The final rally of 2010 brought a gathering of HOW members to Eureka Springs, Arkansas. A Return To Yesterday certainly lived up to its billing. It was an old fashioned rally with old fashion fun. No hosts had signed up for this rally, so President Chaz Allen called for members to gather for a weekend of fun and socializing and for everyone to do what needed doing as they saw it. The concept exceeded all expectations!

Members started arriving Wednesday, parked and promptly starting visiting. Thursday was arrival and check-in for the remaining members and guests. Thirty four coaches registered for this rally making it one of the largest of the year. The festivities started with a delicious pot-luck dinner on Thursday night. Members demonstrated once again that no one has better cooks than HOW members. Everyone ate too much and enjoyed every bite. As a special treat, Carnac the Magnificent made an encore appearance and riddled HOW members with lots of one liners and gags about their activities and RVing in general. Carnac had appeared last year at this rally and was such a hit that he was invited back. Once again, he did not disappoint. Carnac was played by the talented Paul Isenberg, with charismatic Dwayne Davis filling the role of Ed McMann. Individual games followed and folks stayed up late into the evening having fun. Members attending this rally: Faye Shelton; Larry & Carolyn Stribling; Paul & Anna Crites; Gary and LaVonda Waldron; Roy & Cindy Standridge; Judy Janicke; Gilbert & Lois Stagner; Paul & Barbara Isenberg; Rod & Ginger Cleavelin; Carl Threlkeld; Bob & Donna Waller; Ron & Betty Wadley; Steve & Julie Bivin; Dwayne & Dee Davis; Chaz Allen & Sandy Johnson; Randy & Beth Plant; Tommy & Rita Team; Dave & Darlene Demuth; Jim & June Guess; Leroy & Lois Hinderliter; Sonny & Gail Rose; Frank & Sandy Taber; Kent & Lynda Van Fossen; Gary & Dorothy Van Fossen; Don & LaVonna Kinnamon; Ron & Sue Sweeten; Celeste & David Rodden. Guests of the Waller’s were Bob & Terry Debbie; and Gilbert and Lois Stagner brought their son and granddaughter.

Friday started with coffee made by masterbrewer Carl Threlkeld. Everyone either brought their own breakfast to the dining hall or simply ate in their coach then came to the hall for coffee and morning activities. The newsletter of the Happy (OK) Wanderers for this year. As you will notice on the last page we have the registration for the HOW Christmas Luncheon that will take place on Saturday, December 11, 2010 in Stroud. Please note that the deadline for registration is December 4, 2010, so please take the time to get those registrations in now!

On a like note, let me remind you that the Christmas Luncheon is an excellent time to pay your membership dues in the Happy (OK) Wanderers. With next year being our 20th year, I am sure there will be a number of special activities planned. Just bring a check for $30.00 made out to the Happy (OK) Wanderers and hand it to our HOW Treasurer and you will have your 2011 dues paid! My wife asked me to “fess-up” to an omission we made in the last newsletter. As you well know we always try to include those people that attend each of the rallies. Well, in the last newsletter we forgot and left out two special guest that were with us at the Murchison Rally. Also attending were our area Vice-President Fred Kennedy and his wife Lou, as well as SRA Vice President Charlie Adcock and his wife Gloria. It was nice to have them visiting and hope they will return soon!

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Outgoing Officers: You are reminded to bring your name-tags, office logos from around your goose-egg, and any other related materials from your office to the Christmas Luncheon to pass on to your successor. If not attending, try to arrange for someone else to bring them for you.
Rally Schedule for 2011

3/24 - 3/27 - Rustic Creek Ranch, Burleson, TX
4/19 - 4/22 - WinStar World Casino and RV Park, Thackerville, OK
5/19 - 5/22 - Twin Fountains, Oklahoma City
7/29 - 8/1 - Oasis RV, Amarillo, TX
8/4 - 8/7 - Golden Eagle RV Park, Eagle Nest, NM
9/22 - 9/25 - Cedar Valley, Guthrie, OK
9/28 - 10/1 - Six State Rally, Hutchinson, KS

A Happy (OK) Wanderers’ welcome to new members Phillip and Jennie Heater

For Sale
2005 Itasca Cambria - 23’ B - Plus, Ford V-10 engine, one slide, generator, large rear bath, roof air, easy to park, 25,000 miles. New Sticker Price - $72,000, Paid - $64,000, Retail Book Price - $38,800, Wholesale Book Price - $30,400, Will Sell for - $30,000 FIRM. Call Bill Beard in Tulsa at 918.640.8448.

For Sale
2008 Newmar Dutch Star 4317, 4 slides, 22k miles, Cat 425hp diesel pusher, 2 baths, full body paint, showroom model so fully loaded including dishwasher, washer, dryer, outside freezer, 3 TV’s and much more. Stored inside. Asking $231,000 - Call Paul Hlavaty at 918.618.3578 or 918.618.3577.

Information from Family Motor Coach Association
President, Charlie Schrenkel

The Family Motor Coaching Board of Directors met via telephone conference on Thursday, August 26, and took under consideration continuing plans for the winter convention scheduled for Fairplex, in Pomona, California, in April 2012. Discussion included the lack of attendance at our three previous International Conventions; the uncertainty of the RV industry; the current economic climate; and the availability of the venue in a time frame conducive to member attendance. They also took into consideration the actions of the Governing Board in Bowling Green and Saint Paul requesting the Executive Board look into producing one convention per year during this economic downturn. It was determined that the 2012 Winter International Convention in Pomona, California, be suspended. The Board determined that resources should be focused on making the summer 2012 convention a grand event.
chat. The HOW annual business meeting was held at 10AM. The entire minutes of the meeting are included in this newsletter and are also posted at the HOW website for downloading along with the Treasurer’s Report for 2010. President Chaz Allen said that 2010 brought a number of new concepts and ideas to the club. This ‘no-host’ rally concept was one, plus another rolling rally to be held in 2011 was another.

Second V-P Bob Waller announced a new way of doing the host committees. Now on the host sign up sheets there are five lines for people to volunteer, no primary host line. Once the sheet is full, then those members would choose a primary host or contact person. Bob also presented a rally hosting guideline for members to use. It is a very helpful and easy to follow set of instructions to help any host do the job. His guide is also posted at our website under the ‘Host Info’ link in a .PDF format for easy downloading and printing. Host sign up sheets were available for 2011, and four of the rally’s have already filled up.

Third V-P, Paul Isenberg announced that all rallies except October have been picked for next year and they were voting on an approved by the members. A suggestion was made and discussion held about having a rally in Canton, Texas during the First Monday Trade days. Members were very excited about the prospect of shopping over 7,000 vendors at Canton, and Paul was asked to investigate the possibility of having a rally in Canton further. Another ‘rolling rally’ is on the schedule for summer 2011, with two stops planned, the first in Amarillo, TX and then Eagles Nest, NM. The club officers for 2011 were voted on and approved with the exception of the National Director position, which we had no nominee at the time.

President Chaz Allen said that this was the first ever no-host rally. It was done because we had no hosts signed up for the rally. He made it clear that this concept was an experiment and not intended to replace normal hosted rallies. But if the concept worked it might be used in the future if we faced the same situation. The Treasurer’s reports as given by Rod & Ginger Cleavlin showed that the club came out with a plus for the year. The complete report is posted at the website for anyone to see or download their own copy. Julie Bivin spoke about the coming Stroud Christmas Luncheon and how the church has been very happy with the club and they are looking forward to our attending again this year.

Friday afternoon Barbara Isenberg gave the crafts class on making a safety pin bracelet. About 10 women attended the class, and the beautiful bracelets were worn and showed off to the other members that evening. Friday evening was bring your own food. Ron Wadley and Dave Demuth lit the big charcoal pit with a roaring fire of both wood and charcoal, for any members who wanted to cook their dinner on the grill. Almost everyone did. It was great to see all the people gathered around the pit, talking and grilling. Then food was taken inside the hall for eating. The evening was capped off with one of the funniest scenes ever. Darlene Demuth led six women out of the hall while they were gone their six husbands were seated on top of a table with their legs exposed from the knees down. The women were led back in blindfolded and then told to identify their husbands by feeling the bare legs of the men on the table. It was hilarious to watch and four of the six got it right. Photos of this event, Carnac and the entire rally are posted at the HOW website for your viewing. Remember that you can also download pictures from the web and have them printed out for your own albums.

Saturday was a bit different. The Isenbergs and Demuths decided they wanted to cook a gourmet breakfast for the club. Friday afternoon they handed out individual menus for people to select what they would like to eat for breakfast. Selections included such items as Eggs Benedict, Waffles, Cereal, Pancakes, Crepes Suzette, maple bacon. Members filled out their orders eagerly. Of course the joke was, when everyone showed up for Saturday morning, everyone was served the same thing of scrambled eggs, sausage, biscuits and gravy. Everyone laughed and had a good time and the food was excellent.

Saturday afternoon a TV was set up in the hall room and everybody came to watch the OSU and OU football games. Members brought chips, dip and soft drinks and it was almost as good as being in the stadiums. Saturday evening was a great meal as everybody brought their own once again. The charcoal was hot and many members brought food to share, even though it was not a pot luck. The homemade apple pies brought by Anna Crites were stand-outs. Chaz Allen brought a DVD of the Las Vegas show of famed ventriloquist Terry Fader, who won ‘America’s Got Tal-ent’ 2008. Everyone enjoyed this fabulous talent from his Vegas show.

Sunday’s devotional by Ron Wadley was excellent as he spoke on the duty of every Christian to spread the news of Christ. The HOW choir performed in their usual outstanding manner and the music was a blessing to all. It was announced that Don Kinnemom had volunteered for the National Director’s position and a special business session was called to order by President Chaz Allen in order to vote. A special addendum to the minutes recorded was posted at the website. Congratulations to all 2011 officers for their dedication to this club. Six coaches headed to Branson to enjoy the opening of the Christmas shows, and everyone said goodbye until Stroud.

A personal note from Chaz and Sandy. The first ever no-host rally was an outstanding success. Virtually everyone had a fabulous time, but more importantly our members did what we thought they would do. Without exception, absolutely everyone pitched-in whenever a need was seen. People grabbed trash and hauled it to the dumpster. Others wiped tables, swept floors, and helped with the dishes. People helped with the cooking on Saturday morning and made tea and lemonade before each meal. Other ran to the store for ice, snacks for the football games and anything else that was needed. And not once did anyone have to ask for any of it to be done. People saw what was needed and took the initiative to get it done. What a wonderful group of people we have in the Happy (OK) Wanderers, it has been a real pleasure to serve as your President in 2010. And finally, I want to personally thank our dedicated officers for 2010 for doing an outstanding job for the club.

A favorite pastime at rallies is the chance for a friendly game of cards. Pictured here are Darlene Demuth, Donna Waller, and Betty Wadley. Enjoy the game!
Tech Talk

Attention Members: There has been a recent update to the Norcold Refrigerator Recall. This update has expanded the number of refrigerators that have fallen under the recall notice. Scott Jordan has written an update message that informs us of that expansion. You are encouraged to read the notice below and be advised to check your own coach refrigerator. To further emphasize the importance of this notice, Scott indicated that an officer in the Monaco Coach Club recently lost his coach to a refrigerator fire. Hence, you are encouraged to take immediate action to protect your investment!

NORCOLD REFRIGERATOR RECALL UPDATE-OCTOBER 2010

Please read this carefully. There was information on this subject in the August issues of Happy Wanderings but it now needs to be updated. Norcold has now recalled ALL MODEL 1200, 1201, 1210 AND 1211 REFRIGERATORS MADE FROM 1997 TO 2010. A few other models are also shown on the notice. Even if you were not on the previous recall lists or if you have had recall work performed previously, there is a new recall with ADDITIONAL REPAIRS to be made. Norcold recommends disconnecting the refrigerators and not using them until the repairs are made. Go to the link below or call Norcold at 800-767-9101. I do not mean to keep harping on this but it is serious business. All of the internet boards have stories and photographs of coaches burning to the ground and occasionally deaths associated with the fires.

http://www.norcoldrecall.com/

Scott Jordan

Pictured at the left is the Happy (OK) Wanderers’ choir. There voices are always a joy to here at the Sunday morning serices.

Pictured at the right is Faye Shelton and our president for 2011, Judy Janicke. They are enjoying a meal at the rally.
Happy OK Wanderers MINUTES of the General Membership Business Meeting on October 29, 2010 at Eureka Springs, Arkansas

President Chaz Allen called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. Quorum was established. All members and visitors were welcomed.

Secretary Darlene Demuth read the Minutes from the October 24, 2009 General Membership Business Meeting. Motion made by Leroy Hinderliter and seconded by Gilbert Stagener to approve minutes as read. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

President Chaz Allen stated that we have had a good year as a club. The "no host" concept was discussed and clarified as to why we were having the "no host" rally. The consensus was that it would be okay, but we would continue to have volunteers sign up as hosts for the rallies.

2nd Vice President Bob Waller reported that the rally sign-up sheets have 5 lines, and those signing would select a head host. He has included a rally host guideline. Steve Bivin stated that the sign-up sheets will be at the Christmas Luncheon. Chaz Allen requested a copy of the guidelines; he will post on the website.

3rd Vice President Paul Isenberg proposed the 2011 Rally Motion for approval by Lynda Van Fossen; seconded by Leroy Hinderliter. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Paul stated there was no October rally scheduled and a presentation was made to the members about a possible rally in Canton, TX at the end of October, also called First Monday Trade Days. Paul reported the proposed RV park has a policy of a 3 night minimum at $50 per night. He will contact the park and report back as to the availability.

Treasurer Rod Cleavelin reported that we begin our bookkeeping year on December 1.

12-01-09  Bank Statement Beginning Balance  $3885.74
09-30-10  Bank Statement Ending Balance  $4382.70

He stated that the bookkeeping system was a computer program called Quicken. He reported that the bank account has been moved to Bank of America because of state-wide locations. The 990 tax return end on 12-31 and is due on 5-15. The return was filed. Motion was made by Bob Waller and seconded by Lynda Van Fossen to approve. Approved by unanimous vote.

National Director Jim Guess attended the National Rally in Redmond, Oregon. He reported there was a quorum. He stated they voted on a 2 year term for the officers and regional directors. They can serve a total of 4 years.

Medex insurance is still in force until the end of 2010. FMCAssist Insurance will be explained in detail in the December edition of FMCA magazine. He reported that they voted on a $92,000 deficit, which FMCA thinks they can recover through advertising.

OLD BUSINESS:
Leroy Hinderliter reported that between 24-25 coaches were at the Six State Rally.
Earl Powell was in charge of the daily newspaper at the Six State Rally. The Happy OK Wanderers' newsletter placed 2nd and won $50.

NEW BUSINESS:
Julie Bivin thanked everyone for their support last year. The Christmas Luncheon will be on December 11, 2010. The doors will be open at 10:00 with lunch being served at noon. She requested that anyone that has pictures of previous rallies to send them to her. Price for the meal is $20.00

Ken VanFossen thanked the officers for their service this past year.

Election of New Officers:
President  Judy Janicke  1st VP  Walt and Doris Murphy
2ndVP  Jack and Blanche Ryel  3rd VP  Dave and Darlene Demuth
Secretary  Lois and Leroy Hinderliter  Treasurer  Rod and Ginger Cleavelin
National Director  Open (See Below)  Alter. Nat. Director  Mickey Wood
Present Nominating Committee will continue to serve: Carl Threlkeld, Gary VanFossen, Rita Team.

Motion made by Paul Isenberg and seconded by Betty Wadley to approve new officers. Approved by unanimous vote.

OPEN DISCUSSION:
Recognition was given to Ron Wadley for being Six-State Rally Chaplain
Judy Janicke reported that she has club clothing for sale. She would appreciate someone taking over the clothing sales.
Thanks to Sandy and Frank Taber for working the Chapter Carnival Boot the for the chapter at Six State.
Chaz Allen will be the Webmaster for 2011.

There being no further business, a motion made by Darlene Demuth and seconded by Sandy Taber adjourned the meeting. Unanimous vote.

SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING on October 31, 1010 at Eurkea Springs, Arkansas

The meeting was called to order by President Chaz Allen at 9:10 AM. This meeting was to nominate Don Kinnamon for National Director. Motion was made by Steve Bivin and seconded by Betty Wadley to elect. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

National Director  Don Kinnamon

Meeting adjourned.
Registration for Christmas Luncheon
Saturday, December 11, 2010
First Christian Church
323 West 4th Street
Stroud, OK
(Julie Bivin’s Cell Number) 918.625.2862

Registration Deadline is December 4, 2010
Cost is $20.00 per person attending, checks should
Be made payable to Happy (OK) Wanderers and mailed to:

Steve and Julie Bivin
1500 West Elm Street
Stroud, OK 74709

You may arrive after 10:00 AM, Hors d’oeuvres will be served around 11:00 AM with the
main meal beginning around 12:00 Noon. A brief program and announcements will follow
the meal after which everyone is invited to the Bivin’s house for light refreshments.

Name: ______________________________  Home Phone:  _______________    Cell Phone:  ____________________

Luncheon Fee $20 X ____ = ___________

Total  ________________

Everyone have a safe Holiday - See you in Burleson, TX at the March Rally!