

**OPS – Expo Center  
Tulsa, OK  
October 17-20, 2019**



Above is the famous Golden Driller on the expo center grounds. He stands 76 feet tall and weighs 22 tons.



Those of us who arrived in Tulsa on Wednesday enjoyed a delicious dinner at Kilkenny's Irish Pub in Tulsa. We had to laugh at ourselves as we all used our phone flashlights to read the menus. Such a fun atmosphere though – notice the beautiful woodwork and windows in the photo.

On Friday, we went to the Linde Oktoberfest at the River West Festival Park in Tulsa. Some of us enjoyed a lively shuttle driver who had us sing "Wheels on the Bus" and "If you are Happy and you Know It" along with the appropriate hand motions. So fun to hear a shuttle full of adults belting out these tunes. Cal and Sharon Strickland (right) had some fun with photos. Below is a sample of the beer steins available for purchase. This is the 41<sup>st</sup> year for the festival, and it has been named as one of the top 5 and one of the 5 largest Oktoberfests in America. The crowds indicate this is a popular festival full of beer, music, food and vendors.



The Expo was hosting the U.S. National Arabian horse show. This show brought in people from all over the U.S. with their Arabian and Half-Arabian horses eager to display their skills. Stan and Lisa had no skills to show off – horse or otherwise – but posed for a pic by the awards table anyway!

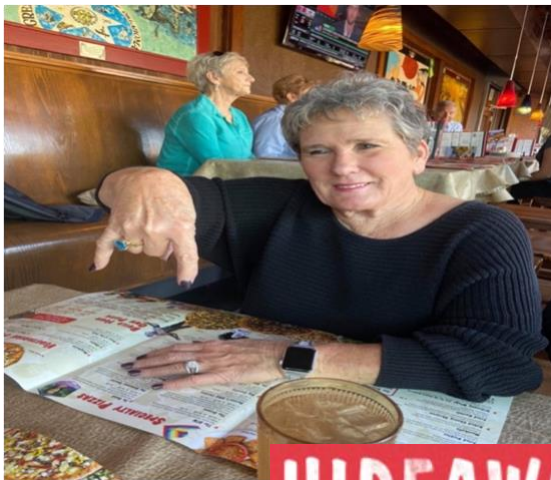




Upper left – Bob, Ruth Ann and Stan enjoy some ice cream.



Upper right – Delicious Rancho Grande on Saturday night.



Mary Chrisman (above) expresses her football preference while enjoying Hideaway Pizza.

Several of us walked in awe through the Gathering Place which was named the Best New Attraction by USA Today. We highly recommend a visit to this park – the design is unique and has something for everyone.

The camping spots were not our typical RV park. However, Joe Wright is exploring this location for a future six-state rally due to the potential of 350 full hook-up RV spots.

