

HTC Newsletter

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For fun and fellowship

Hello Handicapped Travel Club Members,

Here it is July already!

We are over halfway through 2024 and it has been brought to my attention in many many ways that life is short and so unpredictable.

Putting off till tomorrow what we really want to do can mean that we never get to experience it, or we experience it in a more undesirable or different way.

Life can, and many times does, change in the blink of an eye.

As members of this community, I feel like I am probably "preaching to the choir", however I for one need the reminder from time to time to GET OUT AND LIVE! Have fun and make memories while we can.

The way in which we do this is subject to change for many reasons, maybe our circumstances change or maybe we find new or different interests along the way. Whether camping, glamping, hoteling or whatever suits your fancy, don't put off what you really want to do. G.O.A.L. Get Out And Live!

Just a reminder that our Annual Rally is coming up SOON, Sept 20-25, 2024, Hope to see you all there, this event should prove to be a highlight to your year.

Hope to see you all in September!

Please contact me if you have thoughts to share, questions to ask, improvements to be made, etc. (President@handicappedtravelclub.com).

Warm Regards,

Loretta Spotts Club President Handicapped Travel Club



2024 HTC Annual Rally in Guthrie, Oklahoma

Greetings from your 2024 Wagon Masters Mike and Kelly Hodge,

The 2024 National rally will be held September 20th with checkout by noon September 25th in the central region. We have chosen historical Guthrie, Oklahoma as the site for the fun and friendship.

We have made arrangements with Cedar Valley RV Park to hold 12 spots and we have the Event Center rented for the whole rally. We will be putting information below for you to call and make your own reservation (see page 3). All sites are pull through with full hookups and concrete pads. Just mention the date and HTC. It wouldn't hurt to say that you would like to be as close to the Event Center as possible.

We have some ideas this year for some new and fun activities along with some of the old favorites. Since we have had the silent auction for several years, we are going to try something new and exciting. It will raise a little bit of money for the club, but it will also be a fun way to get to know everybody a little better. We are looking into some entertainment and outings. We are planning some events where you will need some nickels and another one that needs a couple quarters.

Volunteers needed for the following activities. (If you would like to volunteer for any of these events please let us know; Mike and Kelly 715 570-6650.

Breakfast Food Pick Up - Mike and Kelly

Breakfast Setup

50/50

Horse Races - Cashier and Payout

Horse Races - Sign up and Dice Roller

Poker Run - Dan and Loretta

Wheelchair Races - Brad

Important information for reservations:

\$43.99 per day. Reservation and one day's fee due to the RV Park one month before your arrival. The rally is coming up quick, so reserve your spot by August 20th, 2024. Call Cedar Valley RV Park at the number below; Ask for Kunal 405 282-4478.

Cedar Valley RV Park

725 Masters Dr, Guthrie, OK 73044

(405) 282-4478

CedarValleyRVPark.com

For our records and planning please send your names and how many will be attending to mkhodge@gmail.com or contact wagon masters, Mike and Kelly at 715 570-6650.

Rally Fee is \$30 per person and will be collected at the rally.

Let us know who is attending, phone number and email if you have one. We are excited and looking forward to seeing all of you and hearing about all the adventures.

We are so looking forward to being your hosts at the 2024 rally!

Your Wagon Masters Mike and Kelly.

2024 Handicapped Travel Club (HTC) Rally Registration

Rally starts 3pm, Friday, Sept. 20th ends Noon check out Wednesday Sept. 25th

Cedar Valley RV Park
725 Masters Drive Guthrie, OK 73044

CedarValleyRVPark.com

For our records and planning please send your names and how many will be attending to mkhodge@gmail.com or contact wagon masters, Mike and Kelly at 715 570-6650. You can also use this form by copy and paste to above email. Even if you are considering coming let us know so we can plan accordingly.

You will need to book your campsite reservation by calling Kunal at Cedar Valley RV Park at 405 282-4478 and let him know it is for the HTC Rally and you would like a spot near the event center.

Camping RV pull through sites are at the daily rate of \$43.99 per night with full hookups and concrete pads.

You can reserve your campsite now.

Reservation and one day's fee is due to the park one month before you arrive at the park.

This is a popular campground and fills up rapidly, so please don't miss out on the Rally.

Names of those Attending Rally:

Rally Fee: \$30.00 per Person X _____ Persons = \$ _____

Please make cash or check payment for your Rally Fee to wagon masters at the rally on September 20, 2024.

Please provide your cell numbers and email address in case we need to contact you while you are traveling to the rally or need to notify you of any changes.

Cell Numbers: 1) _____ 2) _____

Email Address: _____

For non RV'ers. there are many motels, hotels available nearby in Guthrie, OK

Territorial Inn 405 282-2100 La Quinta 405 293-6000 Sleep Inn 405 260-1400 etc.

HTC Annual Rally 2024

Day 1 - Friday, September 20	
3:00 PM	Opening Ceremony
5:00 PM	Dinner - Provided
6:00 PM	Celebration Of Life Roland Winters. Zoom.
6:30 PM	Hometown Get To Know You Game - Each person or couple brings a wrapped gift that represents in some way their hometown. Gifts should be between \$5 and \$10.
Day 2 - Saturday, September 21	
9:00 AM	Breakfast
10:00 AM	HTC Group Photos. Wear your HTC shirt if available.
10:30 AM	Dr. Matt Pearce Oklahoma State Historian will tell us about the history of the area.
	Lunch - On Your Own
1:00 PM	Territorial Museum Visit
	Dinner - On Your Own
6:30 PM	Games at the Event Center
Day 3 - Sunday, September 22	
9:00 AM	Breakfast
	Free Morning and Lunch On Your Own
1:00 PM	Wheelchair Races
4:00 PM	Entertainment in the Event Center
5:30 PM	Dinner - Catered Meal
Day 4 - Monday, September 23	
9:00 AM	Breakfast
10:30 AM	RV Open House - Group A
1:30 PM	RV Open House - Group B
5:00 PM	Dinner - Potluck dinner at Event Center
6:30 PM	Games - Nickels and left right center, bring two rolls of nickels and nine quarters.
Day 5 - Tuesday, September 24	
9:00 AM	Breakfast
9:30 AM	Scottish Rite Museum Tour. Leave at 9:30 AM.

11:00 AM	Oklahoma Sports Museum
12:00 Noon	Lunch - Group Lunch at Pizza Hut
2:00 PM	Horse Races
3:00 PM	Annual Meeting - Awards and Game Results.
	Dinner - On Your Own
6:30 PM	Games at Event Center
Wednesday, September 25	
9:00 AM	Breakfast
12:00 Noon	Check out by 12 o'clock noon.

This is a tentative schedule, you will get a print-off schedule when you get to the rally.

Remembrances

Roland Frederick Winters Jr. September 20, 1942 - May 3, 2024

Roland lived an Amazing Life!

It is with great sadness we announce the passing of Roland F. Winters, Jr. Our loss is heaven's gain. Roland lived his life to the fullest and lived like it was his last day every day. He was diagnosed with Becker's Muscular Dystrophy at the age of nine.

The doctor advised Roland's parents, Doris Dupont Winters & Roland F. Winters, Sr, that he would only live until the age of eighteen. Roland proved him wrong and lived to eighty-one. The oldest of four siblings, Wayne, June, and Geraldine. Roland was born in Jersey City, NJ and the family relocated from Teaneck to Newton, NJ in 1959.

Roland graduated in 1960 from Newton High School and graduated in 1964 from German School of Photography in downtown Manhattan, NYC. He loved riding his motorcycle and taking pictures. He worked for a local photography store in Newton and later started his own Photography Business, Winters Photos.

He shared his knowledge and love of photography with his youngest sister, Geraldine Winters and his niece, Kim Nicolais.

In 1965, Roland relocated to Whittier, CA and started a long career of thirty-two years as the Photo Lab Supervisor at Hughes Aircraft in Fullerton. During this time, he met Howard Hughes. He worked Full-Time at Hughes and had his Winters Photos Business. He worked nights and weekends taking beautiful pictures for Weddings.

Roland married Carroll Elaine York in 1970 in Las Vegas at the Little Chapel of the West. He enjoyed people and was the life of the party.

He earned an Associate Degree from Fullerton College and Bachelor of Arts Degree from California State University Fullerton.

Roland served the Handicap Community for the City of Placentia, CA. In 2008, Roland and Carroll retired to Surprise, AZ where he served as HOA board member for Arizona Traditions. Roland served as the District 1 Councilmember for the City of Surprise for nine years, working towards his goal of Surprise being a place where residents could "live, get educated, work and play." He served as Vice Mayor & Councilman for the city and in 2013-2018, voted for wage increases for the Firemen & Police, until his health had deteriorated.

Roland loved to take road trips, take pictures, and attend his Handicapped Travel Events. Roland was an inspiration to all.



Roland never stopped working and didn't complain about his disability or let it hold him back. He even went skydiving. His family looked up to him as a hardworking man.

His family will miss him dearly but is excited about joining him and the other family in our final resting place.

Roland leaves behind a loving wife of 54 Years, Carroll; four children, David (Gina), Donald (Barb), Nancy, and Jennifer; seven grandchildren: Ashley (Samuel), Kevin, Jacob (Brooklyn), Kaitlyn, Joshua, Kenneth (Eliya), and Melinda; two great-grandchildren: Zeke, and a baby due in October. Five nephews and five nieces. One nephew greeted him in heaven. His brother Wayne (Ann), San Diego, CA., sister June Nicholais, (predeceased, husband Jimmy, and son Vincent), Blairstown, NJ, and sister, Geraldine, Placentia, CA.

<https://www.menkefuneralhome.com/obituaries/roland-winters-jr>

Roland - By Long Time Friend and HTC Member - Ed Pearson

Roland Winters was born in 1942 so he was a war baby who survived the disruptions of the war years and went on to a lifetime of activities and accomplishments. He married his true love Carroll and raised a successful family. He was a photographer, a traveler, a politician, and a mainstay of the Handicapped Travel Club where he served several years as President and Historian. He was at times active in pursuing small businesses to make their establishments accessible to the disabled. He was also a cowboy if you noticed his boots, hat, and license plate. One of the major highlights of his career was the 10 years he served as a City Councilman in Surprise AZ, where he lived in his later years.

I first met Roland in Indio at an HTC rally in 1998 I think it was. He was not yet using a wheelchair as I recall but had a lift attached to the driver's side of his van that he could stand on and be lifted up to the driver's seat. Over the years we saw each other at HTC meetings but also shared other get togethers including an occasional dinner at his house in Surprise.

In reflecting on our past times together, two occasions stand out especially. Bonnie and I were married in Chico in December 2009 and Roland was of course invited. We were surprised that he planned to attend, but he said he had a good friend in Chico that he would visit also. Well, he did more than attend. He was our wedding photographer and presented us with an album of pictures as a wedding present. Was that special or what? I had a long talk with Roland before he passed and reminded him of that super gift. He remembered the event very well, including the fact that it rained like crazy that night and he got soaked. The album is a special possession of ours.

The other occasion that stands out for me is our 1000-mile RV caravan trip down the Baja Peninsula to Cabo San Lucas in 2007. Roland didn't have an RV but he and a close relative joined the group in his van. We spent 5 days going down and a few days in Cabo and environs. He was in a motel in Cabo and I was in an RV park a mile or so out of town. I was surprised at one point when he

knocked on the trailer door, having made a quickie trip out from town in his power chair to see how we were doing. We were on our own on the way back and planned to meet about halfway up Baja and travel together the rest of the way. Turns out we didn't connect because Roland had decided he wanted to get home quickly and drove back nonstop. Maybe his cowboy personality kicked in there. Telephone service was not available down there in those days but our caravan had kept in close touch because we all had a CB radio unit available.

Anyway, Roland was a special guy that I had a great relationship with over the years. He served us all beautifully in many ways and will be fondly remembered.

— Ed Pearson

From Roland Winter's Family

Roland enjoyed being a member of HTC so much. He missed very few rallies. He especially enjoyed the wheelchair races. He was talking about going to the one this year in September. We are doing a Celebration of Life for him this year on his birthday, September 20th, which happens to be opening day for the Rally.

We are planning to do a Zoom call between the Celebration of Life and the Rally. We'll coordinate with Brad Bartz. Will keep you updated in the group.

We plan to keep in contact with HTC. We no longer have a monthly luncheon every month because the only person left besides Jenni and I is Jane Crawford who is in the East Valley. If any new members live in the West Valley, we would be interested in starting the lunch group again.

Whenever your travels take you to Arizona, please stop in to see us.

As Roland would say," Take care of yourselves, and take care of each other."

— Carroll and Jenni Winters





California HTC Lunch Group Lodi, California

Our HTC Lunch Group had a wonderful time at Lodi's Wine and Roses. We'd love to have more members join us!

Every couple of months we chose a centrally located spot to accommodate all involved.

Wine and Roses is a complex of wine tasting room, spa, hotel, and restaurant in a beautiful setting with gardens.

The restaurant gave us, Bonnie and Ed, Sharon and Don, Barbara and Giancarlo

a private room already set up for our wheelchairs and service dog Cookie. We were able to enjoy our visit without the usual loud restaurant background noise. Lots of good tips were shared about our mutual challenges of daily living.

After lunch, Bonnie called Carroll Winters so that we could all express our sympathy and reminisce about amazing Roland!

We enjoyed wandering through the grounds and discovered some beautiful parrots who entertained us with their antics!

During our zoom meeting last month, we were introduced to a screen writer who asked us for insight into the life led while using a wheelchair. We had invited her to join us at our luncheon but she was unable to come.

Saying goodbye, Don passed on the HTC banner for us to take to the Escapade in Wyoming. Unfortunately, while Don and Sharon were on the way to our last rally, they had an accident that totaled their Motorhome. Don faithfully saved the HTC banner before leaving his rig!

Please feel free to join us at our lunches. New and old members, RV or not, please reach out. Love to have you!

— Barbara Cuciz

925-989-2330

Escapees Escapade HTC Birds-of-a-Feather Group Rock Springs, Wyoming



We attended the Escapees Escapade in Rock Springs, WY June 16-21, 2024.

Brad, Teresa, their dog Bailey, Rick, Doris, Giancarlo, Barbara and our dog Cookie were there to represent our Handicapped Travel Club.

We shared time at the Birds of a Feather booth which is newly added to the other special interest subgroups of Escapees. Other BOFs there were from the co-op parks, chapters, etc.

Lots of passersby expressed interest in our club for themselves or an acquaintance.

The Escapade provided lots of helpful seminars, Mobile RV technicians, on site awning or tank cleaning services. They also had fun musical performances and a talent show.

Escapees provides so many services and benefits. The friendly spirit was a real treat.

The weather was ever changing. One day sunny, then rain, hail, and heavy winds. Beautiful skies and spectacular scenery on the trip.

We met lots of great people, and have some new members. Brad, Teresa, Rick, Doris, Giancarlo, and Barbara all spread the word about our fabulous Handicapped Travel Club!

We're hoping to attend next years Escapade in Tucson, Arizona.

Hope to see everyone at our National Rally in Guthrie, Oklahoma!

By Barbara Cuciz



Message from our Treasurer

HTC has a new special interest group within the Escapees RV Club.

Details can be found on the HTC Club website at <https://handicappedtravelclub.com/escapees/>.

Future Events

Monthly on 3rd Wednesday

Monthly Zoom Meetings

Online/Virtual

The monthly zoom meeting is scheduled for the 3rd Wednesday every month at 4:00 PM pacific time/ 7:00 PM eastern. Be sure to adjust for your local time zone:

4:00 pm PST

5:00 pm MST

6:00 pm CST

7:00 pm EST

You should have been receiving an email from BradBartz@hotmail.com the Monday before the zoom meeting with the connection information. It's the same each month. If you're not receiving the monthly reminders, please email BradBartz@hotmail.com

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HTC 2024 Annual Rally

Guthrie, Oklahoma

The 2024 HTC Annual Rally will be held September 20th to September 25th in historical Guthrie, Oklahoma. Your Rally Wagon Masters are Mike and Kelly Hodge (715) 570-6650.

New Members - Welcome!

Wendy Lawson

2001 Winnebago Journey Diesel Pusher

RV Class A, Diesel Pusher CAT 330HP, Freightliner Chassis, Self-leveling Jacks, Mileage 99,251
Model WKP34BD, Generator (front), CAT Scale weighed 10-23 GVW 24,980, Loaded
2 Electric Wheelchairs & Rack
\$91,000 or best offer; (HTC 10% discount)

Questions? **Janice R. Snuffer 503-410-2710** voice or text in MT time zone; Email Janice.Rittberg@gmail.com
Delivery possible. More pictures available.

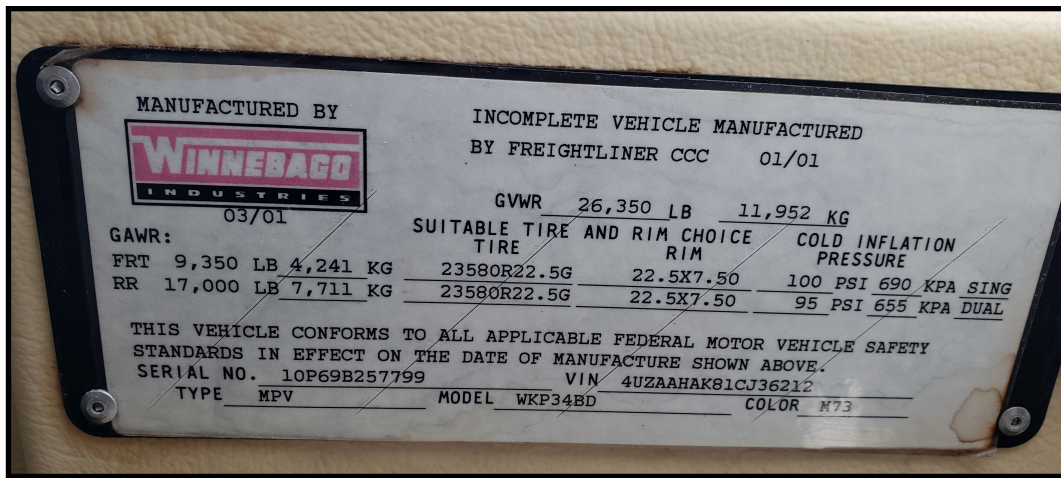
Features: Captain's Chairs, Curtains on Front Windows, Blinds and Screens on Other Windows, Sofa with 2 Manual Recliners with Covers, Washer/Dryer Unit, Handicapped Roll-in Shower, Grab Bars, Shower Chair, Skylight, 2 Fans; TVs, Stereos and CD Player, DVD Players, Rear Monitor, Wheelchair Lift, Wheelchair Tie Downs, Hitch; 3 Burner Stove, Convection Microwave Oven, Full-size Refrigerator/Freezer/Ice Maker; Storage Inside and Under; 2 Slide-outs (Bedroom / Living Room), 2 Awnings; Stereo Speakers, Many Outlets & Reading Lights, Tire Covers. CB Radio, Air Horns; Bedroom: Queen Bed, Stereo, TV, Upper Cabinets, Drawers, Poles.

New in 2023: Hubcap Replacement 05-23; New House Batteries 11-22; HVAC Blower Motor/Fan 09-23; Dish King Antenna, 2 Receivers, 05-23; Hand-controls Compassion Mobility, Utah, 10-22; Tire Minder (display/all wheels) 08-23; Oil Change/Filter, Added Water Separator 09-23; Chassis Inspection 04-23; Gen-Turi Air-cooled Venturi RX Generator Exhaust System 06-23; Fire Pit, Battery Tester, Under Compartments New Gas Struts; Propane/Generator/50 Amp Plug; Sirius Radio & Antenna; LOVPOI GPS Setup; Engine Batteries 08-22.



Note: Previously owned by person who had a double amputation, and person with quadriplegia (four limbs affected) thus many accommodations provided for. Original Winnebago Manuals, Video and Upgrade Books and Receipts.





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If you need to send submission material via USPS paper mail, call Will at 425 889-0183 for mailing address and coordinating receipt of paper mail.

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