

Happy Wanderings

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2026 Elected Officers

President

Jeannie and Thomas
Compter

1st Vice-President

Joyce and Ted Van Tuyl

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

Bob and Karen Rood

Secretary

Danita Ostowski

Treasurer

Sherri Williamson

National Director

Dan Stogner

Alt. Nat. Director

Ron Lee

Rolling Wagon Master (Temp)

Sherri Williamson

2025

Nominating Committee

Terry Gentry, Vera Bouse,
Evelyn Lee

Newsletter/Website/ Facebook

Carol Valk

HOW September 2026 Rally Carthage, MO

Tailgate Party Time



The September rally was held at Coachlight
RV Park in Carthage, Missouri.

Several members and guests arrived early and met for dinner at the Sirloin Stockade in Carthage. This family-owned local restaurant has been serving the community for 25 years. The staff was extremely friendly, and the food was great.

We had a great turnout, with 16 units and 31 people attending. We were fortunate to have two couples as guests: Jeff and Lee Ann from Tulsa, and Bill Griggs and his girlfriend. Bill is the brother of our great photographer, **Phillip Griggs**.

Thursday night's potluck had a massive amount of food supplied by everyone. I think everyone really enjoyed having a potluck night. We have great cooks among our members.



A big shout-out to the amazing team members who handled the meal preparation and cooking with a limited crew for a couple of the meals: Bob Rood, Scott Jordan, and Carol and Ted Atwell.

Ted did a great job with the Blackstone, BBQ grill, and fish fryers. He loves to cook!

Friday morning, pancakes, sausage patties, fruit, and juice were enjoyed by all.

Friday night's dinner was spaghetti with meat sauce, spaghetti and meatballs, tossed salad, and garlic bread. Thanks to Sherri Williamson for making the Italian cream cake and chocolate cupcakes. They were delicious! 😊

After dinner, we played a card elimination game, and there were four winners: Mike VanRooy, Bill Griggs, Donna Tredway, and Melissa Miller. They won fudge or candied pecans.



Saturday morning's breakfast was make-your-own breakfast burritos, fruit, and juice. We had a full house for breakfast, followed by the meeting.

Members voted on the officers, and the vote passed unanimously. Several things were discussed. The minutes are on the website at:

Saturday dinner—fried fish, potato wedges, and coleslaw—was well received. I think we may have had just one little piece of fish left! Ice cream sandwiches, cake, and cupcakes rounded out the meal.



Most people stayed afterward to play games and watch football on TV.

Sunday morning, breads and cinnamon rolls were enjoyed.

The devotional was great, and we did something different. Several members read from the daily devotional, led us in hymns, shared something they had written, and offered prayers. It was really special to have several members participate.



God bless you and watch over you until we meet again.

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 that stepped up and helped **BIG TIME.**

Bob & Karen Rood, Scott Jordan, Ted & Carol Atwell and others that helped fill in until Karen could get there. Glad she's feeling better.

**Our 2026 AND our 2027 Rally Schedules are online!!
Click here to see it:**

[2026 Rally Schedule](#)

[2027 Rally Schedule](#)

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](#)

**See you in October!!
Be safe out there!!**

FMCA Coordinator Evelyn Lee	Webmaster/ Newsletter/Facebook Carol Valk	Chaplain Gerald Branstetter
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Chapter Clothing Karen Rood		Activities Directors Jeannie and Thomas Compter