

**PLEASE - RSVP YES or NO where requested!**

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**ARIZONA ROADRUNNERS  
CHAPTER**



**February 2012 Newsletter**



*Happy Valentine's Day*



**Chapter DUES were due in December for the year 2012.**

You may pay your \$12.00 dues at the Luncheon or Muster. Otherwise send your check, made out to the "Arizona Roadrunners", to Gary Scholten, Treasurer, 6858 E. via Dorado, Tucson AZ. 85715-4821, and phone: (520) 296-2550.

**If dues are not paid by 31 Jan 2012 you will be dropped from the Roster.**

**Officers:**

**President: Bob Bennett (520) 366-0551**  
Vice President: Nancy Flesher (520-298-9779)  
Secretary: Dottie Watts  
Treasurer: Gary Scholten  
Wagonmaster: **Vacant**

**Committees:**

Newsletter: Nancy Flesher  
Historian: **Vacant**  
Sunshine: **Vacant**  
Membership: Bob Bennett  
Base Reps.: **Vacant**

**SPECIAL NOTICE:** Jan/Feb Traveler has a **ballot on page 20** to CHANGE SMART BYLAWS concerning SPOUSE MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA. Be sure to **vote by 29 March 2012**.

**ELECTION OF CHAPTER OFFICERS.** A meeting was held during the December Muster. Several items were discussed, including the election of Officers. Yes, it's time to nominate and elect Officers for 2012/13. **Election of Chapter Officers will be held at the February meeting and sworn in during the February meeting.** They will start their duties in May. If the nominees are unopposed, a majority voice vote will be taken. If any of the nominees are being opposed, a secret written ballot will be taken. If you wish to nominate someone, or volunteer, to fill one of the positions, please submit their name(s) and position nominated for by e-mail prior the January meeting, or in person at the January meeting. There is not a nominating committee. **We need volunteers!**

**Those up for election/re-election are:**

President	Bob Bennett
Vice President	Nancy Flesher
Secretary	Dottie Watts
Treasurer	Gary Scholten

\*\*\*\*\* **Wagon Master Vacant** \*\*\*\*\*

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**Message from President Bob Bennett:**

As most of you know, I have been pretty sick over the past couple of weeks and spent some time in the hospital. On top of that, my wife became very ill and had to be hospitalized too. This weighed pretty heavily on my mind. We are both home now and being looked after by home health care. First, I would like to thank everyone for their prayers and concerns. We received your great get well cards and it lifted our spirits a whole bunch. I also want to thank those who stepped up and took charge of the Chapter, and those who are keeping the South West Regional Muster on track. We are very fortunate to have some great members in our Chapter and our sister Chapters too. Thank you, one and all.

As a side note, please channel your thoughts and prayers toward Nancy Flesher, our Vice President. She is going through a very rough time herself and she can use all the help she can get. We all hope you get well soon!

**January Luncheon – 28th**

**RSVP by 25 Jan 12 to Shari & Don Minton**

Date: **Saturday**– 28 January 2012

Host: Shari & Don Minton, [dmi8201617@aol.com](mailto:dmi8201617@aol.com), HP: (520) 575-1368  
CP: (520) 403-1915

Place: Bubb's Grub

Time: 1230 Hours (Note time change)

Private Area: No

Cuisine: Texas BBQ Grill

Cost: Order off the Menu. Separate Checks. 18% gratuity added.

Address: 16010 North Oracle, Catalina AZ, 85739

Restaurant Phone Number: (520)825-6510

Website: [www.bibbsgrub.com](http://www.bibbsgrub.com)

Directions: From NB I-10 take the Tangerine off ramp East (right) drive approx. 12 miles to Oracle rd. turn left (at a "T" intersection) and travel 5 to 6 miles to Bubb's Grub is on the right approx. 1 mile past Golder Ranch Rd. and before the circle K.

**February Muster – 8<sup>th</sup> to the 14<sup>th</sup>**

**RSVP by 1 Feb 2012 (See Registration Form)**

Hosts: Roadrunners for Agenda/Activities and Tumbleweeds for RV Park  
Reservation and Registrations.

Dates: **8-11 February 2012**

(Arr. on Wed. the 8<sup>th</sup> and dep. on Sat the 11<sup>th</sup>)

Place: Val Vista RV Resort

Cost: \$41.25 per night for Full Hookups (3 nights + \$123.75) **Pay at Resort.**

Address: 16680 Val Vista Blvd

Resort Phone: (520) 818-4090 or (877) 836-7801 or (520) 836-7800

Website: <http://www.jpkman.com/properties/valvista.asp>

BE SURE TO SEE THE MAP @

<http://maps.google.com/maps?q=16680+W+Val+Vista+Blvd.++Casa+Grande,+AZ+85222&spn=0.008027,0.013739&iwloc=A&hl=en>

Directions: Take exit 185 off the I-10 and follow the signs.

## February Luncheon- 25<sup>th</sup>

### **RSVP by 22 February to Pam Hall**

Date: **Saturday– 25 January 2012**

Host: Pam & Dave Hall (Southern Oregon Smarts), [shu-shu@starband.net](mailto:shu-shu@starband.net)

CP: (541) 821-1551

Place: BJ's Restaurant

Time: 1230 Hours (Note time change)

Private Area: No

Cuisine: Sandwiches, pizza, salads

Cost: Order off the Menu. Separate Checks. 18% gratuity added.

Address: 5510 East Broadway Blvd., Tucson, AZ

Restaurant Phone Number: 520-512-0330

Website: [www.BJSRESTAURANTS.COM](http://www.BJSRESTAURANTS.COM)

Directions: SE Corner of Broadway & Craycroft

## **March 24, 2012 - Luncheon. NEED A HOST.**

Just pick a restaurant, be sure they can handle up to 20 people, take the RSVP's notify restaurant of number of people coming and welcome people as they arrive.

### **Future Chapter Musters and Luncheons: (Mark Your Calendars)**

\*\*\*\*\*If you want the Luncheons to continue each month members need to step up and volunteer to host. Contact Nancy Flesher

\*\* March 7-10, 2012 – Muster – Distant Drums RV Resort, Camp Verde, AZ  
Host: Tumbleweeds

\*\* March 24, 2012 – Luncheon – TBA – **NEED A HOST**

\*\* April 2- 6, 2012 – SW Regional Muster – YUMA (see below)

\*\*\*\*\***REVISED REGISTRATION FORM ATTACHED –  
Due by 15 March 2012**

April 21, 2012 – Luncheon – TBA – **NEED A HOST**

May 2012 – Muster – TBA

May 2012 – Luncheon – TBA – **NEED A HOST**

### **Future National & Regional Musters: (Mark Your Calendar)**

April 2-6, 2012 - SW Regional Muster @ The Palms RV Resort, Yuma AZ –

Check it out: <http://www.yumapalmsrvresort.com>.

Arizona Chapters Host – AZ Roadrunners in charge.

\*\*\*\*\***REVISED REGISTRATION FORM ATTACHED –  
Due by 15 March 2012**

Sept 2012 – National Muster in Goshen, IN

Sept 2013 – National Muster in Sedalia, MP

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**January 2012 Muster Report:** From Iva Spurgeon

**A big thank you to the Tumbleweeds for hosting this Muster.**

On January 11, 2012 nine RV's gathered at Augie's Quail Trail RV Park in Gila Bend Arizona for the Combined Chapter Muster. There were 17 SMART Members present. And on Friday **Sam & Bobbi Goode** (Roadrunners) came to stay the day making new friendships and renewing old acquaintances. SMART Members attending were; **Don & Shari Minton** (Roadrunners), **Sid & Iva Spurgeon** (Roadrunners), **Jack & Doris Steele** (Roadrunners), **Bill Aspinwall** (Roadrunner & Tumbleweed), **Jim & Tamiko Greer** (Roadrunners & Tumbleweeds), **Pat & Sally Kavanaugh** (Tumbleweeds), **Jim & Sandy Anderson** (Tumbleweeds), **Bill & Korel Roberge** (Tumbleweeds), **Dennis & Wendy Benjamin** (Tumbleweeds). Last minute cancelations were Nancy Flesher & Roger [Dr Appoints] (Roadrunners), Dottie Watts [sick with a cold] & Lee Hall (Roadrunners), Gary [fell while loading his 'new' RV] & Adela Scholten (Roadrunners). Thursday and Friday night's dinner schedules were switched because the Park had Bingo scheduled in the Building Thursday night. We were all invited. Shari and Don attended and said they had a great time. Sally Kavanaugh had knee surgery recently but she bravely got around with a cane and took care of business. Sally Kavanaugh chaired the meeting with updates about the South West Regional Muster in April in Bob's absence. She outlined the plans that have been made with discussion following. The group enjoyed dinner out Thursday night at "Little Italy" in Gila Bend. The waitresses sang Happy Birthday and presented Doris Steele a desert complete with a candle for her birthday. Games were played in the afternoon and evenings and the usual Happy Hours were enjoyed each day at 4:00.

**From Bobbi Goode:**

Sam & I did get to the Muster on Friday. Good breakfast with LOTS & LOTS of sausage. Very productive SWR Muster Meeting led by Sally Kavanaugh. Had a pot luck supper, too. (Everyone wondered how to use the left over sausage. We had three big contributions of sausage.) Tamiko made a tasty oriental platter of food. She also made origami heart napkin rings in many colors with twin hearts for Valentines Day. A group of "jammers" started playing about 1500 and played until 1700. We enjoyed their music. Jack & Doris and Sam & I even danced a little bit.

**January 2012 Luncheon Report:** Will be in the March NL

**Important Information:**

1. **NEW SMART National Website:** <http://www.smartrving.org>. Keep checking back for new information.
2. **SMART HQ has a NEW E-Mail address:** [smart@smartrving.org](mailto:smart@smartrving.org).
3. **Our Newsletters will be on the Website along** with several other Chapters. Check them out at: <http://www.smartrving.net>.

**CHANGES to your Chapter Roster:** None

**News from and/or about Members:**

**1. Bob & Elba Bennett:** **Bob Bennett**, as most already know, was hospitalized 28 Dec to 2 Jan and again after being out for one day he returned for a couple days stay. He had/has CHF (Congestive Heart Failure) and is now on a whole bunch of medications and getting breathing treatment. He is improving but is weak and not able to function as he would like. The Chapter sent him a Card. Bob will be receiving Home Health Care for a couple months. On 10 Jan **Elba Bennett** went to ER with bronchitis and it turned out to be pneumonia and she was sent by ambulance to St Mary's in Tucson for treatment. She was back home on the 14<sup>th</sup>. She will be on home Health Care for a few weeks. A card was sent to Elba from the Chapter.

**Here is my last message from Bob:** Elba has come home from the hospital. She will be receiving home care for the next few weeks. She is still weak but feeling better. I am still in the recovery process. Feeling better but still weak. I will also be under home care for a couple of months. I will try to stay abreast of the Chapter happenings and any email, but I may fall behind from time to time. Elba and I want to thank everyone for all of your prayers and concerns. I want to thank everyone that stepped up and took over the plans/preparations for the SWR Muster. It would have been a disaster if key players hadn't have stepped up and took charge.

**2. Jewell Bigelow:** **9 Jan 12:** I (Jewell) am having major surgery on Tuesday (10 Jan 12) and won't be walking for 3 to 4 months, and then will have a walking cast for another 3 to 4 months. **15 Jan 12:** I am sitting here right now typing this letter with my new surgical leg in the air so the swelling does not start. I can't believe how much simpler this is proving to be than I expected. I am at home now, with my camode, my walker, a wheelchair, a shower chair, and knee scooter rollabout, so we oldsters can do better after surgery.

**3. Greg & Yoon Mace:** **14 Jan 2012:** They continue to have problems with their brand new MH. Come Monday, 16 Jan, off to desert hot springs for a soak then on to Quartzsite, back in green valley end of month.....we'll leave early/mid Mar for a number of stops before and after the Yuma SW R Muster, plan is to return to Green valley the end of Apr/early May, then off again till the end of May for a quickie with another club. no summer travels planned but did sign up for SMART's AIBF in Oct. Our Europe trip was a whirlwind of sights, sound, smells and an overload of info. We Pompeied, Charthaged, Kronosed, Romed, Athensed, Seems I missed a couple of old places, London, Paris, Balboa, Barcelona, Sette, and names I can't spell or pronounce. Saw stuff I didn't particularly want to see but was part of the bus trip. Of the 28 day cruise only had 6 sea days, the rest were up at 6:00 on a bus by 8:00 return by 5:00, bed by 10:00 and start over again, we also went thru 3/4 time zones losing an hour a night.....fini, hope I didn't bore you later..... from Indio, Ca.



*BE 'SMART' and STAY 'S\*M\*A\*R\*T' !*



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