinner and, again, all the members provided some delicious 😊 sides to the meatloaf made by the Host Team. Most stayed after and played games. We really enjoyed a new one we played.

At Friday's breakfast, we enjoyed pancakes, French toast, sausage patties, fruit and juice. The rally teams were just amazing - Mike and Donna Van Rooy, Doyle and Peggy McMurray. I would highly recommend both couples. Shout out to Mike Van Rooy for Maning the Blackstone!!

A lot of the attendees explored several things around the areas between the meals, the cooking team as well. Dinner Friday was broasted chicken and potato casserole. I highly recommend it, cooks well in a roaster, green beans and rolls. Dessert was Apple caramel dump cake. Mike voted that it needed more caramel, and we haven't seen the bottle since!! 😊




We played card elimination bingo after dinner. Winners received some homemade goodies. Most played games afterwards.

Saturday breakfast was sausage, gravy and biscuits, scrambled eggs, fruit and juices.

Both Friday and Saturday night were spent playing games and teaching some new ladies how to play Hand and Foot. Everyone had so much fun!! 😊

Saturday night dinner was really great. Mike manned the Blackstone again and cooked some great hamburgers and hotdogs. We also had potato salad and macaroni salad. Dessert was old fashioned root beer floats.

Sunday morning light breakfast. Lemon bread, apple bread and hot cinnamon rolls.

Thank you, Doyle McMurray for a wonderful devotional Sunday morning!
God's love for us and his desire for us to, above all, love  one another.



Thanks again for all the members attending. You are the reason the club exists. Great friendships are made at the rallies. So, when you get a chance to go, please do. Many long-lasting friendships have been made through the years. Safe travels - Karen

Thank You all SO much!!!

Wagon Masters: Bob and Karen Rood

Hosts: Doyle and Peggy McMurry,
Mike and Donna Van Rooy



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:

Our **Wagon Masters and Hosts Past, Present and Future!!** Our Rallies are made special by the Special People that volunteer to work our rallies. And I won't sugar coat it, it's work.... but a labor of love. They start planning months in advance picking out a theme, menus, gift bags, etc. They shop, cook, serve, clean and have a smile on their face the entire time. God Bless them!! Be sure to Thank them when you're at a Rally!!

June's rally will be at Wanderlust Crossings in Weatherford, OK. The theme is "Let Freedom Ring" celebrating our 250th Anniversary of the USA and the 100th year of Route 66. Brush up on your history of both of these as ***prizes may be involved!***

You *might* still have time to register. **The deadline for club registration and park registration was May 16th but sometimes you can call the park and if they are not full, maybe you can get a spot. You can find the registration info on the 2026 HOW Rally Schedule link below.**

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 our 2026 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:

[2026 Galleries – Happy OK Wanderers](#)

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