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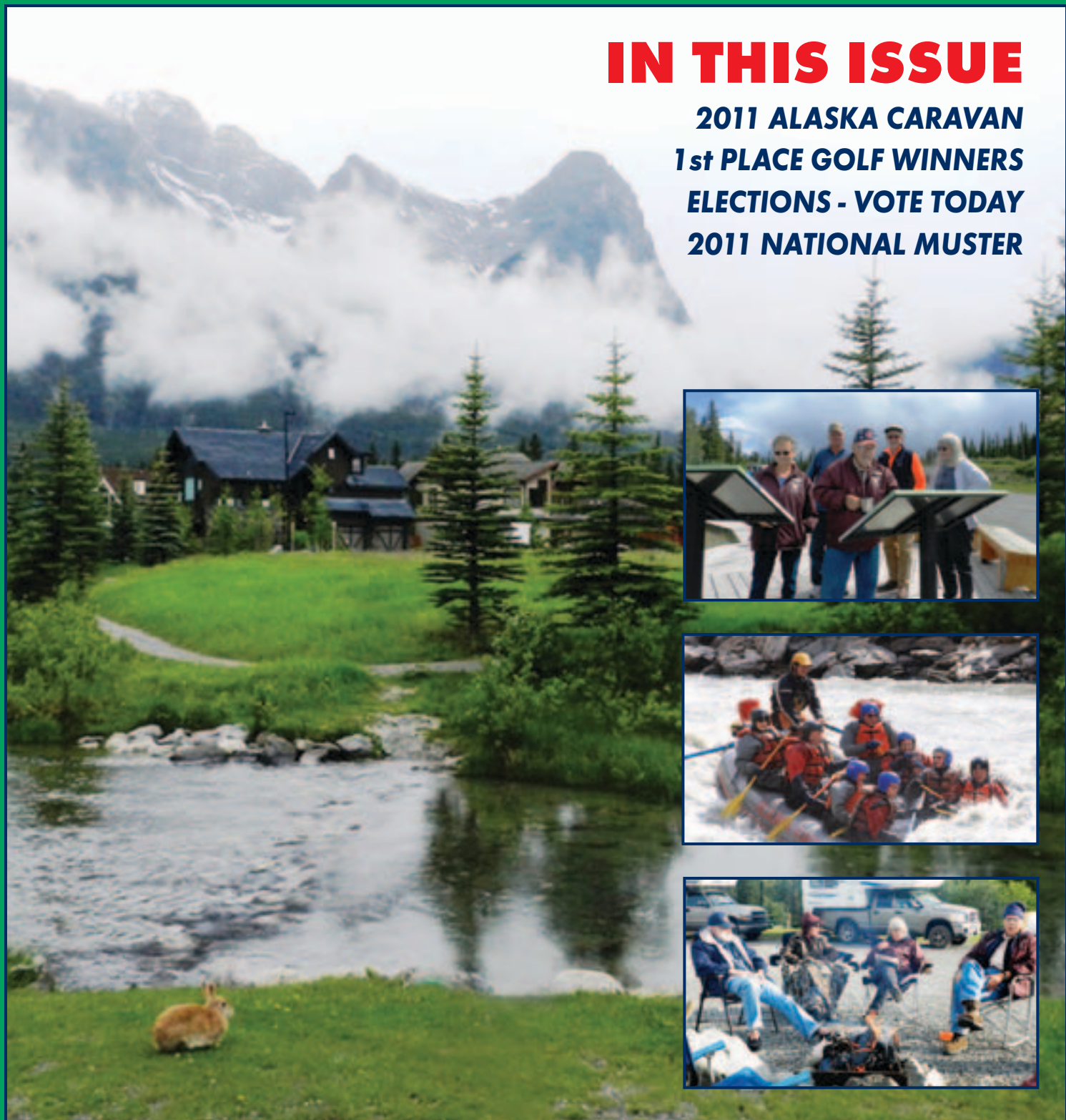


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SCENES FROM 2011 NATIONAL MUSTER

Everyone had a good time! From the Ladies Luncheon to the Calendar Girls/Guys??? Fun was had by all!



On The Cover

The June 12 – August 20, 2011 North to ALASKA Caravan was a Huge Success! Thirty-one SMART Members in 16 RV's met at Maelstrom AFB in Great Falls, MT. Our 70 day Journey through Canada, and onto the ALASKA Hwy from Dawson Creek to Delta Junction to the Top of the World Hwy was filled with Adventure. It all ended too quickly in Lynden, WA with Bumble Berry Pie and Dinner at Dutch Mother's Restaurant.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

What a great time had by all attending the National Muster in Shawnee Oklahoma. Don Daniel and his muster staff did an incredible job hosting this year's National Muster, all their hard work and planning contributed to a great Muster. As the incoming National President I wish to welcome aboard the new Board of Directors, say thank you to the out going Board Members and look forward to an exciting and challenging year ahead. I want to keep this article short to make room for the 1st & 2nd Vice Presidents article and committee reports. I ask that we all continue our recruitment efforts while concentrating on retention of our valued members. I want to thank you all for your continued support in SMART, stay safe and Happy Holidays.



David Weis

David Weis
SMART Nat'l President 2011 -2012

FROM THE SECOND VP

I am extremely excited to be a National Officer. I appreciate your confidence in me and I promise, I will make each decision based on what is best for the SMART Membership. My major responsibilities are Membership issues, Publication of the Traveler, and Update and modernization of our SMART website. Every member of SMART is encouraged to solicit Advertising for both the Traveler and the Website. Our toughest issue for 2012 as I see it is Recruiting new members and Retention of our current members. A new program for recruiting was adopted by the BOD and implemented at our recently completed 2011 National Muster at Shawnee, OK. This program allows Spouses of Regular Members to pay only \$15 for their first year in SMART. In addition spouses will purchase their own Name Badges or they may be purchased through SMART Nat'l Hdqtrs for \$7.50. After the first year, normal Spouse renewal will apply (ie \$30/yr under current rates). Again thanks for your confidence, and I look forward to seeing each of you seeing the country we defend.



Larry Sockwell

Larry Sockwell
Second Vice-President

THANK YOU FOR STOPPING BY NATIONAL HQ & VISITING WITH US!

Tom Dillon, David & Jackie Weis,
Lamar Enfinger, Bill Blansfield, Phil & Nita Taylor,
Chuck & Carol Kuzma

FROM THE FIRST VP

The National Muster in Shawnee OK culminated a great year for SMART. As we bid adieu to Merle Dodge, our Immediate Past President, a new set of officer's moves up to take the helm of our club. I won't kid anyone; in 2012 we will face some of the most serious challenges that have been presented. Our dwindling membership has had detrimental effects on musters, at all levels, caravans, the Traveler, various programs and extends into our very financial structure. However, we the officers of SMART are dedicated to reversing this trend. It's our #1 priority and we hope to make it yours. In addition to reducing new membership rates for spouses, we have expanded the free year of membership for recruiting 5 members to include members that have dropped their membership for more than 6 months. A reduced cost two-year membership for new members will be introduced. A Sponsorship Program for new members is being put in place and the STAR Chapter has been designated as a National Service Chapter with new emphasis on STAR recruiting and the STAR award. Look for new membership applications and information on the Membership Action Plan in this and future issues of the Traveler, on the website and in the E-News.



Chuck Kuzma

Chuck Kuzma
First Vice-President

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TOTAL MEMBERS TO DATE: 1582

(These numbers change on a daily basis as new members join, some reinstate or some members delete)

Joined 65
Reinstated 16
Deleted – Non-Pmt 43
Deleted – Other 17
Inquiries 5

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WELCOME & CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS AND THEIR SPONSORS

#	Member & Spouse	City, State	Sponsor	#	Member & Spouse	City, State	Sponsor
13317	Pinckney Pittman (Deborah)	Madison, FL	A Haynes	13350	Margaret Bruce (Vernon)	Livingston, TX	V Bruce
13318	Roger Ford (Bonnie)	Green Cove Springs, FL	C Christen	13351	Lena Mueller (Bill)	Livingston, TX	F Mueller
13319	Randall Heuton (Luann)	Amarillo, TX		13352	Jill McKay (Stan)	Polk City, FL	S McKay
13320	Michael Foederer (Gail)	Dinwiddie, VA		13353	Dorothy Stielow (Sherwin)	Russell, KS	S Stielow
13321	John Coy (Joanne)	Rochester, NY		13354	Sarah Colt (Steve)	Orange Park, FL	S Colt
13322	Stanley Horton (Shirley)	Panama City, FL	C Newton	13355	Joy Duval (Robert)	Chattanooga, TN	R Duval
13323	Samuel Bengé (Mary)	Richmond, IN	R Steger	13356	Francis Voyles (Wilford)	Hawesville, KY	W Voyles
13324	Martin Marasco (Faith)	Hernando Beach, FL	B Vance	13357	Leon Frazier (Rosella)	Granbury, TX	E Dittlinger
13325	Rene Guionnaud (Carol)	Chattanooga, TN	G Thomas	13358	Judith Dietz (Gilbert)	Spring Hill, FL	D Ruhne
13326	Robert McCormick (Frances)	Slingerlands, NY	J Hartmann	13359	Dorothy Russell (David)	Poynette, WI	D Ruhne
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13328	Mike Michaud (Stella)	Covington, LA		13361	Glyndon Scott (Ethel)	Hemet, CA	J Davis
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13330	Donald Leonard (Kathie)	Bluffton, SC	K Hill	13363	Diana Tamborino (Charles)	Pinson, AL	C Tamborino
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13332	Bob Wilson (Cleva)	Hutchinson, KS	S Stielow	13365	Romelle Hintz (Paul)	Kewanee, IL	P Hintz
13333	David Barr (Edda)	Placentia, CA	J Sweeney	13366	Abbie Coffman (Walter)	Crossville, TN	C Kuzma
13334	Marilyn Dupree (Drew)	Yulee, FL	D Weis	13367	Ilene Green (Thomas)	Pasco, WA	T Green
13335	Ron Castanaga (Zandra)	Lawton, OK	C Tamborino	13368	Juanita Taylor (Phillip)	Little Rock, AR	P Taylor
13336	Al Cooper (Cathy)	Livingston, TX	D Minton	13369	Nancy Katin (Jon)	Albany, OR	J Katin
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13338	Elaine Hallada (Carl)	San Antonio, TX	C Hallada	13371	Clifford Davis (Patti)	Ft Walton Beach, FL	H Smith
13339	Kay Knight (Bob)	Hutchinson, KS	B Knight	13372	David Toothaker (Pam)	Tampa, FL	
13340	Cleva Labree (Ronald)	Sequin, TX	R Labree	13373	Jerry Lee (Diana)	Roseville, CA	D Ruhne
13341	Mary Helen Mayhew (Ken)	Leavenworth, WA	K Mayhew	13374	Wilmer Witt (Gale)	North Port, FL	
13342	Susan Frost (Jack)	Tavares, FL	P Frost	13375	Michael Hill	Pensacola, FL	C Kuzma
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13344	Dorothy Michel (David)	Oak Harbor, WA	D Michel	13377	Thomas Dailey (Donna)	Fleming Island, FL	
13345	Dianne LeBlanc (Charles)	Slidell, LA	C LeBlanc	13378	Steven Bogart	Lansing, KS	D Minton
13346	Jean Rider (Paul)	Whitehome, TX	P Rider	13379	Mitchell Henson (Karen)	Childersburg, AL	
13347	Etta Daniel (Don)	Blanchard, OK	D Daniel	13380	Karen Henson (Mitchell)	Childersburg, AL	
13348	Ramona Ortiz (Terry)	Las Cruces, NM	E Ortiz	13381	Donald Parrish (Sharon)	Winter Park, FL	
13349	Maria Tesmer (John)	Orlando, FL	J Tesmer				

A Special Thank You Note!

Your special ways and generous hearts make a beautiful difference. Thank you all for blessing our school with such wonderful supplies!

Tinker Elementary Staff & Students
Tinker Air Force Base, OK



Pat Kavanaugh, SWRD, and Karen Dietrich of NC Region, admiring some of the school supplies gathered for Tinker Elementary School.

DIRECTIONS TO HQ PENSACOLA, FL

FROM I-10: take Exit 13 (old Exit 5). At stop light (Davis Hwy.) turn left (South) - stay in far right lane, turn right at the FIRESTONE STORE.

FROM ANY DIRECTION: Get on 291 (Davis Hwy.) turn on the North side of University Mall at the FIRESTONE STORE. Stay on that road until you see American Water. Turn right on the North side of building. You will be facing Motel 6. Look for a row of mail boxes on the left, turn Left into the parking lot. We are in Building 1.

OFFICE HOURS

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Monday - Thursday CST **CLOSED FRIDAY**

SUBMISSION DATES

The deadline for submitting articles or photos for the SMART Traveler is the 1st of EVERY Even Month (Feb., Apr., June, Aug., Oct., Dec. While we set the date for the 1st day of EVERY Even Month, we usually allow for a few days following if you let us know that you will have a submission for the Traveler. And remember - we are always looking for interesting information to pass on to our members, or share stories having to do with SMART, camping or any kind of activity that show new "potential" members what kind of fun our SMART members have.

NATIONAL SPOUSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The National Spouse Advisory Committee was formed at the 2009 National Muster. By definition, every spouse of a SMART member is a member of this committee. The role of the chair of this committee is to be the voice of spouses at the national level: be the Ombudsman to the Board of Directors for any problems and concerns affecting spouses of SMART members emanating from chapters and regions; suggest seminars and activities that would appeal to spouses to the National Muster Masters; and, coordinate charitable activities at National Musters. The chair attends the National Muster; conducts the annual meeting; and, summarizes the year's activity in an annual report to the Board of Directors. Occasionally, the chair writes articles for the *Traveler* and SMART e-News and uses e-mail for individual communication.

A succession plan has been developed to provide leadership for the future of this worthwhile committee. The current leadership of this committee is composed of Sally Kavanaugh, Chair, (LadySallyK@msn.com) and Diana Tamborino, Vice-Chair (dgrandpaslove@aol.com).

Watch for articles describing the charitable activities for the 2012 National Muster in Goshen, IN. Articles will be in the *Traveler* throughout the upcoming year. You can help!

WHERE DO THE DOLLARS GO?

Each time the SMART budget is approved, it is printed in the *Traveler* for the benefit of all the members. Understanding a budget is sometimes difficult, so Sally Kavanaugh, Budget & Finance Committee/Spouse Advisory Committee, prepared a synopsis of the 2011 budget that may be of assistance to you.

The 2011 budget was \$92,493. Of that, income projected was to be: Membership dues and initiation fees (\$67,743 or 73%); Admin. Income from musters (\$8,750 or 10%), caravans (\$4,600 or 5%); any surplus generated from the national and regional musters (\$6,500 or 7%); and, miscellaneous items (\$4,600 or 5%). Expenses were projected to be: Salaries (\$44,300 or 48%); the *Traveler* (\$16,000 or 17%); Rent and Utilities (\$8,335 or 9%); Insurance (\$8,100 or 9%); Office and Computer (\$4,595 or 5%); Accounting (\$4,200 or 5%); Postage (\$3,400 or 4%); Misc. (\$1,650 or 2%); and, Advertising (\$1,000 or 1%).

Based on year-to-date receipts, income is lagging expenses. SMART lost 93 members for the period of January through August which is a loss of \$3,800. Admin income is also lagging because of smaller attendance at national and regional musters. Two caravans were cancelled for lack of participants, a loss of \$1,800 in potential income. Surplus from the 2011 National Muster is not known at the time. Expenses are as projected in the budget with the exception of the accounting and insurance which are once-year payments that have already been paid. Be assured that the Board of Directors of SMART is doing everything possible to ensure that expenses at the end of the budget year do not exceed income.

Thank You!

The National Spouse Advisory Committee thanks each and every member and chapter who donated items for the various charitable activities collected during the 2011 National Muster in Shawnee, OK.

Eight boxes and several bags of diverse school supplies were delivered to Tinker Elementary School. The school staff was very excited to see so many items as their supply closet had been greatly depleted in the few weeks since school began. Special acknowledgement goes to the NY Empire SMART and the Arizona Tumbleweed chapters for the very large boxes of supplies.

The Wounded Warrior and Warmth for Warrior programs received eight boxes of items: 609 skull caps, 130 wash cloths and 17 scarves. Special acknowledgement goes to Arizona Tumbleweeds (171 hats and 17 scarves), Jersey Devils (116 hats and 77 wash cloths), Golden Gate (99 hats), SMART Mo-Hawks (40 hats). Thanks also to the many members who made individual donations including Gloria Hertzfeld, Kay Haines, Helen Hargiss, Jane Edstrom, Hilda Prickett, Joan Brandon, Carol Kuzma, and to all those who made anonymous donations. Thanks also to those who donated a \$1 or more to help cover the shipping costs.

The SMART Quilters came through with several lap robes that were delivered to and well-received by the VA Hospital in Oklahoma City. Fifteen quilters created southwestern-designed squares that were converted into a beautiful quilt. This quilt was raffled off and netted approximately \$300 which was donated to the National Muster Committee. The committee added these dollars to those resulting from the book sale and silent auction and presented over \$600 each to the Sew Much Comfort and Wounded Warrior programs.

TAPS

(Call or email HQ for mailing address to send a condolence card.)

EDWARD KIRSTAHLER

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spouse of Robert Richard
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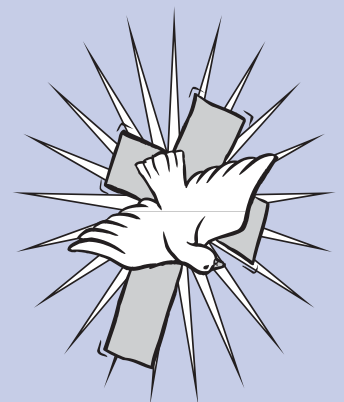
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IN THE DRIFT

Paul Rider, National Chaplain

For the past 6 years, we have been fulltime RVers. Our loosely constructed annual "travel plan" has consisted of one or two events we wanted to attend during the year ...like a SMART Muster, a reunion, a family wedding, etc. And as we traveled to those events, we filled in the time between scheduled events by visiting places of interest we found on the map between one event and the next, just pretty much drifting along with the tide toward the next place on our loose schedule. But as we think back, we really weren't drifting aimlessly...at any given time, we did have a destination and appointed time to be there, although in some cases it was 5 months or so in the future.

I recently read a story in an old Upper Room devotional guide that talked about a similar kind of drifting, and the importance of KNOWING that you are drifting. Here's the story the writer told:

My wife's brother gave me the gift of a fishing trip on Lake Erie. I hadn't been fishing since I was a child. Lake Erie was calm that day, and except for a gentle rocking, the boat seemed motionless. I was content to lean against the rail and drink soft drinks while I cast and re-cast my line without much action. But several times I heard the captain of the charter boat say as he started up the engines, "We need to move back ...we were in the drift." I had not sensed that we were moving at all, but apparently we were drifting in an invisible current.

In both a physical and a spiritual sense, none of us is sitting still. Like that boat, we are all moving...moving into tomorrow and the

next day and the day after that. Do we have a plan, a purpose, a destination? Are we moving toward those we love?...or away from those we love?...toward where we would like or need to be in life?...or away from where we would like or need to be?... toward God?...or away from God? Perhaps we are blissfully "in the drift," moved by unnoticed external forces without any guidance or worthwhile goal, headed for an unintended and unwelcome destination.

It takes effort, attention, and quite often courage to live purposeful lives, but the reward is worth it. Good, fulfilling relationships with family and friends don't just happen...a meaningful, rewarding life is not an accident that simply occurs...and neither is a deep companionship with our loving God.

It is much easier to just stay where we are, or to just drift with the current, but if we are to get anywhere meaningful in life, and in our relationships with others and with our God, we need to pay some attention to the direction we're going, and to those unwelcome forces pulling us in unwelcome directions. And along the way, we must make occasional directional corrections to our course if we are to make it to our desired destination in life.

Are you aware of where you are going?...or are you just mindlessly "in the drift"?

adapted from The Upper Room for Mar 1, 2010 by R. Michael Sanders



The quilt winner at the National Muster in Shawnee, OK examines her prize.

A Special Offer

FOR ALL SPOUSES OF REGULAR MEMBERS!

For only \$15.00! You can join SMART today and have your own member number and be eligible to vote for our next years 2nd Vice President and vote on other important club issues. Send in your payment today to HQ for your membership # and name tag.

National Muster

★ ★ 2012 ★ ★

The North Central Region will be hosting the 2012 muster at the Elkhart County 4H Fairgrounds in Goshen, IN. Plans are well under way to insure that everyone finds something of interest to do. The muster will be held from the 10th of September to the 15th of September 2012. Early arrivals will be permitted on the 8th of September.

Being in the Crossroads of America and the RV Capital of America will be an experience that you will talk about for a long time. There will be side trips to see the RV Museum, Shipshewana Flea Market and trips to the various RV stores and manufacturers. You will have the opportunity to have dinner at an Amish home.

Jack Dietrich and Dale Hertzfeld, as Muster Chairmen, have assembled a crew to plan the experience of a lifetime. They have picked Mike Kegley as Muster Master and Dave Sevener as Assistant Muster Master to help them with the selection of SMART members to chair the various committees.

Mike Kegley
2012 National Muster Master
Elkhart, IN

CARAVANS AND TOURS

Hello SMART Members,

As the new National Travel Coordinator, I will give you a brief history about myself and my view on SMART caravans. My wife Connie and I have been in SMART for 10 years. We have been on five SMART caravans. Our first caravan was the Grand Circle as members and we truly enjoyed ourselves. Next, we teamed up with friends and ran three caravans as the tail gunners. We did the Maritimes twice and then a History caravan in Washington DC, Lancaster and Gettysburg PA. We were the Wagon Masters on the 2011 Alaska caravan and once again we enjoyed traveling with our SMART friends.

Connie and I feel traveling with our club is really the best way to see our country. It's more fun traveling together and we do more than we would do by ourselves. Your Wagon Masters plan a year ahead to provide the group with good campgrounds and attractions at a discounted group rate far below commercial companies. You also have peace of mind when you travel in a group knowing someone is there to help if there's a problem. We always support our members in any way we can to ensure they have a safe, an enjoyable trip. If you have never joined a SMART caravan, I would strongly recommend you try one and decide for yourself.

Your 2012 Travel Committee is comprised of myself, Craig Christen Asst. NTC, Paul Proctor and Carl Hallada. We plan to work hard to make 2012 a great caravan year for SMART. We are offering six caravans for you to choose from. Alaska and Maritimes will be our 50-65 day caravans. Our two new caravans Colorado Rail Adventure and Wisconsin Dells/Oshkosh EAA Air Show will be between 20-30 days. The 7-15 day caravans will include another new caravan the Rose Bowl Parade and a SMART favorite the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta which we will be Wagon Masters. Decide which one is for you and join your fellow SMART members.



Doug Harrell

We are always looking for suggestions for new caravans so our members can have more options in the future. Connie and I will do a 2013 Great Lakes Fall Colors caravan. If you want to tour a specific area let us know and maybe we can offer a caravan in that area in the future.

Doug Harrell
SMART National Travel Coordinator • bigkuputa@yahoo.com

2012 ALBUQUERQUE INTERNATIONAL BALLOON FIESTA (AIBF) AND SANTA FE CARAVAN

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Dates: October 4-16, 2012

Let your imagination soar at the 41st annual aibf. It started in 1972 with only 13 hot air balloons! Come with us to enjoy the world's oldest aviation sport. You'll be awestruck and amazed at the mass ascensions of over 650 balloons at "The Greatest Show Off the Earth" for nine days. It's the largest balloon event on the earth. The kaleidoscope of colors, shapes, and sizes from around the world is sure to please. Making it the largest international event held in the United States. It's the most photographed event on the earth with a pink elephant, a stagecoach, bumblebees, a flying cow, Darth Vader and lots more balloons for your enjoyment. Experience this beautiful, magical, moving picture show of balloons floating silently through the crisp autumn air in the balloon capital of the world.

The event line up includes the Dawn Patrol, Flight of the Nations, Balloon Glows, Special Shape "Glowdeo," After Glow Fireworks, & entertainment. Come see the Zebras in action. Experience the challenges of a chase crew. Help set up, launch, chase, and recover a balloon under the pilot and crew chief's directions and maybe get a ride. Just ask us how! Or on your own take a hot air balloon ride with a tour company.

Marvel at the skills of the pilot in the competitions based on accuracy rather than speed. Learn about the "Albuquerque Box" and the sport of ballooning. Watch as "America's Challenge," the

world's longest cross country helium filled balloon race lifts off from the fiesta grounds and lands about 3 days later somewhere on the east coast of the US.

Imagine waking up and watching the mass ascension drift right over your rv or a balloon landing right beside your rv! Don't forget your camera or lawn chairs. We have reserved 20 premium sites with water & electric hookups on the balloon fiesta grounds with mobile sewage service and free shuttles to the launch area.

We have planned continental breakfasts, socials, pot lucks along with restaurant meals. Albuquerque's Old Town has many historic museums, buildings and gift shops. Be aware taking your adventure level to new heights in Albuquerque at 5300' could cause some breathing difficulties. We will visit the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center, the National Museum of Nuclear Science & History, the AIBF Balloon Museum, the Acoma Pueblo (Sky City) 6000' and enjoy lunch. We'll ride the world's largest passenger aerial tramway and enjoy the spectacular views of the land of enchantment at the top of Sandia Peak 10,376'. Travelers with chronic lung and heart conditions should check with their physicians before taking this caravan.

We're extending your fiesta vacation with 3 nights in historic Santa Fe. It's the highest and oldest capital city in the US. The Loretto Chapel and it's "miraculous staircase" is a must-see. Enjoy the open air tram tour of the city and all aboard for your ride on the Santa Fe Southern Railway. Don't let this opportunity float away! **Send \$260 deposit with application. Payment schedule, if available will be included with acknowledgement letter.**

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Cost: \$5385 for 2 Person RV; \$4371 for 1 Person RV;
\$948 EA/ADDT'L Person
Dates: Approx: 17 June-23 August.

Journey with us to the Beautiful Last Great Frontier-ALASKA. We are starting the Alaska Caravan at Great Falls, Montana, on 17 June, and ending in Washington state on 23 August 2012. It will be a 67 day trip. Care will be taken to spend as much time in Alaska (32 days) as possible, but remember there is a lot of road though Canada, which is also very scenic. The Caravan will travel up the east side of the Rocky Mountains through Banff, beautiful Lake Louise and Jasper, Alberta, Canada stopping by the Columbia Ice Fields along the way.

We'll start the Alaska Highway at Dawson Creek, traveling on to Fort Nelson in British Columbia, and then into the Yukon Territory through Watson Lake, Whitehorse, and Teslin. In Alaska we will spend time at Skagway, Valdez, Anchorage, Homer on the Kenai Peninsula, Denali National Park, Fairbanks and North Pole Alaska. We'll be traveling the Top of the World Highway to Dawson City, Yukon, return to Whitehorse, and then down the Cassier Highway to Jade City BC and Stewart/Hyder, ending in Washington USA.

Plans are being made to have meals at local restaurants, group pot luck dinners, supersized cinnamon buns, cruises to some of the glaciers, shows, and tours of local city areas to local sites. A great time is being planned for everyone to really enjoy themselves, and really get to see Alaska and beautiful Canada. Travel days are planned to be short in mileage, most are less than 200 miles so you can stop and enjoy the sights along the way.

You will receive a Mile Post Magazine and an Alaska Discount Coupon Book for each RV unit to save on costs with 2 for 1 prices for a number of planned activities. You will be given Caravan jackets and other mementos for each caravan member.

There will be 33 camp ground stops with lots of activities, personal leisure days, and down time. Get your camera skills ready to capture mountains, glaciers, bears, moose, caribou, salmon and other fantastic sites on this once in a lifetime caravan. We need your reservation by 20 March 2012 to ensure we have enough participants to make this caravan GO. You can sign up your non-SMART friends. This is a very popular Caravan and is Limited to 20 RV's. Send in your applications early and get your passports ASAP. **SEND \$260 deposit with application. Payment Schedule, IF AVAILABLE, will be included with your acknowledgment letter.**

2012 OSHKOSH EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT ASSOC. AIRVENTURE & WISCONSIN DELLS CARAVAN

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Cost: Estimated: \$2,080.00 2-person RV; \$1,485.00
1-person RV; \$715.00 Guest
Dates: 12 July – 27 July 2012

This 16 day caravan captures the energy and awesomeness of the country's greatest experimental aircraft airshow and the fantastic sights in the surrounding Wisconsin Dells & Spring Green areas. We start this caravan at Spring Green, home of the Frank Lloyd-Wright studio & house, visiting the House on the Rock and the famous Cave of the Mounds National Natural Landmark. We'll also go to a famous Wisconsin cheese factory, Little Norway, and the Wollersheim winery. Then we travel to the relaxing (for some—not us) Wisconsin Dells where we will "Ride the Ducks" reliving an amphibious assault (on the Dells), visit the original Ringling Brothers winter quarters Circus World Museum & show, float with the Upper Dells boat tour and ride out a magnificent mile of cliff walled gorges through Lost Canyon.

After the fun of the Dells, we'll head for Oshkosh, Wisconsin, where for over 50 years the Wittman Regional Airport becomes a thrilling place where flight enthusiasts and aircraft gather for the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) AirVenture Fly-in. See superbly maintained antique, classic and home-built

airplanes-hundreds of them. Walk among them and talk with the pilots who built and fly them. Watch the extremely large formations of aircraft pass overhead in staggering numbers. There are lots of military airplanes to admire and air show performances that "fill the sky" with aircraft and spectacular pyrotechnics, air races with vintage warbird aircraft, and an unbelievable aeronautical museum. There are some of the oldest and newest aircraft to view, lots of seminars on all aspects of aircraft building & flying, and old flying movies to attend. Oshkosh brings together a greater number of aviation enthusiasts than anywhere on earth. Visit the superb EAA aircraft museum and the 1930s styled Pioneers Airport hangars to relive the growth of aviation. We're staying right next to the venue with hookups and shuttles to the AirVenture Fly-in. We'll see over 10,000 aircraft from 80 countries, from 240 pound microlights to the biggest airlifters and everything in between, and you may even be able to ride aboard the EAA's 1929 Ford Tri-Motor aircraft. Our tours are set up by SMART Member and Retired EAA Museum/Flight Operations Director Tom Barrett. Come experience a part of aviation history, and have a little fun also. All activities are handicap accessible and we'll have 15 nights of RV hookups. We are currently limiting this caravan to 20 participant RVs, so sign up early! **SEND \$260.00 DEPOSIT WITH APPLICATION. Payment Schedule, if available will be included with your acknowledgement letter.**

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Costs: Estimated \$4,400 2 person rig, \$3,700 1 person rig, \$1,000 additional person. Plus approx. \$900-\$1800 for RV ferry passage to Newfoundland (depending on length, including your toad)

Dates: Approximately June 15 to August 15

For many RVers a trip to the Maritimes is on their "bucket list" and many SMART Caravaners have declared it their favorite trip. Join us for this not to be missed caravan as we begin our odyssey with a motor coach tour of Boston, celebrate Father's Day together, experience Bar Harbor, Maine and explore Acadia National Park. You will cross into New Brunswick, Canada at Calais and stop at the Bay of Fundy where you can walk on the ocean floor and see for yourself the highest tides on the East coast. In Halifax we will celebrate Canada Day, 4th of July to Canadians, and attend the world famous International Tattoo where 2,000 world class military and civilian performers will amaze and thrill you, visit the Titanic Memorial, attend a reenactment at the Citadel National Historic Park, visit Peggy's Cove and much, much more. On Prince Edward Island we will visit the home of "Anne of Green Gables," visit the Potato Museum and eat plenty of fresh lobster but the

adventure doesn't stop there. On Cape Breton Island you will drive the Cabot Trail by toad to experience the most scenic and beautiful coastline in North America. From Baddeck you will visit the Alexander Graham Bell Museum, tour the scenic Bras D' Or Lake region and experience Celtic music and culture. At North Sidney you will board the ferry for the overnight trip in your own cabin to Newfoundland. In Newfoundland we will attend a Viking Dinner Theatre, whale watch, see puffins and eat more seafood.

Along the way we will have pot lucks, celebrate birthdays and anniversaries, brush shoulders with Canadian Legionnaires, step dance with the locals, have bus and boat tours and make a million memories. You will have time on your own to do laundry, shop, visit local breweries, find a fabulous yarn shop and return to that fish and chips place you loved so much. History, nature, the sea, wildlife, music and food are experienced here as can't be experienced any other place. Visit the provincial web sites at: <http://tourismpei.com>, <http://newfoundlandlabrador.com>, <http://tourismnewbrunswick.com>, <http://novascotia.com> for a sampling of all that awaits you on this Maritime Caravan. Sign up today as we are limited to 20 and several rigs were disappointed in 2011 so we should fill up fast. Visit the SMART website for specific dates and details as they are confirmed. **SEND \$260 DEPOSIT WITH APPLICATION. Payment Schedule, IF AVAILABLE, will be included with your acknowledgement letter.**

2012 COLORADO ADVENTURE

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Cost Estimates: \$3,050 2 Per/RV; \$2,050 1Per/RV; and \$1,100 Add'l Per.

Dates: 20 May - 10 June 2012

Teddy Roosevelt described a train journey through Colorado as "the trip that bankrupts the English language." Come find out for yourself! We'll start with a welcome dinner in historic Durango. The next day will be entirely devoted to the grandest of all Colorado rail journeys on the Durango and Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad. While in Silverton, you can browse the many shops and have a leisurely lunch before boarding the motor coach for the return trip to Durango over the Million Dollar highway. The next day we'll carpool to Mesa Verde National Park, land of ancient Pueblo Indians and their cliff dwellings. Then we're off to Chama New Mexico for our next journey on the Cumbres and Toltec Scenic Railroad, the longest and most spectacular narrow gauge steam railroad in North America. The train will stop in Osier at an altitude of 12,000 feet, where lunch will be served before returning to Chama. The next morning we depart Chama for Alamosa to ride the standard gauge Rio Grande Scenic Railroad over La Veta Pass. While in Alamosa we'll visit the Great Sand Dunes National Park. Departing Alamosa, we're on our way to the Royal Gorge, home of the world's highest suspension bridge.

Our next excursion is a ride on the Royal Gorge Scenic Railway, "the most scenic train ride in North America", where we'll enjoy a gourmet lunch. For those who want a little more adventure there will be a river rafting trip down the Arkansas River. Our travels will then take us to Colorado Springs, home of the USAF Academy. In Colorado Spring we'll visit the Air Force Academy, Seven Falls and board the world's highest cog railway, the Manitou Springs and Pikes Peak Cog Railway, ascending to the 14,115 foot summit of Pikes Peak, which inspired the lyrics to "America the Beautiful". **(CAUTION: Some people may experience altitude sickness which may include symptoms of dizziness, nausea and headaches. In addition, if you have cardiac or respiratory problems, it is not advised that you make the ascent without first consulting your physician).**

There will be adequate time to visit the Garden of the Gods, Cave of the Winds, Broadmoor Hotel, Olympic Training Center or the Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame to name a few. We'll travel up to Golden Colorado, our final stop. While in Golden we'll enjoy a tour of the Coors Brewery and Colorado Railroad Museum, home to a vast collection of priceless railroad history. For our last railroad adventure, a ride on the famous Georgetown Loop, with its horseshoe curved steel trestle over the highway. A special farewell dinner will conclude our journey. Don't miss this scenic Colorado adventure. We are limiting the caravan to 20 rigs, so get your reservations in early. **Send a deposit of \$260.00 along with your application to HQ.**

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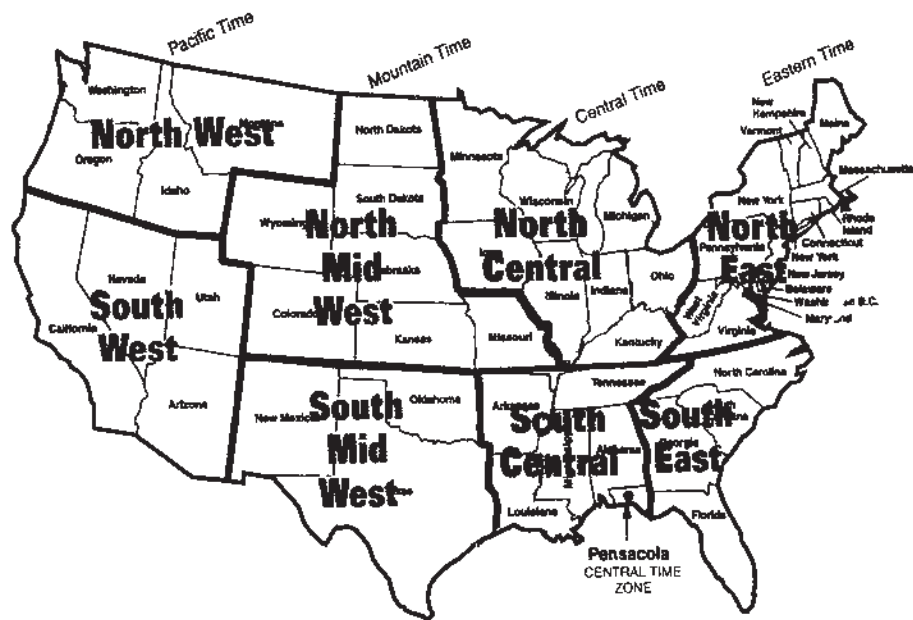
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ARKANSAS HOGS

"Did you have a good time?" I'm sure that any one of you who went to the National Muster in Shawnee, OK would answer "Yes". Thank you, SMW Region for hosting a really great 2011 National Muster.

What a joy it was to see other SMARTS whom we have not seen in years. It is a wonderful feeling to give them a big sincere hug and reminisce and catch up on how the families are and what they have been doing.

The Hogs were quite well represented with 27 members and spouses attending. We had an informal get together and attitude adjustment at the Frank's coach on Saturday. Many topics were discussed and the nominating committee presented their list of 2012 officer candidates. Ballots for voting for the new slate of officers have been sent out and need to be returned by 5 Nov. The results will be announced at the Veteran's Day Muster in North Little Rock 8-11 Nov. At that muster plans are being made to use the kitchen and dining facilities of the Inland Maritime Museum with a guided tour of the museum to boot. We will also tour the submarine, the USS Razorback which has been restored by a group of Sub Vets



including our own Jim Franks who was assigned on it and knows it thoroughly. The ladies plan to attend the LR Junior Leagues annual Christmas bazaar and the guys, or whoever, a tour of the Jacksonville Military Museum. The Veterans Day observance will be at the new Veterans Memorial in No. Little Rock.

The Muster at Lake Charles State Park at Black Rock, AR was so much fun. We had a rather small number attending however the hosts Ralph & Edey Jungels had the week well planned and provided a wonderful meal with hamburgers, hot dogs, beans, potato salad and dessert the first night at the pavilion. Monday's activities included a tour of the historic Powhatan Courthouse and adjacent buildings. On Tuesday we drove to the Walnut Ridge Industrial Area and toured Custom Pac, a plant that manufactures plastic cases for tools. An unbelievable amount of industrial machinery is required to make these many sizes of plastic cases. Next was a tour to Kut Quick, a plant that makes all kinds of knives. We then ate lunch at the Parachute Inn. The restaurant is in an old "Boeing 737" airplane. Following lunch we visited the Walnut Ridge Army Flying School Museum containing many WWI & II memorabilia and much more. On Friday night we dined at the Sportsman's Inn for our farewell gathering.

Installation of 2012 officers will be at the Christmas luncheon held 6 December at 1100 hrs at the Hangar 1080 club on Little Rock AFB. A buffet lunch will be served.

Once again you can get all this detailed information and much more on our website: www.arsmarthogs.com.

Eileen Wheeler
Hog Secretary



Arkansas Hogs gathering together at the Nat'l Muster

FLORIDA ROADRUNNERS

The Florida Roadrunners enjoyed their 1st year SMART chapter anniversary/muster at Jennings RV Resort in Jennings, Florida. WOW, what an agenda the hosts, Kathy & Andy Anderson prepared for our social get together. Plenty of good eats; fun games (pegs & joker, hand & foot) were very popular and great conversations to please everyone. Members present, submitted their choice of a military charity to receive 1/2 of 50/50 monies collected this past year. \$176.00 will be donated to the USO in the Florida Roadrunners chapter's name. Our few chapter members were very proud to show off their new vests of red, white & blue, with their names embroidered on the white panel, besides the chapter logo embroidered on the back and front. (See group picture)



Roadrunners show off their new vests at September muster

We had many "special guests" come to the September muster to check us out. Sarah & Steve Colt invited friends, Sandy & David Kelly, while Tom Slattery brought a longtime acquaintance, Winnie

Bushouer. Other "special guests" Bobbie & Glen Winkleman contacted our hosts to participate in the muster festivities. Jerry & Martha Cole, from the Gulf Coast Eagles, attended the excitement of the muster. Martha took home \$26.00 from the 50/50 drawing. Hank Pelz assisted in selling the winning 50/50 number drawn. Greg & Fran Casalenuovo, from the FL Sunshine/Buccaneers chapters, came as guests and left as chapter members. (see group picture) All our "special guests" were amazed at how active & friendly our small chapter is. They were given invites to our November, January and March musters. Jim & "D" McDade also handed out info/invitations for the New Year's Eve Bash planned at Lazy Days/Rally Park in Sneffner, Florida.



New Roadrunners at September muster

After the business meeting, Jim & "D" departed for Shawnee, Oklahoma, for their FIRST National Muster. For those who were able to attend, you really missed a great National muster. From what they said, it was wonderful, met new friends and invited guests to the November muster at Cedar Key, Florida. Looks like our small chapter will be acquiring more new members.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

The Southern California Chapter continues to out-do itself in fun (this of course has attracted new members). We have made very good use of local Elks Lodges with their RV areas, reasonable rates, and good food at their lodges (at least one dinner or lunch.) This quarter it was the Vista Elks Lodge with pot lucks, shopping for bargains, flying model helicopters, using the nearby shooting range and camp fires each night. The Elks even supplied the fire wood.

So Cal often has UNOFFICIAL "informal musters" at the beach on Camp Pendleton, boondocking in Quartzsite or Lake Havasu, and whatever else we can find that is fun to do. Last month a few of our members wanted to escape the heat so they met up to enjoy the wind, waves, night camp fires at the Del Mar Beach and roast marshmallows and yes, Smores. The waves were way too rough for swimming or boogie boarding, but WHAT WAVES! The waves put on a great show at 7-10 feet plus. We also got in time with some grandchildren (sand digging, kite flying, and treasure hunting), with the night times at the fire for the "big people". Who can resist evening walks along the beach at sun set.

Our next muster is at the Palm Canyon RV Resort in Borrego Springs, 7-11 Nov. We hope to see many of our members there, maybe some of the AZ SMART people, and anyone else who can make it. Go to our web site www.socalsmart.org and download the registration form and come on over. See you in Nov.

S*T*A*R CHAPTER

Looking forward to 2012 and another successful year of recruiting. I am reminded of a incident that associate member Gloria Hertzfeld and I had while at a laundry mat in Tucumcari, New Mexico. A lady came in after seeing our "SMART" decal on the car and asked "who is the veteran"? We asked her if she ever heard of "SMART" (of course not) was her answer. After a lengthy discussion about caravans, chapters and muster's we left her an application for SMART in hopes of a new member. So while on the road you never know who & where you may come into contact with a future member.



There were several members and spouses who received various awards in the STAR Chapter and a full report will follow in the next *Traveler*.

Last but not least SMART Recruiter of the year with 11 new members this year our National President and my husband David Weis.

Congratulations to all!!!

Later Y'all

Jackie Weis, President

TRISTATE PANHANDLERS

The Labor Day weekend was celebrated with 23 rigs that made their way to Topsail Hill Preserve State Park in the panhandle of Florida. Despite the on-and-off again stormy weather, a fun-filled and food-filled weekend was provided by hosts Curt & Shirley Newton. Three full breakfasts and suppers were highlighted by a Low-Country Boil of Shrimp, Corn and Potatoes consumed on tables covered with newspaper. New Chapter members Ken & Jane Brown and Stan & Shirley Horton were welcomed. Don & Helen Holmes celebrated their 62nd anniversary with Curt & Shirley Newton with 52 years and Stan & Shirley Horton celebrating 51 years of wedded bliss. Card Bingo made 6 players a little richer and Ray Posey won the 50/50 drawing. A rousing game of Beanbag Baseball favored the men who defeated the ladies 18-2 with Chuck Kuzma scoring 3 home runs. A rematch is in the future with the women vowing revenge.



In the picture, Sallie Lesesne attempts to score a run while her team-mates cheer her on. The Panhandlers will gather again in November in Foley, AL for the chapter's 15th anniversary celebration.

Carol Kuzma

2011 NATIONAL MUSTER GOLF TOURNAMENT Shawnee, OK



*The First Place Winners are
Frank Moon, Skip Cotrell, Jay Berry, & Richard Jones.*

More From the Muster...



PROPOSED CHANGE TO SPOUSE MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA

Your VOTE is requested! - ALL BALLOTS MUST BE RECEIVED AT SMART HQ BY MARCH 29, 2012

During the September 2011 Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting, proposals were considered to make a change in the definition of Associate Spouse membership contained in SMART Corporate Bylaws Section 4.03.E. Since this proposed change constitutes a significant change of the Bylaws, a 2/3 affirmative vote of the membership is required to approve the change. This change is to remove the word "Regular" from the definition of Associate Member, Spouses, thereby allowing the spouses of all members of SMART to become Associate Members. If approved, the new section of the Bylaws would read as follows:

4.03.E. SPOUSES: Spouses of SMART members.

RATIONALE: By limiting the Associate Spouse membership to only the spouses of Regular Members, a significant number of spouses are excluded from becoming Associate Members of SMART. By changing the wording of Section 4.03 from "Spouses of regular members of SMART" to "Spouses of SMART members", all spouses are afforded an equal opportunity to become Associate Members of SMART. The vote on the proposal will take place using the following methods:

(1) PAPER BALLOT (USPS mail to SMART HQ) – Cut out the ballot below, mark your vote and place the ballot in an envelope with your SMART Member Number and the word "Ballot" printed on the outside of the envelope. Seal the envelope and place it inside another envelope. Place nothing else in the envelope. Address the outer envelope to: **SMART HQ, 600 University Office Blvd. Suite 1A, Pensacola, FL 32504.**

(2) EMAIL BALLOT – A ballot may be submitted by email to smart@smartvring.org. The Subject Line of the Email must read "Associate Spouse Ballot". Then the Email must read: "I vote FOR the change to Section 4.03.E." OR "I vote AGAINST the change to Section 4.03E."

(3) IN PERSON – ballots may be cast at SMART HQ in Pensacola, FL during normal office hours.

BALLOT TO CHANGE SMART BYLAWS

Section 4.03.E. SPOUSES: Spouses of SMART members

FOR _____ AGAINST _____

SMART CARAVAN APPLICATION

Make Checks Payable to: SMART • Mail To: SMART, INC. • 600 UNIVERSITY OFFICE BLVD., SUITE 1A • PENSACOLA, FL 32504

A minimum of \$260.00 will be submitted with this application. \$60.00 of which is a nonrefundable, non-transferable Administrative Fee (unless cancelled by SMART). The remaining \$200.00 will be credited as a deposit on the cost of the caravan. 100% deposit refunds will not be made unless a replacement is found, funds for the caravan have not been expended, or the service provider returns funds expended. Any funds returned by the service providers will be refundable after the completion of the caravan. Trip Cancellation Insurance is at the discretion of the participant. You may wish to contact your regular insurance provider to ascertain if they provide this service.

Name of Caravan _____ Date of Event _____

Mbr# _____ Last _____ First _____ Spouse _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ (cell) _____ Email _____

(print) _____ Name of Guest traveling in your rig

JACKET SIZE (if available): *His* - (S) (M) (L) (XL) (XXL) (XXXL) *Hers* - (S) (M) (L) (XL) (XXL) (XXXL) *Guest* - (S) (M) (L) (XL) (XXL) (XXXL)

Is this your 1st caravan? (Y) (N) **Type RV:** MH _____ 5th Wh _____ Trailer _____ Slide Out _____

Length _____ ft. Coupled (with tow vehicle) _____ ft. **License Plate #'s:** RV _____ Vehicle _____

DO you want 50 AMP at an extra cost (if available - NO GUARANTEE) - (Y) (N) pay @campground.

ALL SMART Members & non-SMART members must sign in order to participate – Please Read:

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 attorney's 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 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 & Signature of Guests in your Rig "REQUIRED"

Signature: _____ Date: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

S*M*A*R*T MUSTER CALENDAR 2011-12

See Region News or call "Contact Person" for specific directions to camping location. Every effort is made to list CORRECT info - if in doubt, call HQ or call CONTACT PERSON listed. For updates go to www.smartrving.org and click on **Muster Calendar**.

THE INFORMATION ON THE WEBSITE SUPERCEDES INFORMATION IN THE TRAVELER.

NOVEMBER 2011

- 1-3 Ozark Country Campground**
679 Quesbec Dr., Branson, MO 65616
Host: MS Magnolias
Contact: Bob & Juanita Glazier
228-238-5278 giglaz@live.com
- 1-4 Cedar Key RV Resort, Cedar Key, FL**
Host: FL Roadrunners
Contact: Jim McDade
904-540-0940 djmcdade13@gmail.com
- 2-6 Palms RV Resort, Yuma, AZ**
Host: AZ Roadrunners
Contact: Bob Bennett
520-366-0551 elbob0@hotmail.com
- 4-5 American Heritage RV Resort**
Williamsburg, VA
Host: CATS *Contact:* Jean & Otto Ripley
757-879-4954 ojripley@cox.net
- 4-6 Southwind RV Park, Foley, AL**
Host: Tri-State Panhandlers
Contact: Carole Herrera 850-785-3826
- 4-11 Branson Lakeside RV Park, Branson, MO**
Veterans' Week
Host: KS Calvary/Midway USA
Contact: Jerry & Janet Bland 660-864-6458
Sherwin & Dorothy Stielow
785-942-3275 or 785-483-1504
- 7-11 Treasure Lake RV Resort**
Host: AR Diamonds *Contact:* Brad Bradley
sbradley0758@yahoo.com
- 7-11 Palm Canyon RV Resort, Borrego Springs**
Host: SO Cal
Contact: Bob Vernlund
951-243-3355 bobandoly@verizon.net
- 7-12 Riverside RV Park, No. Little Rock, AR**
Host: AR Hogs
Contact: Bill & Kathie Corroum
501-982-9749
- 9-13 Paradise Oaks, Bushnell, FL**
Host: FL Buccaneers
Contact: Art Blissett 352-489-0468
- 11-13 Ft. Meade Fam Camp, Ft. Meade, MD**
Host: CBC
Contact: Joe Williams 301-341-1936
- 14-16 Cajun Birthday Celebration**
River Town RV Park, Vicksburg, MS
Host: Cajuns
Contact: Bill & Geri Blansfield
- 15-18 Twin Oaks Music Park, Hoboken, GA**
Host: Tri-State Rebels
Contact: John & Selma Horton
706-863-8344
Phillip & Rosemary Eastman 706-855-7568
Richard & Katrina Bailey 706-364-1671

- 19 Lunch in Tucson, AZ, Place TBA**
Host: AZ Roadrunners
Contact: Nancy Flesher
520-298-9779 clossflesher@juno.com
- 19 Midway USA Holidays Dinner**
Host: Midway USA
Contact: Midway USA Officers
- 11/28- KOA, Ladson SC**
12/3 *Host:* SC Patriots
Contact: Richard & Jessie Mishler
803-279-3856
- 11/28- Circle RV, El Cajon, CA**
12/2 *Host:* Diego Cruisers
Contact: Chapter Officers

DECEMBER 2011

- 2 Rubaie's Café, Bentonville, AR**
Host: AR Diamonds
Contact: Tom & Sandy
479-855-4666 tspearcy@gmail.com
- 2-3 Christmas Muster**
South Forty KOA, Petersburg, VA
Host: CATS
Contact: Gloria & Paul McMullen
804-733-8950 paulgloria@verizon.net
- 2-4 Farmers' Opry, Chumuckla, FL**
Host: White Sands
Contact: Melba & Gene Davis
Les & Lee Harris
- 3 Wheatland Senior Center**
Wheatland, MO
Host: MOHAWKS
Contact: Curtis Gist 417-282-6357
- 4 Christmas Muster**
Stilwell House, Ft. Sam Houston, TX
Host: Alamo SMARTs
Contact: Carl & Elaine Hallada
210-679-5163 belcccc@aol.com
- 5-9 Wade KOA, Wade, NC**
Host: Tarheels
Contact: John Hodgins 910-624-2441
- 10 Christmas Luncheon Muster**
1608 13th Ave. Greeley, CO
Host: CO Rockies
Contact: Duane & Harriet Crabtree
970-356-7267 duacrabtree@aol.com
- 7-11 Blueberry Hill RV Park, Bushnell, FL**
Host: FL Sunshine
Contact: Steve Colt 904-708-3840
- 12 Christmas Luncheon**
Jolly Roger, Oceanside
Host: SO Cal
Contact: Jeff Steinorth
951-693-9909 jeffncarole@aol.com

- 11-16 Jackson Rancheria, Jackson**
Host: Golden Gate
Contact: Frank & Mariko Vilimek
408-945-1634 frankwvilimek@hotmail.com
Tom & Sue Wentz
916-363-9191 tomwentz@sbcglobal.net
- 15 Christmas Muster Delhi Café**
2625 Willoughby Rd, Holt, MI
Host: Great Lakes
Contact: Mark & Evelyn Shelley
517-372-0818
- 17 Lunch in Tucson, AZ, Place TBA**
Host: AZ Roadrunners
Contact: Nancy Flesher
520-298-9779 clossflesher@juno.com
- 12/27- Oaks & Pines RV Park, Lake City, FL**
1/1 *Host:* Drifters
Contact: David & Jackie Weis
912-729-4142 dweis@tds.net
- 12/28 Sugar Mill Plantation, Ochlocknee, GA**
1/2 *Host:* Tri-State Panhandlers
Contact: Chuck Kuzma 850-803-8761
- 12/30- Lazy Days RV CG, Seffner, FL**
1/2 *Host:* Gulf Coast Eagles
Contact: Ruth & Jim Schilk 941-661-8586
Terry & Joan McDonald 941-722-9464

JANUARY 2012

- 9-11 Canyon Trails RV Park, San Marcos, TX**
Host: Cajuns
Contact: Hoss & Elaine Bergeron
- 16-20 Lazy Days Rally Park, Seffner, FL**
Host: FL Buccaneers
Contact: Cordell Vickers
727-535-9988 cvse1919@aol.com
- 17-19 Florida Gateway Resort, Jasper, FL**
Host: Tri-State Rebels
Contact: Ron & Myra Reichert
843-525-1045/cell 843-252-1623

FEBRUARY 2012

- 13-17 Palm Canyon RV Resort**
Borrego Springs, CA
Host: Diego Cruisers *Contact:* TBD

MARCH 2012

- 15-19 Jojoba Hills Resort, Aguanga, CA**
Host: SO Cal
Contact: Bill & Sharon Whitaker
Bob & Gretchen Mattison
- 20-22 Sugar Mill Plantation RV Park**
Ochlocknee, GA
Host: Tri-State Rebels
Contact: Stan & Joan Scheet 850-995-1403
Denny & Nancy Sloan 770-953-6695

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S*M*A*R*T APPLICATION for MEMBERSHIP

NEW MEMBERS ONLY (Please print clearly)

Fees Payable with this form to: SMART

Mail to: SMART, 600 University Office Blvd #1A, Pensacola, FL 32504

Applicant's LAST Name _____ First _____ Initial _____ Spouse's First Name _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone # _____ Cell # _____ Email Address _____

Referred by: _____ (SMART Member # of referring SMART member)

SMART is a Veterans Organization 501(c)(19); and REQUIRED to have the following information.

Branch of Service _____ Year Entered Service _____ Year Service Ended _____

New Member Badge comes with the New Member Packet; Spouse Badge must be purchased for \$7.50

Member Preferred 1st Name: _____ Optional Info: _____
(i.e. city, state, branch of service, duty status)

Spouse Preferred 1st Name: _____ Optional Info: _____
(i.e. city, state, branch of service, duty status)

MEMBERSHIP FEES: Check Appropriate Category

Yes, I would like to apply for the **Reduced Cost 2-year membership**. This offer requires Chapter Membership within 3 months of joining. The 1-year rate show below provides 2 years of membership. Details furnished upon receipt of this form. Regular renewal rates apply. Check this block **and** the membership category below. **Only memberships 1a, 1b, & 2a** are eligible for this membership offer.

1. Regular Membership:

1a. Regular Member: Active/Retired US Military Services, NOAA, USPHS, or Congressional Medal of Honor Recipients. New member packet fee \$15 + \$45 annual dues = \$60. See above for 2-year membership offer.

1b. Family Member: Both parties must be Regular member eligible and submit individual applications. New member packet fee \$15 + \$65 annual dues = \$80. See above for 2-year membership offer.

2. Associate Membership:

2a. Associate Member: Honorably discharged veterans US Military Services: Fee \$15 (New Member Packet) + \$45 annual dues = \$60. See above for 2-year membership offer.

2b. Associate Spouse: Spouse of a Regular Member. Fee \$15 – 1st year annual dues (Member packet fee is waived) + \$7.50 for name badge (optional) = \$22.50. Regular renewal rates apply.

2c. Associate Widows/Widowers: Fee \$15 (New Member Packet) + \$30 annual dues = \$45.

2d. Canadian, NATO/SEATO: Fee \$20 (New Member Packet) + \$50 annual dues = \$70

3. Social Member: must be former SMART member and no longer travel in an RV, annual dues = \$25

****NOTE: Most mail forwarding Services DO NOT forward 3rd class mail – If you desire 1st class mailings of "The SMART Traveler" magazine, please add \$10/year with your payment. ****

I certify with Honor the information I have provided is true and correct.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

S*M*A*R*T MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

RENEWING MEMBERS ONLY (Please print clearly)

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL – For current members renewing their membership. Member expiration date is on the mailing label of your Traveler & Membership Card.

Mbr# _____ NAME _____ SPOUSE _____ Mbr# _____
Full Name First Name

Email Address _____

List all Chapters you belong to _____

Renewal Fees:

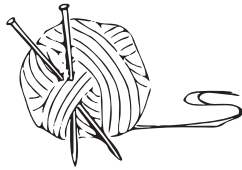
Regular Member – \$45 (X__ years) =	\$ _____	Family Member – \$65 (X__ years) =	\$ _____
Associate Member – \$45 (X__ years) =	\$ _____	Associate Spouse – \$30 (X__ years) =	\$ _____
Associate Widow/Widower – \$30 (X__ years) =	\$ _____	Canadian Member – \$50 (X__ years) =	\$ _____
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KNITTER'S & CROCHETERS



We want to thank everyone who took part in the knitting and crocheting of the skull caps and wash cloth. We received over 600+ skull caps, 120 washcloths, and 17 scarves for the Wounded Warriors Program's for our troops.

FROM YOUR HQ TEAM

We had a Wonderful time at the National Muster in Shawnee. It was Great to have the opportunity to meet many of you in person. We have been updating all the information we received from the BOD Meeting in Shawnee. You will notice we have a new Application for new members and renewals in this TRAVELER. We are still looking for ways to save money and Phyllis has come up with one! We will no longer send post cards out each month letting you know when you have recruited a new member. We list the new members in the Traveler, along with who recruited them. You can check the Traveler to see if you were given credit for a new member that you recruited. If you were not given credit, please call or email and let me know. Phyllis will let you know when you have recruited 5 new members and earned a FREE year of dues. She will mail you a new membership card with your new expiration date on it. You can call or email anytime to find out how many members you have recruited. Until next time! Your HQ Team.....

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ssslow@gorhamtel.com*

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NOTE: Postage is not included. We charge actual shipping/postage cost. Please send payment with order to Headquarters: SMART, 600 University Office Blvd. # 1-A, Pensacola, FL 32504

Pets of the Month



This is my guard dog **Penny** she will meet you with a friendly face and a friendly growl. She likes to go as we go and ride on Etta's shoulder. She is a hairless chihuahua, brown in color, hence her name (penny). 3 years old, this photo was taken at the OK SMART Muster at Palo Duro Canyon, Texas 2010.

Don Daniel - USAF Retired - Smart 10769



Abbie & HT share the bed, first one gets there gets to sleep in it! Both are 11 yrs old & travel everywhere we go.

Gary & Carol Williams - Rocky Mt. Chapter in Colorado

NORTH TO ALASKA 2011

(continued from back cover)

The Kenai Peninsula offered more fishing and shopping fun. The Alyeska Tram and Portage Glacier Cruise along the way to Seward were exciting. The Sea Life Center and Kenai Fjords NP Cruise offered us an up close encounter with Alaskan sea life. Our stop at the Musk Ox Farm was educational. Valdez was another great fishing port for many. Hyder is the Alaskan definition of the Last Frontier! "Where there's salmon there's bears" and the salmon were running. We enjoyed lots of wildlife along the way - bison, moose, Dall sheep, mountain goats, big horned sheep, brown bears, grizzlies, caribou, elk, deer, beavers, fox, eagles, sea lions, seals, sea otters and puffins. What a trip!

We ate jam busters, nanaimo bars, had a "steak your claim" Fathers Day potluck, a Sweet 16 birthday/anniversary party for all, and enjoyed sluice pot chicken, miners stew, sandwiches of gold, panners pasta, Alaskan bbq, salmon bakes/prime rib buffets, pizza parties, Tatogga Lake meatloaf, Rock 'N Roll Big Bopper Burgers and Pink Cadillac hot dogs on Drive-in Road, bumbleberry pie and lots of cinnamon buns. Our snack times became delicious dinners. Gretchen those pies were yummy!

We shared some good laughs with Tom and Patsy's stories. We appreciated each other and were thankful for the time we spent together.

We were entertained by the Frantic Follies, Days of 98, Diamond Tooth Gertie, listening to Robert Service poetry, Golden Heart Revue at the Palace Theatre, Cabin Night dinner show, and some even enjoyed dusty sourdough at the Wildberry Park. The Can Can girls took a real liking to Doug, Steve, and Jim. Elizabeth learned to can-can and Shirley won the golden nugget jackpot!

The Early Bird Award for signing up first went to Everett and Jackie. We celebrated Canada Day, 4th of July, and Military/POW/9-11 appreciation days. There was a Snicker Day, Bee Happy Day, and Lucky 13! Every mile a memory! We had poker runs, played Have Your Dessert and Eat it Too, and Candyland Bingo. We hiked Exit Glacier and viewed many other glaciers including - Matanuska, Worthington, Bear, and Salmon. What a honeymoon Jill and Stan!

In Lynden, WA we signed our wonderful journals written by Caravan members, organized and edited by Linda and Tom. Our buffet dinner at Dutch Mother's Restaurant was the perfect ending to our memorable Alaskan journey of many miles of smiles.

Connie Harrell, Wagonmaster



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NORTH TO ALASKA 2011

The **NORTH TO ALASKA CARAVAN** June 12 - August 20, 2011 was a Huge Success! Thanks to the thirty-one SMART members in 16 RV's who met at the Grizzly Bend Club for our welcome dinner at Malstrom AFB in Great Falls, MT.

Wagon Masters Doug and Connie Harrell

Our retired military members were Everett & Jackie Perrin, Bob & Gretchen Sholar, Shirley Long, Tom & Patsy Jones, Tom & Sue Wentz, Ken & Theresa Thomas, John & Lucille Karman, Sally & John Lukondi, Linda & Tom Roman, Frank & Elizabeth Petsch, Stan & Jill McKay, Jim & Flo Dunn, Steve & Lynn Hyman, and Kathy & John Steinbauer. **Tail Gunners Carl and Elaine Hallada** - glad you joined us at the last minute.

Our 70 Day Journey through Canada, and onto the Alaska Hwy from Dawson Creek to Delta Jct to the Top of World Hwy was filled with Adventure. We had a guided tour at Head Smashed in Buffalo Jump, then Fort Macleod NWCMP Museum and onward to Calgary. Banff and Jasper National Parks are gems of the Canadian Rockies. We walked on the Columbia Icefield and had our group photo taken with two Canadian Mounted Police in Red Serge at Dawson Creek at Mile 0. Many enjoyed the wood carvings at Chetwynd. Toad River CG thrilled us with beavers and moose in the lake. We had a relaxing soak in Liard River Hot Springs. Everyone helped hang our sign at Watson Lake. We saw the world's largest weathervane, toured the SS Klondike, cruised down the Yukon River and had fun at Boston Pizza in Whitehorse. In Skagway, several enjoyed the White Pass & Yukon Train Ride while others went to Juneau. The Dawson City Pick-A-Pack let everyone discover different historic sites. Our Yukon River crossing on the ferry was the start of our Top of the World Highway adventure. Everyone enjoyed Chicken, AK.

We shared Christmas in July at the North Pole with a gift exchange and a Merry Christmoose Dinner. We met Susan Butcher's husband and their sled dog team on the Discovery Riverboat Cruise. Panning for gold at the El Dorado Gold Mine provided many of us with new necklaces filled with gold! The University of AK was a must see for everyone. The scenery and wildlife on the Denali NP Bus Tour made a long day enjoyable. We loved the Sled Dog Demo at the park. John, Kathy, John, Lucille, Linda and Tom had fun on a rafting trip on the Nenana River. Many enjoyed the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race Headquarters in Wasilla but no Sarah Palin.



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