



Happy Wanderings



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Carthage - Rally in America's Maple Leaf City!



Host Frank Taber, gives some special instructions along with a welcome before the Thursday Evening meal. Have you had a chance to host yet? It is really important that you step forward and host next year.

By Chaz Allen

The City of Carthage and Coachlight RV Park welcomed the Happy Oklahoma Wanderers with open arms on August 26th. Known as America's Maple Leaf City, Carthage provided a great location to shop, dine, relax and play. The weather was in full cooperation as the temperature at arrival was hovering at a very comfortable 75 degrees. Everyone hit the lawn chairs almost immediately.

Hosts Ron & Betty Wadley, Frank & Sandy Taber, Rod & Ginger Cleavelin, Scott & Jo Jordan, Bob & Donna Waller, Dave & Janie Ruttman, and Carl Threlked manning the coffee pots, provided a warm and gracious reception for the 20 coaches attending.

Thursday's traditional pot luck was, as always delicious. We have some fantastic cooks in HOW and they kept their standards high once again. The scrumptious meal was followed by some fairly challenging trivia games provided by Frank and Sandy's daughter, Suzie. She has become a fun and welcome guest at many of our rallies and we always know we're in for some mind bending exercises when we see her smiling face. Carl Threlked won a drawing for a free complete detail of his coach, which brought great laughs from the members as we all realized that Carl has the smallest coach in the club. We noticed several members trying to bribe that certificate away from Carl throughout the entire weekend, but Carl held firm and held on to his certificate as well.

Friday morning found members visiting over biscuits and gravy and some of Carl's wonderful coffee. A caravan of members left for the Casino located at Exit 1. The Casino welcomed the HOW members with a free lunch and some fun at the slots. Friday evening was Summer Fare and some very creative and tasty ham and turkey sandwiches were accompanied by macaroni salad, cole slaw and dessert. Card bingo and card games rounded out the evening.

It was announced that Frank and Sandy Taber have volunteered to man the club booth at the membership fair at Six State in Shreveport. They could use some help talking to people and



Things to Know

Several things to note in this issue of Happy Wanderings. First, be sure to check out the proposed rally sites for next year as well as the list of officers. These two items will be voted on at the October Rally in Eureka Springs.

You will also find, on page 2, some short notes from our National Director, Jim Guess, from his trip to Redmond and attendance at the Business Meeting. As noted Jim will give a short report at the business meeting in October or is available to answer any additional questions individually.

Don't forget your registration for the Eureka Springs Rally on the last page. This will be a special rally that you will not want to miss!

In Memoriam

For those that might not have heard, it is with great sadness that we report the passing of two of our members.

**Neal Cartwright
Howard Holmes**

Both of these individuals will be missed. Please keep their families in your prayers.

Go on line and check out our web-site at www.happyokwanderers.com

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Elected Officers

President

Chaz Allen & Sandy Johnson

1st Vice-President

Walt & Doris Murphy

2nd Vice-President

Bob & Donna Waller

3rd Vice-President

Paul & Barbara Isenberg

Secretary

Darlene & Dave Demuth

Treasurer

Rod & Ginger Cleavelin

National Director

Jim Guess

Alt. Nat. Director

Mickey Wood

Nominating Committee

Carol Ahl
Leroy Hinderliter
Rod Sartwell

Member Support

Membership

Betty Shedrick

Hospitality

Lois Austin

Profile Editor

Celeste Rodden

Club Clothing

Judy Janicke

Webmaster

Celeste Rodden

Newsletter

Earl Powell

Devotional Leader

Ron Wadley



Rally Schedule for 2010

March 25 - 28	Oak Creek RV	Weatherford, TX
April 21 - 24	Natural Falls State Park	West Siloam Springs, OK
May 20 - 23	Marvel RV Park	Gore, OK
June 10 - 13	Choctaw KOA	Durant, OK
August 26 - 29	Coachlight RV Park	Carthage, MO
September 23 - 26	Staway Ranch RV Park	Murchison, TX
Sept 29 - Oct 2	South Central Area Rally	Shreveport, LA
October 28 - 31	Wanderlust RV Park	Eureka Springs, AR
December 11	Annual Christmas Luncheon	Stroud, OK

Proposed Rally Schedule for 2011

(This schedule will be voted on at the next regular business Meeting)

3/24 - 3/27/2011 - Rustic Creek Ranch, Burleson, TX

4/21 - 4/24 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 Pass, NM

9/22 - 9/25 - Cedar Oaks - Guthrie, OK

9/28 - 10/1 - Six State Rally, Hutchinson, KS

10/20 - 10/23 Cedar Mills Marina, Lake Texoma, TX

Proposed Officers for 2011

President - **Judy Janicke**

1st V. P. - **Walt & Doris Murphy**

2nd V. P. - **Jack & Blanche Ryel**

3rd V. P. - **Dave & Darlene Demuth**

Secretary - Open

Treasurer - **Rod & Ginger Cleavelin**

Nat'l. Director - Open

Alt. Nat'l Director - Open

Nominating Committee for 2012

Open

Open

Open

Notes from the National Director's meeting in Redmond

Welcome from FMCA'S 84th International Convention at the Expo Center in beautiful Redmond, Oregon. The convention dates were August 11-14, 2010. Two hundred ninety one governing board delegates were present when National President Charlie Schrenkel called the meeting to order.

Several items of interest were brought to our attention. Most of you already know that FMCA has partnered with GMAC Insurance to bring us auto and RV insurance at a savings. Another item will be a change is our Medical Evacuation Service. The current program will be in effect until Dec.31, 2010. The new service will be called FMCAssist. Complete information will be available to members early in the last quarter of 2010. It will appear in your FMCA magazine and on the FMCA web site.

I will have more information for you at the October Rally in Eureka Springs.

Jim Guess
National Director

This slate of Officers, plus any nominations from the floor, will be voted on at the Business Meeting held at the October Rally in Eureka Springs.

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letting folks know what a great club we have. If you can spare an hour or two at Six State, give Frank or Sandy and call and let them know you can help.

Saturday breakfast of pancakes and ham was delightful. Many members headed for the Sandstone which offers some of the most beautiful home furnishings anywhere. We spotted a number of HOW members taking advantage of the Sandstone's Bistro for lunch as well. Supper was a special treat as our own Lotta Burger - King, Bob Waller manned the grill and cooked hamburgers and hot dogs for everyone. It's no wonder they were so good, after all who has more burger experience than Bob! Some word and Bible trivia made for some red faces, but all in all, a great evening.

Attending members were: Walt and Doris Murphy; Paul and Anna Crites; Chaz Allen and Sandy Johnson; Dave and Celeste Rodden, along with daughter Jennifer and granddaughter Tiffany; Steve and Julie Bivin; Don and Lavonna Kinnamon; Jack and Blanche Ryel; Art and Sylvia Couch; Paul and Lizz Hlavaty; Jerry and Irene Slutz; Tommy and Rita Team. Ron and Betty Wadley brought two delightful guests: Kent and Jan Shacklett. And Bob and Donna Waller's beautiful granddaughter Beth-

any Waller was also a guest.

Sunday's devotional was provided by member Dave Ruttman. His message of hope in a troubled world was certainly relevant and timely. The food auction was highlighted by Steve Bivin trying to get some extra goodies by talking the Rodden's really cute 10 year old granddaughter Tiffany into bidding for him. Tiffany and her mother Jennifer are always fun and welcome guests to our rallies. Photos of the rally are already up on the website. So spend a couple of minutes to see all the smiling faces and fun at our web-site, www.happyokwanderers.com.

We had something of an unusual situation at this rally. Since our next rally is being hosted by The Red River Rovers, and Eureka Springs will be a special rally, it was determined that the rally supplies that are normally passed on to the next host would not be needed until next March. President Chaz Allen called for volunteers store the provisions until Christmas, and like always, our members stepped up and grabbed boxes, coffee makers and water jugs and took them home to store for a few months. They will bring them to Stroud for our Christmas luncheon, and be passed on to the first hosts of 2011 season.

Special Note: A number of members are planning to go to Branson directly from the Eureka Springs Rally for the start of the Christmas Shows. If you are interested in going be sure to indicate that on the registration form so someone can get in touch with you about details.

Doris Murphy and Lavonna Kinnamon check out the gift bags given out as door prizes during the course of the rally. The gift bags were prepared by Sandy Taber and her daughter Suzie.



In the picture above, Walt and Doris Murphy get the chance to celebrate an anniversary while attending the Carthage Rally.

To the left, several of the members enjoy the time visiting after the evening meal including Bob Waller (in the red, white, and blue shirt) who had his grand-daughter visiting.



Ye Ol' Rally @ Eureka Springs!

Are you ready for a return to yesterday? Happy Oklahoma Wanderers is having a **Return To Our Roots** rally in Eureka Springs, AR., October 28 - 31, 2010.

What is a 'return to our roots' rally? It means we are going to rally the old fashion way. The way it all started with RV'ers years ago. Someone says, "Let's rally," and we all meet for fun and good fellowship. This will be a departure from what has become normal fare for HOW, in that we will not be serving food. But there will be plenty of eating going on, that's for sure. We'll have our traditional 'pot luck' on Thursday, but then everyone will simply eat their own food for the following days of the rally. We will still gather in the club house to eat together, but you will bring your breakfast or dinner with you. There is a huge open charcoal pit grill that allows as many as 20 people at a time to cook their food, so be sure to bring your steaks, hamburgers, hot dogs, pork chops, fish or whatever you love cooked on the grill, and join the fun. The club will provide the charcoal and coffee. It's a rally straight from the past and the consensus from the members tells us that everyone is looking forward to it.

Fun and games will highlight the evenings in Eureka, and the wonderful hills of Arkansas provide a great backdrop for a rally. Eureka Springs is known as the Little Switzerland of America and it certainly lives up to it's name. Small curvy European style streets downtown, unique shopping boutiques and continental style restaurants add credibility to the town's reputation. Not to mention the famed Ozark hills alive with fall colors just add all the more to the ambience of community.

You won't be bored for even a minute. While we don't have a formal host, we do have a couple of members working up some real surprises for attendees. You won't want to miss this soiree.

Registration for Eureka Springs - Wanderlust RV

October 28 - 31

Deadline for Registration is October 1st

Directions: Hwy. 62 to Passion Play Road, then North to Wanderlust RV Park.

Are you interested in going on to Branson after the Eureka Springs Rally: _____
(Yes or No)

Name: _____ Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Date of Arrival: _____ Date of Departure: _____ E-mail: _____

Coach Length: _____ Number of Slides: _____ Special Parking Needs: _____
(Handicap, Near Restroom, Near Meeting Room, etc)

Mail Registration to:

Darlene Demuth
4336 W. Canyon Rd.
Guthrie, OK 73044
Make Checks Payable to
Happy (OK) Wanderers

Rally Fee \$5 X _____ = _____

Total _____

Make plans now to attend the Christmas Luncheon in Stroud, OK!