



# **S\*M\*A\*R\*T**

## **Great Lakes Ripples**

### **More Fun in Every Mile**

#### **Summer Edition 2011**

##### **Officers:**

President: David Jones  
Vice President: Robert Metevia  
Secretary: Joan Brandon  
Treasurer: Arline Sevener  
Muster Master: Mike Kegley  
Past President: David Sevener  
Ripples Editor: Mike Kegley

##### **Regional Officers:**

Regional Director: Jack Dietrich  
Assistant Director: David Sevener  
Assistant Director: Ed Pate

#### **Muster Schedule for the rest of 2011**

##### **7-13 August 2011**

Elkhart County Fairgrounds  
17746 County Road 34 (Monroe Street)  
Goshen, IN 46528. This will be a **working muster** in preparation for the National Muster in 2012. It will be hosted by Jack/ Karen Dietrich (847) 502-0823.

Time is drawing close for this very important Muster. If you have not sent in your Muster Form to Jack and Karen, please do so today. Send your form to: Jack and Karen Dietrich, 167 Portside Drive, Lakemoor, IL 60050.

You also **MUST** call and make your own reservations for the Campgrounds at Goshen. The phone Number is: (574) 533-3247.

We need the help of everyone in the North Central Region. This Region is one of the smallest Regions in S\*M\*A\*R\*T. Let's show everyone in S\*M\*A\*R\*T National that we can compete with the tall dogs. We have put on two Regional Musters in the past. This is just a bigger Regional Muster!

#### **Christmas Luncheon – 15 December 2011**

Our Christmas Luncheon will once again be held at the Delhi Café, 4625 Willoughby Rd., Holt MI 48842 at 12:00 noon. A map to this location will be emailed at a later date.

The Luncheon will be hosted by Mark and Evelyn Shelley. There will be a door prize given to the lucky winner.

Please let Mark know if you will be able to attend so he can let the Delhi Café know how many to set up the seating for. Mark's phone number is: (517) 372-0818.

#### **June Muster Held in Elgin IL**

The Great Lakes Chapter held their first Muster of the 2011 season at Paul Wolf Campground in Elgin, IL. This was a joint Muster with the Northern Illinois S\*M\*A\*R\*T chapter.

Bob and Brenda Hutchings hosted this Muster and they did an outstanding job. The Muster was attended by 10 members and their spouses.

The food was great and the area had a multitude of attractions for everyone to visit. Of course, the casino saw several of our members trying their luck! The minutes of the Chapter meeting appear below.



**The Gang**



Meeting of the minds



Breakfast is being served

**Great Lakes SMART Chapter Minutes 13**  
**June 2011** at Paul Wolf Campground in Elgin, Illinois

The meeting was called to order by Dave Sevener at 6:15. Past President Dave chaired the meeting as the President and Vice President were not in attendance. Dave led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. The rain came down so we moved indoors.

The minutes from the 6<sup>th</sup> of September 2010 meeting was read by the Secretary. Paul Hintz made a motion to accept the minutes as read, seconded by Gar Johnson. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Arline Sevener reported we have a \$1209.05 balance. Arline paid Duane Hall \$82.19 for publishing the Ripples. Arline reported we have 40 members in Great Lakes SMART, of which 28 still owe dues for this year. Mike Kegley made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded by Brenda Hutchings. Motion carried.

Roll call was taken by Joan Brandon passing a sign up sheet around. The following members were present:

Jack & Karen Dietrich  
Paul & Romelle Hintz  
Ronald Knight  
Mike & Mary Kegley  
Jerry & Joan Brandon  
David & Arline Sevener  
Gar & Lou Johnson  
Mark Shelley  
Bob & Brenda Hutchings  
Roger & Betty Meness

Mike Kegley reported he is looking for members to volunteer to put on a Muster for the 2012 year. The December Christmas luncheon will be hosted by Mark & Evelyn Shelley. Mike made a motion to hold it on the 15<sup>th</sup> of December at Delhi in Lansing. Jerry Brandon seconded it. Motion carried. Mike will publish the next Ripples in late June or early July.

Mike reported Paul Brown is in the VA hospital at Detroit. He also talked to Rich Nentwig. He hopes to be at the Muster in July at White Cloud.

The 2011 National Muster will be held in Shawnee, Oklahoma 22-26 September 2011. They asked for a show of hands who will be attending. We had a discussion of sending a basket of Michigan products, or a Gift Card in the amount of \$50.00. Mark Shelley made a motion to purchase a Walmart card, seconded by Paul Hintz. Motion carried.

Motion by Mike and Jerry seconded to adjourn at 6:35pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by  
Joan Brandon Secretary



Bob and Brenda Hutchings, Muster Hosts

## July Muster Held in White Cloud, MI

The July Muster, held in White Cloud MI was hosted by Dave and Barb Jones at the White Cloud Campground.

The Muster started out with a rain storm that dumped several inches of water in a very short period. This made for a sticky hot day but, with air conditioning in the building, along with air in everyone's rig, it was not bad.

On Tuesday, the group made a side trip to the ex-LST-373 in Muskegon. It was a very interesting and enjoyable trip. The docent, at the museum, who directed us to where to start our tour of the ship, did a fine job of telling everyone about the ship and how it became a museum in Muskegon. Several of our members also toured other interesting sights in Muskegon and the surrounding area. There were cards and games to be played every night. A puzzle was put together in record time and good talk and plenty of stories were told.

On Wednesday, the Chapter held their meeting along with a planning meeting for the National Muster in 2012. The minutes of the Chapter meeting follow.

Thursday, after the attitude adjustment hour, we had our potluck dinner. The host provided a BBQ'd pork dinner, cooked to perfection by Dave and Arline Sevensen's son-in-law Leon Scott. Leon also prepared baked beans on the grill. Potato salad and coleslaw were provided and everyone brought a dessert to pass. What a meal!

Friday morning everyone had donuts and Mark Shelley's famous pita sandwiches along with coffee and said their goodbyes until the August Muster.



Dave & Barb Jones Muster Hosts



LST -393



Members visit LST-373



Our ladies spread the wealth shopping



Members relaxing after evening meal

**Great Lakes SMART Chapter Minutes** at  
White Cloud Campground 13 July 2011

The meeting was called to order by Dave Jones, President at 4:05 pm. Dave led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Attending were: Roger & Betty Meness, Jack & Karen Dietrich, Mike & Mary Kegley, Mark & Evelyn Shelley, Robert & Diane Metevia, David & Barbara Jones, Paul & Romelle Hintz, Donald Kirkpatrick, Jerry & Joan Brandon, David & Arline Sevenser.

Jerry Brandon made a motion to accept the minutes of the June 15 meeting as printed. Jack Dietrich seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Arline Sevenser reported a balance of \$1230.25 in the checkbook. We have 11 members who still owe dues this year. Arline will be sending out letters to those still owing dues. Arline thanked Mike for putting the book together of the member's information. Jerry Brandon made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, Mark Shelley seconded it. Motion carried.

Mike Kegley reported on Gar Johnson and how he is doing since his motorcycle accident and also reported on Nancy Eddy, Randy Knowles' friend and how she is doing since her fall. Mike also reported on the Christmas luncheon on 15 December at the Delhi in Lansing, MI. Mark Shelley has a paper to put your name on if you are planning on attending. Mike also said we need volunteers to host Musters for 2012. Jerry & Joan Brandon will host in June, Robert & Dianne Metevia in July and for the month of August we will probably go to Goshen IN, preparing for the National Muster for 2012. Jerry Brandon brought up Muster activities. Discussion followed.

Jack Dietrich, Regional Director reported that Dale Hertzfeld will be his replacement for Regional Director effective in September 2011. Jack also talked about needing to recruit new members to keep Smart strong and viable. Karen Dietrich said Northern Illinois will be having a Muster in May and will try to set it up before the Glass Rally which is held over Memorial Day.

Motion to adjourn was made by Mike Kegley at 4:54 pm, seconded by Jerry Brandon. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted by  
Joan Brandon, Secretary

**President's Corner**

Well another muster has come and gone, and a good time was had by all.

We have a very important muster coming up in August. This is a working muster in preparation for the National Muster in 2012. The North Central Region is responsible for next year's National and we need everyone's help in making this a successful National Muster. So everyone please attend the August Muster so we can get a good start in preparation for next year's National. A Muster Form is attached to this Newsletter.

Our Christmas luncheon this year is being hosted by Mark and Evelyn Shelley on 15 Dec 2011 in Lansing. More information will be sent out later. Hope to see everyone there.

David Jones, President

**Tentative Musters for 2012**

The following information is tentative and will be updated as soon as I have the dates and places of these Musters

June 2012 – Robert & Dianne Metevia  
Southern Michigan

July 2012 – Jerry & Joan Brandon  
Traverse City, Michigan

August 2012 – Jack and Karen Dietrich  
Goshen, Indiana

September 2012 – **National Muster 10 – 14th**  
Goshen Indiana  
Hosted by NC Region

## National Muster 2011 Shawnee, OK

It's not too late to sign-up/register for the National Muster in Shawnee, OK. Attached to this newsletter you will find an application. We have seven members of the Great Lakes Chapter planning on attending this Muster. We want to see more of you attend!

**Here are some more pictures of the two Musters that are now history.  
Enjoy!!**



Rich & Shirley Nentwig attend the White Cloud Muster. This was the first Muster that they were able to attend in the last two years. Welcome back!



The Docent onboard LST-393 explains the ins and outs of the ship



Arline Sevener at the helm



Out on the town – Elgin, IL



More out on the town – Elgin, IL



**S\*M\*A\*R\*T**  
**North Central Regional Working Muster**  
**Elkhart County 4-H Fair and Agricultural Exposition, Inc.**  
**17746 County Road 34**  
**Goshen, IN 46528**  
**7 – 13 August 2011**

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Other \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ S\*M\*A\*R\*T # \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Muster Fee (each attending)

\_\_\_\_\_ X \$15.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total cost = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Send remittance to: Jack Dietrich  
 167 Portside Drive  
 Lakemoor, IL 60050

***Make checks payable to: Jack Dietrich***

Email is as follows: [kdiet4948@aol.com](mailto:kdiet4948@aol.com)

Phone number: 847-502-0823

**ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST READ AND SIGN THIS FORM:** For services rendered to/received by those signed below, in their participation of any SMART activity, the undersigned hereby releases and agrees to indemnify and hold harmless SMART Inc., all officers, directors, employees, agents and their successors and assigns from all liabilities, injuries, obligations, claims, demands, losses, damages, judgments, penalties, expenses and disbursements, including reasonable attorney's fees of any kind and nature arising out of, or in any way related to the activity listed above. SMART is NOT responsible for the actions of any participating company, or agent with regard to their role in organizing, planning or for any other service they may provide for the benefit of the named person or activity. All persons must be 18 years or older, and must sign the required application. Name and signature of guests in your rig are required.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## **Working Muster August 7 – 13<sup>th</sup> Information**

After you fill out and mail your Muster Form to Jack Dietrich, you **Must Call the Campground and make your own reservation for this Muster.** The phone number for the Elkhart County 4-H Fair and Agricultural Exposition, Inc. is: (574) 533-3247. The GPS address is 17746 County Road 34, Goshen, IN 46628. You must spell out “County Road 34” for this to work. I have tried it and this is the way it works.



**See you at the Muster!**

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NATIONAL MUSTER REGISTRATION

2011

2011 National Muster Sept 21 - 26, 2011 (depart Sept 26)
Heart of Oklahoma Exposition Center \*1700 W. Independence, Shawnee, Ok 74802-1466
405-275-7020\* 1-800762-7695; www.shawneeexpo.org

Contact: National Muster Master - W. B. Smith wbdsmith43@sbcglobal.net \* 405-771-5999, call 405-990-1655
Reservation Deadline August 7, 2011

Make Check Payable to "SMART" ---- Mail to: SMART HQ: 600 University Ofc Blvd, 1A, Pensacola, FL 32504
DO NOT COMBINE THE PARKING AND REGISTRATION FEES! ---- PRINT THE INFORMATION

SMART# \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter(s) \_\_\_\_\_ 1st Timer Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
Name Last \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_ Guests \_\_\_\_\_
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Prov. \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_
Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Muster Fee: \$80.00 per person (\$160.00 two person rig), \$80.00 for each additional person;

Parking Fee: \$22.00 per night - per rig (if you would like to arrive early you can come in on Sunday, 18)

Upon receipt of registration, HQ will send a letter and a copy of the refund policy. Additional information by both email and regular mail will be sent by the National Muster Committee. Updates will be periodically provided by Email, in the Traveler, and on the SMART Website.

Meals provided consist of three continental breakfasts and one catered supper.

Specific: Tour and activity information to be announced in future packages.

Do you desire to participate in: Golf Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Crafts for sale Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_?

Games Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Donation of Chinese Auction Items Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Donation of Books for Book Sale Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

All ATTENDEES (MEMBERS AND GUESTS) must sign below in order to participate:

Please read the following: For Services rendered to /received by those signed below, in their participation of the SMART activity named above, the undersigned hereby releases and agrees to indemnify and hold harmless SMART Inc., all officers, directors, employees, agents and their successors and assigns from all liabilities, injuries, obligations, claims, demands, losses, damages, judgments, penalties, expenses and disbursements, including reasonable attorneys' fee of any kind and nature arising out of or in any way related to the activity listed above. SMART is NOT responsible for the actions of any participating company or agent, with regards to their role in organizing, planning, or for any other services they may provide for the benefit of the named person or activity. All persons must be 18 years or older, and must sign the required application.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

2011 NATIONAL MUSTER REGISTRATION 2011
DO NOT SEND TO SMART NATIONAL HQ. ---- DO NOT Combine Muster & Parking Payments
For Parking Reservation send this form and one Check of \$44.00 (2-Nights)
To: Peggy Wilson \* P.O. Box 457 \* McLoud, OK 74851-0457

Remainder of parking fee will be collected on arrival at the RATE of \$22.00 Per Night

Please print the Information

SMART # \_\_\_\_\_
NAME: Last \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_ # in Party \_\_\_\_\_
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Prov. \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_
Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Arrival Date: (NOT EARLIER THEN SEPT. 18 --- Departure Date: (NOT LATER THEN SEPT. 28

RV Type: [MH/5th Wheel, Travel Trailer] \_\_\_\_\_ Length \_\_\_\_\_ (ft.) # of slides \_\_\_\_\_ Vehicle in tow (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_ Pets (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_