

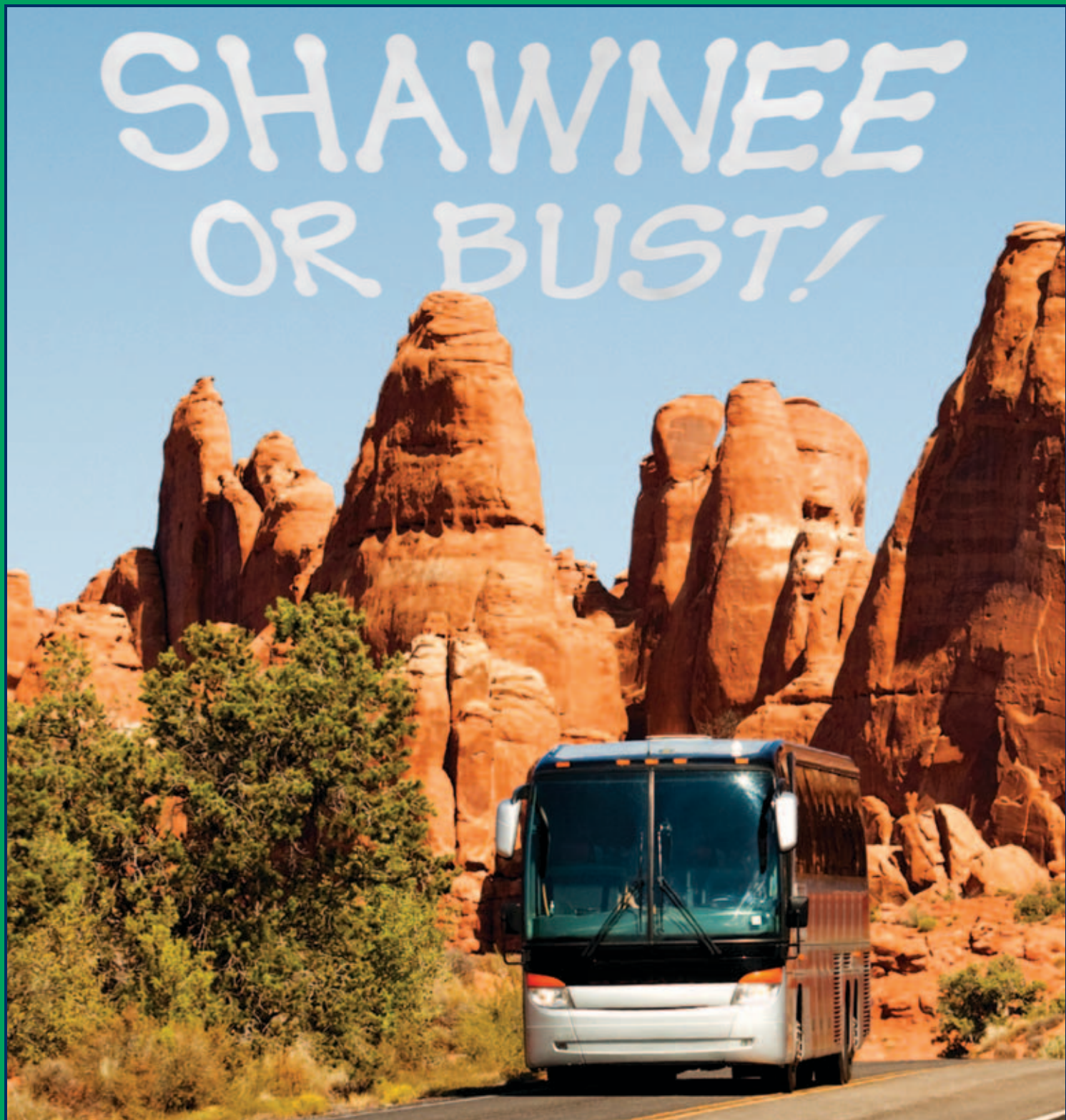
# the **S★M★A★R★T** **TRAVELER**



Published Bi-Monthly for Members of the SPECIAL MILITARY ACTIVE-RETIRED TRAVEL CLUB

SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 2011

# SHAWNEE OR BUST!



## On The Cover

Watch for updates on our website ([www.smartrving.org](http://www.smartrving.org)) for the 2011 National Muster in Shawnee, Oklahoma

## YOUR HQ TEAM

Hello Everyone! Well it's that time again! The National Muster is upon us once again. This year has been a busy year for HQ. We have learned so much in such a short time. We have made some great friends and met a lot of wonderful members this year. We appreciate all the members that have made their way to HQ to visit with us. We enjoy hearing about your travels. If you notice we have a new article in our *TRAVELER* called **New Places to Visit**. We would love for you to send in Articles and Photos of your personal travels. Everyone enjoys seeing new places. This way you can share your wonderful experiences on the road with other members.

**ALSO just wanted to let everyone know that SMART National HQ will be closed to walk in traffic from Sept. 14th thru Sept. 25th. If you need us please email or give us a call and leave a message.**

We look forward to seeing everyone in Shawnee! Your HQ TEAM

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

Joan & Stan Scheet, Paul Moniz, Rick & Jana Nunemaker, Ann Lawrence, Don & Carol Vardell, Greg & Diane Simmons, Charlie & Beverly Gaussiran, Merle & Bev Dodge

## 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 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.

The committee will be on hand at the National Muster in Shawnee, OK to share their ideas and plans for the 2012 muster. Please stop by and talk to the committee and pre-register for the 2012 National Muster.

### Mike Kegley

2012 National Muster Master  
Elkhart, IN

## NOTICE

A Vacancy exists for the Appointed position to the SMART BoD for SMART National Historian. The duties and responsibilities for this position are detailed as follows:

### NATIONAL HISTORIAN

Duties and responsibilities are as specified in **SMART SR 07-13 7.02** and additionally outlined in the **National Muster Guide 3.20 7.02**. This document is available to review on the SMART website [www.smartrving.org](http://www.smartrving.org) or request a copy from SMART HQ.

Please note that this position is a **voluntary position and not for personal profit**. All reimbursable expenses involved in supplies and associated production cost must be submitted to the National Muster Chairman **120 days** or more in advance of the muster or event for acceptance and approval. If additional commitments requiring this position (i.e. Spring or Special Called Board meetings etc.) or events are called then projected expenses shall be submitted at least **60 days** or more prior to the event and sent to the SMART 1st VP; Budget and Finance Chairman for review, approval and authorization.

Any members interested in this position are requested to submit in writing their willingness to assume this vital position. Please send a brief resume to SMART HQ. The resumes will be reviewed, submitted to the BoD via email or USPS notification. Individual applicants(s) will receive notification and Appointment with many thanks for volunteering.

Submitted,  
**Christian Eck** - President

# FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings to all our SMART "Family"

Well folks.....it's been a "fast" year and coming to a "smoking" close for me as President of this fine organization. We have "stayed the course" and accomplished much in some areas and will improve in others.....*not all efforts and results are instantaneous for any of us. I want to Thank "our team" for all we did.* During this year we have experienced some beneficial changes in our SMART organization.



**Christian Eck**

Our Headquarters staff and our VP's efforts to reduce operating costs to meet budgetary needs; providing additional member services and communication methods have been most beneficial. We experienced a number of successes in meeting our financial needs. Thanks to your generous support and the efforts of the office staff; **David Weis**, our Budget and Finance Chmn and his committee making this possible. Your visits to Hqtrs. and meeting **Melissa and Phyllis** are appreciated and gratifying to both visiting members and the staff. Operating costs in utility, postage, communications, website content and hosting are improved and costs lowered. Reduced staff hours, hard, dedicated work, willingness to sacrifice wages and benefits for the good of SMART have been most beneficial. *Members attending the National Muster in Shawnee will have a great chance to meet these ladies, visit with them, exchange comments and thanks.* Additionally **Chuck Kuzma** and other members have donated time, skills and materials to improve the habitability, functions and appearance of the office. Without such dedication and talents we could not maintain a much needed Hqtrs office operation.

Our **SMART TRAVELER** has taken on a new, "fresh face" in content, format and publisher with further reductions in publishing, distribution and postage costs. The future of the **TRAVELER** will be a "hot button" topic at the Shawnee BoD meeting. Hopefully your member comments and recommendations per Chuck's recent survey will result in a better and more cost effective decision on the future of the publication. All have hopefully been in receipt of the new **SMART E-News** from HQ. This could be a precursor or

alternatives to our current **TRAVELER** and supplement editions in order to reduce costs. Great job and lots of kudos to the staff and those who helped with the "fresh", color, content and format.

My final comments are a big Thanks to our **Nat'l Travel Coordinator** and staff for the fine **Caravan program**. Thanks also to **Paul Proctor** for keeping us all advised on military **FamCamp** matters, Our Chaplain, **Paul Rider** for these years of sage advice and beneficial religious services. Additionally all our **Region Directors**, Committees and sub -committees members that work diligently to "keep us going". Our **National Muster** in Shawnee is upon us and a great job by the **Muster Staff** will result in an enjoyable, rewarding muster. *Please be sure to thank every muster staff member for the fine job. Especially welcome our **FIRST TIMERS** with hugs, conversation and open inclusion in muster events.*

Thanks to all our **Region Directors** and **Chapters** for providing such enjoyable and varied musters, events and get-togethers. I have attended quite a few Chapter musters and am amazed at the variety of events and experiences. I am thankful for what all of you do for our SMART "family"

**SeeYa** in Shawnee, thanks for the memories and may **God continue to Bless America** and each of you.

*Christian Eck*

SMART Nat'l President 2010 -2011

---

# FROM THE FIRST VP

Heading to the National Muster in Shawnee, Oklahoma where I know a good time will be had by all attending. This has been a very challenging year for SMART financially. With the declining membership and retention numbers falling we have had to "step back" and take a closer look at how we do business. Over the past year we have streamlined our budget and have achieved the following savings:



**David Weis**

1. Changed telephone service to a new carrier (savings of \$100.00 per month)
2. Cancelled postage machine (savings of \$300.00 per year)
3. Changed publisher of the *Traveler* (savings of approximately \$600.00 per issue)
4. Changed postage on *Traveler* to bar code (savings of \$100.00 per issue)
5. Changed internet provider (savings of \$100.00 per year)

So as you see we have taken the necessary steps to not only save money but to streamline our daily operations. I also have included in this issue a balance sheet, used to summarize the assets, liabilities and net worth of SMART. Be safe, take care and hope to see many of you in Shawnee and future musters.

*David Weis*

First Vice President

## TABLE OF CONTENTS

National Muster 2012. . . . .	2	Candidate Bios. . . . .	6
Notice of Vacancy . . . . .	2	Caravans & Tours. . . . .	7
Your HQ Team . . . . .	2	How Does Famcamp Help? . . .	7
Board of Directors . . . . .	4	SMART Discounts . . . . .	7
Appointed Positions. . . . .	4	Feeling the Heat . . . . .	8
New Members . . . . .	5	Veterans Week in Branson . . .	8
Taps . . . . .	5	SMART Chapters . . . . .	9
Pets of the Month . . . . .	5	Region & Chapter News. . . .	10
Craft Update. . . . .	5	Muster Calendar. . . . .	12
Journal How-to . . . . .	5	Membership Application . . .	14
In Memory . . . . .	5	SMART Store. . . . .	15
Election Ballot . . . . .	6	Places to Visit . . . . .	16

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2010-2011

### PRESIDENT

**Christian Eck, Jr. (Carolyn)**  
870-297-8764 • 501-626-4237 Cell  
smart10236@gmail.com

### FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

**David Weis (Jackie)**  
Chairman Budget and Finance, Bylaws & Standing Rules  
912-729-4142 • 912-674-9347 Cell • dweis@tds.net

### SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

**Chuck Kuzma (Carol)**  
Chairman Membership & Publicity  
850-803-8761 • ckuzma.smart@cox.net

### PAST PRESIDENT

**Merle Dodge (Beverly)**  
727-563-9635 • 727-348-4067 Cell  
merle.dodge1@verizon.net

### EXECUTIVE MANAGER/EDITOR

**Melissa Wade**  
800-354-7681 • smart@smartrving.org  
Administrative Asst: Phyllis Enfinger

### NE REGION DIRECTOR

**Vic Muron**  
757-319-1452 • muronwvic@yahoo.com  
Asst: Donna Walthall • 804-458-0514 • walthald@rcn.com

### NC REGION DIRECTOR

**John Dietrich (Karen)**  
847-502-0823 • kdiet4948@aol.com  
Asst: David Sevener • 231-854-3645 • dsevener@triton.net  
Asst: Ed Pate • 270-307-7775 • callitik@hotmail.com

### NMW REGION DIRECTOR

**Joy Lowe (Larry)**  
Elections Chairwoman  
719-783-4095 • joyfulns@aol.com  
Asst: Bob Knight • 620-465-3387 • bknight@pixius.net  
Asst: Don McDiffett • 785-499-5206 • smartusa2010@yahoo.com

### NW REGION DIRECTOR

**Ken Mayhew (Mary Helen)**  
509-548-8003 • 509-885-3606 Cell  
klmhmahew@nwi.net  
Asst: Jon Katin • 541-220-9476 • jonandnancy2@comcast.net

### SC REGION DIRECTOR

**Larry Pousson**  
337-526-2888 • larrypousson@live.com  
Asst: Denny Olvany • olvanydna@gmail.com

### SMW REGION DIRECTOR

**Don Daniel (Etta)**  
405-485-3694 • honneyman@pldi.net  
Asst: Carl Hallada • 210-627-1778 • belcccc@aol.com

### SW REGION DIRECTOR

**Pat Kavanaugh (Sally)**  
623-975-4117 • patkavanaugh@live.com  
Asst: Jeff Steinorth • 951-693-9909 • jeffncarole@aol.com

### SE REGION DIRECTOR

**Melina Leduc-Steflovich (Michael Steflovich)**  
386-755-1794 • m.leduc@att.net  
Asst: James McDade • 904-797-3320 • djmcdade13@gmail.com

### ATLG REGION DIRECTOR

**Larry Sockwell**  
903-721-9272 • lbstrains@aol.com  
Asst: Paul Rider • 334-224-4636 • afchap@gmail.com

# YOUR DIRECTORS & STAFF

*Working Hard for "YOU"*



Christian Eck



David Weis



Chuck Kuzma



Merle Dodge



Melissa Wade



Vic Muron



John Dietrich



Joy Lowe



Ken Mayhew



Larry Pousson



Don Daniel



Pat Kavanaugh



Melina Steflovich



Larry Sockwell



Phyllis Enfinger

## APPOINTED POSITIONS

### National Travel Coordinator

Craig Christen • 931-224-8261

### National Chaplain

Paul Rider • 334-224-4636

### National Historian

OPEN

### National Military Parks Coordinator

Paul Proctor • 817-239-0171

### National Photographer

Don Vardell • 228-623-1197

### National Safety & First Aid

Tony Korvas • 321-242-8089

### National Webmaster

Phyllis Enfinger • 800-354-7681

### National Recruiter/Retention

John Farrell • 479-855-4778

### National Spouse Advisory Committee

Sally Kavanaugh • 623-975-4117

### National Active Duty Advisor

OPEN

## DISCLAIMER

Information provided to SMART Members from another SMART Member as a service, at no charge, should not be considered legal advice. The Special Military Active Retired Travel Club (SMART) is not responsible for the accuracy of such information. Articles submitted may be edited for clarity, brevity and content.

## TOTAL MEMBERS TO DATE: 1562

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

Joined . . . . . 19  
Reinstated . . . . . 2  
Deleted – Non-Pmt . . . . . 49  
Deleted – Other . . . . . 10  
Inquiries . . . . . 1

*TRAVELER - Seeing the Country We Defend*

### S\*M\*A\*R\*T - SPECIAL MILITARY ACTIVE-RETIRED TRAVEL CLUB

600 University Office Blvd. #1A • Pensacola, FL 32534

(850) 478-1986 • (800) 354-7681

Published Bi-monthly • May/June Issue

Designed & Printed by Dlux Printing & Publishing, Inc.

3814 W. Fairfield Dr. • Pensacola, FL 32505 • (850) 457-8494 • www.dluxprinting.com

## WELCOME & CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS AND THEIR SPONSORS

#	Member & Spouse	City, State	Sponsor
13298	Gustave Seehorst (Donna)	Enfield, CT	J Cannarella
13299	George Hasel (Susan)	The Dalles, OR	
13300	Rex Hastey (Stacy)	Henryetta, OK	T Percy
13301	Ronald Vincent (Kay)	Slidell, LA	G Boudreaux
13302	George Allison (Judy)	Mebane, NC	N Henderson
13303	John Hawkins (Gretchen)	Oregon, IL	R Hutchings
13304	Thomas Delozier	Yakima, WA	K Mayhew
13305	David Sparrow (Sherry)	Jacksonville, AL	
13306	Joseph Pettrow (Lynn)	Centennial, CO	
13307	Rodney Koenig (Jean)	Riverside, CA	
13308	Patrick Lynch (Mary)	Clarksville, IA	
13309	Art Morden (Sherl)	Panama City, FL	C Newton
13310	Sherl Morden (Art)	Panama City, FL	C Newton
13311	Charles Hecker (Pamala)	Tucson, AZ	J Katin
13312	Larry Snyder (Susan)	Klamath Falls, OR	J Katin
13313	Gerald Zolna (Linda)	Livingston, TX	J Katin
13314	Robert Westgate (Sandra)	Jewell, KS	S Stielow
13315	Rick Thibodeau (Barbara)	Milford, KS	S Stielow
13316	Donald Hake (Maureen)	Ocala, FL	

## Pets of the Month



**Swiffer and Ruby** watching for the ghosts & goblins!  
*Betty & Bob Jones - Waterbury Ctr, VT*



**Caly and Coco**, sisters, one year old Calicos. Love to travel.  
Photo taken at Camp Meade Famcamp, Fort Meade, Maryland  
*Joe and Janice Williams (1723)*

## TAPS

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

### ALBERT (AL) LUMPE

#0229C, spouse of Kathleen,  
Riverside, CA

### BILL KRALL

#0671, Rogue River, OR

### ROBERT (BOB) THIELE

#6045, spouse of Robyn,  
Crossville, TN

### PAUL SAVAGE

#8657, spouse of Ethel,  
Horse Shoe, NC

### STANLEY (SJ) BENDLE

#10857, Yarker Ontario, Canada

### JAMES (BOBBY) WORLEY

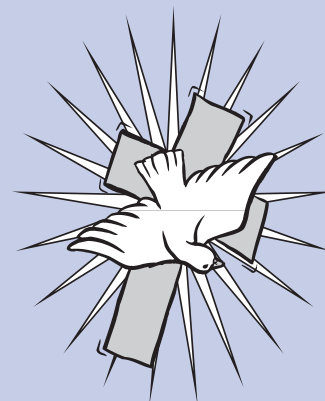
#12084, spouse of Irma, Canyon Lake, TX

### PAUL SKOLASKI

#7797, spouse of Glenda, Locust Grove, VA

### EILEEN THOMPSON

#6956, San Antonio, TX



## CRAFT UPDATE

### for National Muster in Shawnee, OK

Josephine Jones, from the Monarch Art Studios, will be at our national muster providing instructions on oil painting. The cost will approx. \$25, depending on the size of the canvas, to include all supplies needed to do a 2-3 hour class. You should be able to complete an oil painting in the lesson. There will be a sign-up sheet at the registration table when you arrive. Please check out her website at [www.jojonesart.com](http://www.jojonesart.com). This looks like it should be a great way to spend some time.

**Gerald Davis**

*Crafts Committee Chairman*

## JOURNAL HOW-TO

Doug Blaha has had several request on how he does his Journals for SMART Caravans. We have posted his information on how to on our National Website [www.smartrving.org](http://www.smartrving.org) under caravans.

## IN MEMORY OF

### Al Lumpe

He fought a long hard battle and maintained his sense of humor to the very end. Al was a Charter member of SMART and 29 in the So Cal Chapter where he served as President 3 times. We have missed Al at our musters but we continue to hold him close to our hearts. Al went out with a bang as he wanted to, on the 4th of July. We love and will miss you Al.

## Voting Procedures For 2nd Vice President Election

*In order to encourage more members to vote on issues that matter to our club, we now have three (3) methods of voting:*

- (1) PAPER BALLOT** (snail mail to 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 addressed to: **SMART HQ • 600 University Office Blvd Suite 1A • Pensacola, FL 32504**
- (2) EMAIL BALLOT** – smart@smartrving.org. The email subject line must read: Election for 2nd VP. Then the email must read: I vote for (the name) for 2nd VP. Also include your Member Number, so HQ can validate your membership in SMART. Husband and wife members have to submit separate emails. *(Ballot must be received by Sept 1, 2011, at HQ)*
- (3) IN PERSON** at National Muster in Shawnee, Oklahoma, Sept. 21-25.

**Ballots must be post marked no later than Sept. 1, 2011. NO Other Correspondence May Be Included in the Ballot Envelope**

### **ELECTION FOR 2011-2012 S\*M\*A\*R\*T NATIONAL 2nd VICE PRESIDENT**

*Circle the Candidate of your choice for National 2nd Vice President*

**Larry Sockwell** or **Craig Christen**



I, **Craig T. Christen**, SMART Member #10700, do hereby apply and accept nomination for the office of 2nd Vice president of SMART. I hereby agree to meet all the required responsibilities if elected. By affixing my name below, I certify that I accept responsibility for the position if elected and possess the capability and willingness to serve in that position and am aware of the provisions of section 6.11 of the Bylaws concerning compensation.



I have been an active member of SMART since 2002 after retirement from 31 years of Air Force experience and subsequent start of our life as a full time RVer. I have participated in SMART: as the vice & then president of the Fulltimer chapter, and now Newsletter Editor; as a caravan wagonmaster, and now as the National Travel Coordinator. I am currently a member of the Fulltimer, Rocky Mtn, and Star chapters. My wife, Terilu, and I have attended most of the National Musters since 2002 at Wichita Falls, TX, and many regional and local musters as we traveled through our great country. We have gotten to know and enjoyed listening to many of our SMART members. Terilu & I have also been representatives of Sew Much Comfort, a charity that makes adaptive clothing for our recovering wounded warriors, and brought Sew Much Comfort injured veteran support activities to the last 4 National Musters. I believe that SMART is a great organization but is at a critical time for our survival. With a recent controversial significant organization membership criteria change and continued declining membership, we need to improve. My professional background consists of: engineering undergraduate and management masters degrees; significant organizational leadership, development, and change; and financial management experiences. I am committed to helping SMART survive and grow. I will work to continue improvements in recruiting and retention by seeking to boost member benefits and enhance individual participation. I am eager to accept nomination, aware of the responsibility, possess the capability and willingness, and understand the provisions regarding compensation.

#### **Craig T. Christen**

Address: 207 Rainbow Dr #10743  
Livingston, TX 77399  
Phone: 931 224-8261  
E-mail: ctchristen@earthlink.net

I, **Larry B. Sockwell**, SMART member # 11422 hereby apply and accept the nomination for the office of 2nd Vice President. I hereby agree to meet all the required responsibilities if elected. By affixing my name above, I certify that I accept responsibility for the position if elected and possess the capability and willingness to serve in that position and am aware of the provisions of Article 6 of the Bylaws concerning compensation. I have read Article 6 of the SMART National By Laws and Standing Rules and agree to meet all required responsibilities if elected to this position. I would like to submit my resume to the SMART Board of Directors for consideration.



*Positions held in SMART:* Member of SMART for 8 years; Member of the BOD for 4 years; Member of Membership and Publicity for 2 years; Members of the Bylaws & Standing Rules for 1 year; Member of Budget and Finance Committee for 1 year; Member of the Cajuns for 7 years; Members of the Mississippi Magnolias for 6 years; President of the Mississippi Magnolias in 2009; Member of the National Muster Staff 2008 in Mobile, AL; Director of Facilities, At Large Region Director for one year; At Large Assistant Region Director for 3 years; Members of the Fulltimers Chapter for 4 years; Member of the Computer Users Chapter for 2 years; Member of Nomads Chapter for 1 year; Community affiliations and activities include: Life Member VFW, Life Member Good Sam Club, Life member of Air Force Association, Life member Passport America, Member of the American Legion for 9 years.

*Other positions providing beneficial experience:* 27 Years Active Duty Air Force-Personnel Mgt., BS Degree from OK State University -1972; Computer Science, Master of Science Degree – Pepperdine University -1976, Human Resources, Management.

*My reasons for being a candidate for this office and what I hope to accomplish:* As a candidate for 2nd Vice President, I feel I can best represent the SMART organization by listening and taking your concerns to the BOD. I will do my best to keep communication lines open and attend as many functions as possible. In summary, if elected to be your 2nd Vice President, I will establish a two way communication and represent all SMART members.

**Larry B. Sockwell, #11422**

# CARAVANS AND TOURS

Dear SMART Travelers:

The caravans for 2011 are wrapping up with the Alaska and Music Cities finishing before the National Muster and the Balloon Fiesta caravan starting just after the National. I have received a number of folks inquiring about looking forward to going to Alaska in 2012. Next year we will plan on the two long caravans, Alaska and Maritimes, each over 60 days. In addition, we are looking at two mid-length (20-30 day) caravans: possibly a Colorado Adventures caravan that will include many of the trains of Colorado in addition to other great Colorado activities; and a Great Lakes Area caravan giving a guided view of activities & sites around our Great Lakes. Our short (10-14 days) caravans are: the Oshkosh Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) airshow and other Wisconsin sites; and the ever popular Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta Caravan again.



*Craig Christen*

The 2011 planned 30+ day Oshkosh EAA airshow and 65 day Maritimes caravans were cancelled due to lack of participation. This spring we also tried to plan and advertised a Mardi Gras 2012 caravan, but due to significant deposits required and poor initial sign up we had to cancel it.

You will be seeing a full write-up in the next *Traveler* magazine for the 2012 caravans and you can view them online at the SMART website. Please sign up early. Remember that you can invite non-SMART guests along on our SMART caravans--they will be confirmed at the 6-month prior date if the caravan is not full of SMART folks. We normally need a minimum of 15 participant RVs to make a caravan financially possible and we usually limit the caravans to about 20 RVs maximum. We plan our SMART caravans to be about 50% of the per day cost of commercial caravans and we travel at a more leisurely pace.

Please attend the SMART Caravan Seminar at the National Muster. You are also welcome to attend the Caravan Wagonmaster Training Seminar if you'd like to know more about the planning & conducting of our caravans. Remember there will be a \$750.00 Caravan Grand Prize given away at the closing ceremonies of the National. Please contact me with any questions about SMART Caravans or with your inputs on future caravan locations. I wish you all safe and wonderful travels as you "See the country we defended!"

**Craig Christen**  
National Travel Coordinator  
[ctchristen@earthlink.net](mailto:ctchristen@earthlink.net)

## HOW DOES OUR FAMCAMP HELP US OUT?

How many of you have ever used our Famcamp system? If you are putting together a caravan you might give it a try. We have 242 Famcamps throughout the USA that may save you some money while on the caravan or going from point A to point B.

We currently use Kirkland AFB Famcamp in Albuquerque for our point of contact for the fall Balloon Festival, where you can see up to 800 Balloons in the air on a daily schedule. We have also used the Kirkland Famcamp for the ending campground on our recent Southwest caravan. If you are traveling from Florida to Texas you can stay at a Famcamp in Mississippi, Shields RV Park at the Gulfport Naval Construction Battalion Center, where there is very interesting sightseeing, abundant eating establishments, Bx and Commissary, and yes, access to gambling establishments.

One of the points I need to stress is these Famcamp need some recognition from us the users. As I have said in the past, last year we had only two votes for Famcamp of the year award. I realize some are more effective than others, but we need to vote for our Famcamp of the year. Looking at Albuquerque, Kirkland AFB, and already having been there twice this year this will be my recommendation to be **Famcamp of the year for 2011**. Now let's see what **yours** is!! Let's vote before the National this year on line at the SMART website.

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

The RV Parks listed below offer discounts to our SMART members.

Please let them know that you saw them advertised in the *TRAVELER*.

Check our website: [www.smartrving.org](http://www.smartrving.org) and click Discounts for more information.

*Discounts are subject to change. Please check with the campground to verify before registering.*

**PAYNES RV PARK**  
Theodore, AL  
251-653-1034  
[www.paynesrvpark.com](http://www.paynesrvpark.com)

**DENALI GRIZZLY BEAR CAMPGROUND**  
Denali National Park, AK  
866-583-2696  
[www.denaligrizzlybear.com](http://www.denaligrizzlybear.com)

**TOK RV VILLAGE & CABINS**  
Tok, AK  
907-883-5877  
[www.tokrv.net](http://www.tokrv.net)

**AUGIES QUAIL TRAIL RV PARK**  
Gila Bend, AZ  
928-683-2850  
[www.augiesquailtrailrvpark.com](http://www.augiesquailtrailrvpark.com)

**BROOKSIDE CAMPSITE**  
Cashie Creek, BC  
1/205-457-6633  
[www.brooksidecampsite.com](http://www.brooksidecampsite.com)

**SHADY GROVE WI-FI CAMPGROUND**  
Seibert, CO • 970-664-2218  
[www.shadygroverv.com](http://www.shadygroverv.com)

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

(Continued)

## HORSESHOE COVE

### RV RESORT

Bradenton, FL

941-758-5335

horshoerv@tampabay.rr.com

## HOMOSSASSA RIVER

### RV RESORT

Homosassa, FL

352-628-2928

turtlecreekrv@embarqmail.com

## NATURE'S RESORT

Homosassa, FL

800-301-7880

www.naturesresortfla.com

## PELICAN PALMS

### RV PARK

Milton, FL

850-623-0576

www.pelicanpalmsrvpark.com

## RUTLADER OUTPOST

### RV PARK

Louisburg, KS

913-377-2722

www.rutladeroutpost.com

## CAVE COUNTRY

### RV CAMPGROUND

Cave City, KY

www.cavecountryrv.com

## LAKESIDE RV PARK

Livingston, LA

225-686-7676

www.lakeside-rvpark.com

## MUSICLAND

### KAMPGROUND

Branson, MO

888-248-9080

www.musiclandkampground.com

# FEELING THE HEAT

Most areas of the country have really been "feeling the heat" this summer. We spent several weeks of June in NW Oklahoma visiting family members. By the time we left the area, daily temperatures were often over 100 degrees. And we went from there to Saginaw, TX just to the NW of Ft Worth ...not very smart you say, and you are right, at least as far as it being the wrong time of the year for comfortable weather. Since the first of July, I don't think we have seen a single day with temperature below 100! We truly are feeling the heat, and from what I have heard of weather reports from other parts of the country, we are not alone. Hopefully, by the time you read this we will be finding a bit milder daily temps.

But we have to realize that heat is a good thing! That may be hard to recognize when we have more of it than we would like, but in the dark of winter we will be strongly believing that heat is indeed a good thing.

Heat is used for good in many manufacturing processes. In our travels this year we spent some time in both Albuquerque and Cortez, Colorado. We love the Southwestern American Indian turquoise and silver jewelry, and we found lots of it to admire in New Mexico and Colorado. Whenever I am looking at silver jewelry, I think of the story of a woman in a Bible study who wondered about the real meaning of the verse in Malachi 3:3 that describes God as "a refiner and purifier of silver."

To better understand what this verse means, the woman arranged to visit a silversmith so she could watch him work, and where she could learn what the process of refining silver was all about. As she watched the silversmith do his work, she saw that he would hold a piece of silver over the fire and let it heat to a high temperature. As he worked, he explained that in refining silver, he needed to hold the silver in the middle of the fire where the flames were hottest so the intense heat there could burn away all the impurities.

The woman thought about God holding us in such a hot spot; then she thought again about the verse describing God as a "refiner and purifier of silver." She asked the silversmith if he really had to sit there in front of the fire the whole time the silver was being refined. Couldn't he leave it and come back?

The man answered that he not only had to sit there holding the silver in the fire, but he also to keep his eyes on the silver the entire time because if the silver was left just a moment too long in the flames, it would be destroyed. He had to pay very careful attention to get it just right.

The woman was silent for a moment. Then she asked the silversmith, "How do you know when the silver is fully refined and just right?"

He smiled and answered, "Oh, that's easy -- it is just right when I can see my image in it"

The summer heat may be unpleasant sometimes, but it is a part of God's creation, and if we had no heat we could not survive. Difficulties in life -- and those times when we "feel the heat" a bit more than we might prefer -- also are part of God's plan, and are necessary for our growth and survival. So if you are feeling the heat of a refining fire at this point in your life, remember that God has his eye on you, and he is carefully watching over you as your life is being purified to the point that He (and everyone you meet!) sees His image in you.

**Paul Rider**

*National Chaplain*

---

## VETERANS WEEK EVENT IN BRANSON

November 4th-11th, 2011

### WE NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR THE BOOTH

Email Sherwin Stielow for info at [ssslow@gorhamtel.com](mailto:ssslow@gorhamtel.com) or call him at 1-785-942-3275 home or 1-785-483-1504 cell

#### WHERE TO CAMP:

Branson Lakeside RV Park

Group Rally Rate is \$167.44 per rig for 8 nights.

(must have at least 10 rigs to get the group rate)

[www.smartrving.org](http://www.smartrving.org)

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

Updates are posted on the website at [www.smartrving.org](http://www.smartrving.org)

REG NE	CHAPTER	P/NAME VIC MURON	P/CTY	P/ST	P/E-MAIL muronvvic@yahoo.com	P/PH# (757) 319-1452
	SMART YANKEES	RICHARD THAYER	MIDDLEBURG	MA	dktrsel@juno.com	(508) 245-8964
	EMPIRE SMARTS	JIM HARTMANN	FULTONVILLE	NY	jimsally704@gmail.com	(518) 421-0312
	NORTH COUNTRY	TOM HILL	BRISTOL	RI	tommy.w.hill.1@juno.com	
	PA KEYSTONERS	DICK PIERCE	ALLENTOWN	PA	piercert@aol.com	(610) 868-8081
	CBC	DAVID MURPHY	ROCKVILLE	MD	davidmurphy@dodmarrow.com	(301) 984-9312
	JERSEY DEVILS	ED JENNINGS	BUENA	NJ	ejrjen@verizon.net	(856) 697-1706
	SMART CATS	PAUL MCMULLEN	PETERSBURG	VA	paulgloria@verizon.net	(804) 733-8950
SE	REGION DIRECTOR	MELINA LEDUC			m.leduc@att.net	(386) 755-1794
	SMART SC PATRIOTS	HARRIET HUGHSTON	GOOSE CREEK	SC	hahughston@hotmail.com	(843) 696-0708
	FL BUCCANEERS	DALE HERTZFELD	PERRYSBURG	OH	dalnglor@yahoo.com	(419) 260-2071
	FL SUNSHINE	STEVE JACKSON	PALM COAST	FL	cob650@hotmail.com	(386) 445-3696
	GA RAMBLERS	MARJORIE RHODES	MARRIETTA	GA	marjn4rew@gmail.com	(770) 565-3327
	CHATTahoochee DRIFTERS	JACKIE WEIS	KINGSLAND	GA	pesoweis@hotmail.com	(912) 729-4142
	GULF COAST EAGLES	EUGENE BENUZZI	PORT CHARLOTTE	FL	gbenuzzi@comcast.net	(941) 829-9171
	TRI STATE REBELS	RON REICHERT	BEAUFORT	SC	ronniereichert@hotmail.com	(843) 252-1623
	FL SPACE COAST	GARY WILSON	MELBOURNE	FL	wgary1427@aol.com	(321) 259-6704
	SMART TARHEELS	BOBBY WARD	LIVINGSTON	TX	wardsww@gmail.com	(703) 217-0210
	FL ROADRUNNERS	JAMES MCDADE	ST. AUGUSTINE	FL	djmcdade13@gmail.com	(904) 797-3320
NC	REGION DIRECTOR	JACK DIETRICH			kdiet4948@aol.com	(847) 502-0823
	NORTHERN ILLINOIS	JACK DIETRICH	LAKEMOOR	IL	kdiet4948@aol.com	(847) 502-0823
	GREAT LAKES	DAVID JONES	NORTON SHORES	MI	e8sldr@frontier.com	(231) 759-7803
	WISCONSIN SMARTS	DAVID RUHNKE	POYNETTE	WI	dgruhnke@yahoo.com	(608) 635-4654
	OHIO VALLEY	ED PATE	CECILIA	KY	callitik@hotmail.com	(270) 862-2265
SC	REGION DIRECTOR	LARRY POUSSON			larrypousson@live.com	(337) 734-2825
	SMART CAJUNS	FRANCIS ARCENEAUX	LAFAYETTE	LA	fralyn213@aol.com	(337) 237-2805
	ALABAMA SMARTS	JOHN AVERETT	COLUMBIANA	AL	johnsmart@gmail.com	(205) 669-5242
	ARKANSAS DIAMONDS	TOM PEARCY	BELLA VISTA	AR	tspearcy@gmail.com	(479) 855-4666
	MISSISSIPPI MAGNOLIAS	BOB GLAZIER	BILOXI	MS	gjglaz@live.com	(228) 324-0154
	ARKANSAS HOGS	ANN LOWRY	EDGEMONT	AR	ramlowry@artelco.com	(501) 723-4610
	TRI STATE PANHANDLERS	TOM DILLON	PENSACOLA	FL	usafdillenjer@att.net	(850) 478-5769
	ROCKY TOPS	ED PATE	CECILIA	KY	callitik@hotmail.com	(270) 862-2265
	WHITE SANDS	STANLEY SCHEET	MILTON	FL	thenanaj3@yahoo.com	(850) 995-1403
NM	REGION DIRECTOR	JOY LOWE			joyfulnls@aol.com	(719) 783-4095
	KANSAS CAVALRY	SHERWIN STIELOW	RUSSELL	KS	ssslow@gorhamtel.com	(785) 942-3275
	SMART MOHAWKS	LLOYD BARNINGHAM	RAYMORE	MO	lloyd.barningham@sbcglobal.net	(816) 331-6234
	MIDWAY USA	DONALD MCDIFFETT	ENID	OK	smartusa2010@yahoo.com	(785) 341-9115
	COLORADO ROCKIES	GARY WILLIAMS	HAYDEN	CO	cargar@springsips.com	(970) 276-3894
SM	REGION DIRECTOR	DON DANIEL			honeyman@pldi.net	(405) 485-3694
	OK SMARTS	DANNY KING	ALTUS	OK	2kings6@sbcglobal.net	(580) 482-3114
	SMART TEXANS	GERALD DAVIS	COMANCHE	TX	geraldldavis1@verizon	(817) 964-0451
	ALAMO SMARTS	CARL HALLADA	SAN ANTONIO	TX	belccc@aol.com	(210) 627-1778
	SMART T/O	J RUSSELL	CYRIL	OK	tjsandy@msn.com	(405) 489-3309
NW	REGION DIRECTOR	KEN MAYHEW			klmhmahew@nwi.net	(509) 548-8003
	INLAND EMPIRE	JERRY ROQUET	LEAVENWORTH	WA	jfroquet@nwi.net	(509) 548-4655
	SO SMART	DAVE BAIRD	MEDFORD	OR	dnbaird66@msn.com	(541) 734-5689
SW	REGION DIRECTOR	PAT KAVANAUGH			pat_kavanaugh@live.com	(623) 975-4117
	CA WARRIORS	GEORGE PAXTON	SAN DIEGO	CA	geopax@aol.com	(858) 613-9067
	AZ ROADRUNNERS	ROBERT BENNETT	HEREFORD	AZ	elbob0@hotmail.com	(520) 366-0551
	SO CALIFORNIA	BOB VERNLUND	MORENO VALLEY	CA	bobandoly@verizon.net	(951) 243-3355
	SMART KOFAS	JERRY LECKRONE	YUMA	AZ	leckronerv@aol.com	(928) 345-2403
	AZ TUMBLEWEEDS	SALLY KAVANAUGH	SUN CITY WEST	AZ	ladyallyk@msn.com	(623) 910-1276
	CHAN ISL SEAGULLS	EDMUND HEATH	CAMARILLO	CA	missionoak@msn.com	(805) 389-9110
	DIEGO CRUISERS	BRAD WYNNE	LA MESA	CA	diego.cruisers@gmail.com	(619) 248-4841
	GOLDEN GATE	FRANK VILIMEK	MILIPITAS	CA	frankwvimek@hotmail.com	(408) 945-1634
ATLG	REGION DIRECTOR	LARRY SOCKWELL			lbstrains@aol.com	(903) 721-9272
	STAR	JAY MAUST	SAN ANTONIO	TX	jjrw2@aol.com	(210) 590-3380
	SMART SOLO'S	RICHARD MCGUIRE	PENSACOLA	FL	rickalmcguire@bellsouth.net	(850) 433-1249
	COMPUTER USERS	ED PATE	CECLIA	KY	callitik@hotmail.com	(270) 862-2265
	SMART FULLTIMERS	PAUL RIDER	LIVINGSTON	TX	afchap@gmail.com	(334) 224-4636
	SMART DUFFERS	LEN MAYS	PRATVILLE	AL	fumee.paip@gmail.com	(334) 365-5734
	SMART NOMADS	CHUCK TAMBORINO	PINSON	AL	grandpaslove@juno.com	(602) 793-3936
	SMART TRAVELING SQUARES	JOHN FARRELL	BELLA VISTA	AR	smartrnr@cox.net	(479) 855-4778

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

(Continued)

## NWS EARLE RV PARK

Colts Neck, NJ  
732-866-2448

Muriel.smith@navy.mil

## TWIN LAKES RV

AOA, OK  
580-399-9087

[www.twinlakesrv.com](http://www.twinlakesrv.com)

## CEDAR OAKS

RV RESORT  
Grove, OK

800-880-8884

[www.cedaroaksrv.com](http://www.cedaroaksrv.com)

## THE OLD MILL RV PARK & EVENT CENTER

Garibaldi, OR  
503-322-0322

[www.oldmill.us](http://www.oldmill.us)

## NASHVILLE COUNTRY

RV PARK

Goodlettsville, TN  
615-859-0348

[www.nashvillecountryrvpark.com](http://www.nashvillecountryrvpark.com)

## TWO RIVERS

CAMPGROUND

Nashville, TN  
615-883-8559

[www.tworiverscampground.com](http://www.tworiverscampground.com)

## OASIS RV RESORT

Amarillo, TX  
888-789-9697

[www.myrvoasis.com](http://www.myrvoasis.com)

## TREETOPS RV RESORT

Arlington, TX  
817-467-7943

[www.treetopsvr.com](http://www.treetopsvr.com)

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

(Continued)

## AUSTIN LONE STAR RV RESORT

Austin, TX  
512-444-6322  
[www.austinlonestarrv.com](http://www.austinlonestarrv.com)

## SANDY LAKE RV PARK

Carrollton, TX  
972-242-6808  
[www.sandylakerv.com](http://www.sandylakerv.com)

## LAKERIDGE RV PARK INC

Gun Barrell City, TX  
903-887-4212  
[www.lakeridgervpark.com](http://www.lakeridgervpark.com)

## TRAVELERS WORLD RV RESORT

San Antonio, TX  
210-532-8310  
[www.travelersworldrvresort.com](http://www.travelersworldrvresort.com)

## AMERICAN HERITAGE RV PARK

Williamsburg, VA  
757-566-2133  
[www.americanheritagervpark.com](http://www.americanheritagervpark.com)

# REGION & CHAPTER NEWS



## SOUTHEAST REGION

Southeast Regional Muster—"Springtime Extravaganza" will be held at Wekiva Falls Resort in Sorrento, FL [www.wekivafallsresort.com](http://www.wekivafallsresort.com). The dates are **23-28 April**, with early bird day 22 April.

The 100 acre campground located on the wild and scenic Wekiva River in Central Florida. It can accommodate any size rig in open sun and full shade sites. At present time plans are being completed to ensure your enjoyment.

Further details will be found in future TRAVELER issues. We promise you a **great** time. Applications can be found on our National Website at [www.smartrving.org](http://www.smartrving.org).

**Melina LeDuc, SERD**

## ARKANSAS HOGS

Another summer for the record books. Just too hot and dry for almost anything. We desperately need rain but then again it is just too hot to mow grass.



We are looking forward to the National in Shawnee, OK. The temps should have subsided by then...it will be so much fun to see our once a year friends from other regions of our country and catch up on what's happening.

Our October muster 10th thru 14th will be at Lake Charles State Park at Black Rock (AR) which is near Walnut Ridge and Pochahontas in the upper NE corner of Arkansas. Ralph and Edye Jungels also hosted a muster there a few years back. Lake Charles now has a whole new RV section open.

Come join us and experience a different kind of muster.

Be sure and visit us on the web at [www.arsmart-hogs.com](http://www.arsmart-hogs.com) and the national site at [www.smartrving.org](http://www.smartrving.org). See you soon.

**Eileen Wheeler**  
Hog Secretary

## ARIZONA ROADRUNNERS

The Arizona Roadrunners, unless traveling in cooler parts of the country, typically refrains from camping during the hot summer months and prefers to simply enjoy monthly luncheons in the Tucson area. But, when the weather starts to cool down, we begin chomping at the bit and we're ready to start camping again.

The Roadrunners are hosting a **Muster 12-15 October** at the **RANCHO SONORA RV PARK in Florence, AZ**. If you plan to be in Arizona during this time, please stop in and join us at our Muster. Contact our Wagonmaster **Rose Weast**, by sending an email to [roseweast@aol.com](mailto:roseweast@aol.com). She will be happy to send you a registration form, and once completed, mail it back to her at PO Box 80, Safford, AZ 85548 by 25th September.

We look forward to seeing you there!

**Bob Bennett**  
President Arizona Roadrunners

## COLORADO ROCKIES

Eight rigs arrived at Cheyenne Mountain State Park in Colorado Springs. The Lowes hosted the Lights, Wordens, Pricketts, Bakers, Dennings,

Morrey Smith and Jo Dunmire. The park is really nice – we were in the group area and everyone had a nice site. Since the Wordens had afternoon shade, they invited us to have our Happy Hours @ their rig. Several of us went over to the entrance of Ft. Carson Sunday afternoon for a tour of the Vietnam Traveling Wall. They had a real nice set up.



*Sightseeing at Glen Eyrie Castle*

There was time for each of us to do our own sight seeing – some went to Cripple Creek, some went to Ft. Carson, and Dennings enjoyed Seven Falls. A group of us toured Glen Eyrie Castle, enjoyed lunch in Old Colorado City, and found a wonderful doll shop that specializes in marionette puppets (thanks to Jo for introducing us to the Simpich Family and their talent), then we went to Michael Garman’s Studio. There was also golf for those who chose to play (& goofy golf), and a few of us took in the puppet show!

The potluck dinner was held in one of the group campfire areas and there was plenty of delicious food. Thank-you Darlene for letting me cook in your oven – I should have mine fixed soon. We hosted a continental breakfast on Thursday morning before we all departed.

It was a good time for all that were able to attend and we missed those who couldn’t be with us. No meeting was held, since we did not have a quorum of officers.

## **KANSAS CALVARY**



Members of the Kansas Cavalry Chapter during the June Muster, Council Grove Lake, Kansas. Note the 150 lb. **CAVALRY** statue we are around.

## **STIELOW**

## **OK SMARTS**

The OK Smarts held our mid-June muster at Palo Duro Canyon State Park located in the Texas Panhandle. This muster was a real blast (as in furnace heat). On the day of arrival, one roadside thermometer in the canyon near the campground registered 115°. Even tho’, we later met for a wiener roast over an electric grill (burn

ban in effect). Most days were made up of meeting in the a.m. for coffee before the sun came over the canyon rim. There were trips back up the very “winding” road to visit the Trading Post, Visitor’s Center and the Longhorn herd near the entrance. Several also made trips into the city of Canyon to visit the Western Panhandle Plains Historical Museum that covers from early formation and settlers in the canyon to the oil boom. The displays and information are very well done. Once the sun started to lower we again gathered to enjoy the shade and the view of the cliffs and rock formations surrounding us. We even got to view the space station as it passed over the area. The group also enjoyed the outdoor play “Texas” and a great steak dinner while in the park. We were thrilled to have two of the rangers come to our area to give us an inspiring talk about the canyon with many personal experiences. This gave us all a good deal of knowledge of the entire area.



Palo Duro Canyon State Park contains more than 20,000 acres. It is the second deepest canyon in the U. S. From 1933 – 1937, the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) had young men developing roads, building cabins, and shelters and a visitor center. These buildings are constructed of native rock and are all in use today. Activities include many hiking and horseback trails, mountain biking, and of course the scenic drive in and out. There is also a good deal of bird watching, deer, Barbary sheep, turkeys, wild hogs and, of course, a variety of lizards in the Canyon. You should be aware that your car windows need to be rolled up at night to deter the visiting raccoons.

The OK’s all agreed that this was a truly magnificent muster and we will return to the Canyon, but will be certain that the weather is a bit more conducive to being outdoors.

For more information online, visit [www.tpwd.state.tx.us](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us) or call 1-806-488-2227



*Top Right: Relaxing in the shade. Above Left: the group at Palo Duro Canyon. Above Right: Palo Duro Canyon State Park*

## **S\*T\*A\*R CHAPTER**

Recruiting seems to have slowed down for our Chapter members as well as for all SMART members over the past several months. As we travel this Summer and Fall, let’s be sure we have an ample supply of applications and back issues of the *TRAVELER* for our recruiting efforts.



Chapter members who have achieved upward movement include our Chapter Muster Master, Sherwin Stielow; # 6047, who moved from 19 to 21 recruited to earn his Gold

*(continued on page 13)*

# S\*M\*A\*R\*T MUSTER CALENDAR 2011

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](http://www.smartrving.org) and click on **Muster Calendar**.

**THE INFORMATION ON THE WEBSITE SUPERCEDES INFORMATION IN THE TRAVELER.**

## SEPTEMBER

- 9-10 American Heritage RV Resort Williamsburg, VA**  
*Host:* Call camp for reservations  
*Host:* CATS  
*Contact:* Sharon & Gene Bennett 757-460-9501 sharonbennett1@cox.net
- 12-15 Jennings RV Park, Jennings, FL**  
*Host:* FL Roadrunners  
*Contact:* Kathy & Andy Anderson 352-472-9303 cjandy@aol.com
- 13-18 Tom Sawyer's Mississippi River RV Park West Memphis, AR**  
*Host:* Rocky Top/Ohio Valley Joint Muster  
*Contact:* George & Nancy Harper 901-785-4503 gnharper1@bellsouth.net
- 14 Shari's, Moses Lake, WA**  
*Host:* Inland Empire  
 Luncheon 11:30 AM
- 17 Lunch in Tucson, AZ, Place TBA**  
*Host:* AZ Roadrunners  
*Contact:* Nancy Flesher 520-298-9779 clossflesher@juno.com

- 21-26 2011 NATIONAL MUSTER, SHAWNEE, OK**  
*Host:* SMW Region  
*Contact:* Don Daniel 405-485-3694 honneyman@pldi.net

- 9/30- Sunset King Resort, Defuniak Springs, FL**  
**10/2** *Host:* White Sands  
*Contact:* Claudia & Richard Coleman Hal & Flo Jellison

## OCTOBER

- 2-7 Jackson Rancheria, Jackson**  
*Host:* Golden Gate  
*Contact:* Abe & Mary Ann Low 916-923-3519 low@saclink.csus.edu
- 4-6 Kemper Williams RV Campground Patterson, LA**  
*Host:* Cajuns  
*Contact:* Joe & Joycie Comeaux
- 6-9 Oakwood RV Resort, Fredricksburg, TX**  
*Host:* Alamo  
*Contact:* Marlin Howze 830-372-1033 mhowze@hughes.net
- 10-14 Eagle Nest RV Park, Pigeon Ford, TN**  
*Host:* Gulf Coast Eagles  
*Contact:* Jerry & Martha Cole 941-518-6299
- 10-14 Lake Charles State Park, AR**  
*Host:* AR Hogs  
*Contacts:* Ralph & Edye Jungels 870-869-2932 jungels@centurytel.net

- 10-14 Kingsbay, GA**  
*Host:* Drifters  
*Contact:* Sam & Ginny Triassi 727-847-4396 gtrn2005@msn.com
- 11-15 Peculiar Park Place RV Park, Peculiar, MO**  
*Host:* Mohawks  
*Contact:* Art & Ursula Rash 816-322-4871
- 12-15 Rancho Sonora RV Park, Florence, AZ**  
*Host:* AZ Roadrunners  
*Contact:* Rose Weast 702-326-9285 roseweast@aol.com
- 12-16 Wild Frontier RV Park, Ocala, FL**  
*Host:* FL Sunshine  
*Contact:* Ray Oille 352-750-6452
- 13-17 McPherson RV Ranch, McPherson, KS**  
*Host:* Midway USA  
*Contact:* Liz Ziegler 620-532-4131
- 14-16 Lunga Park, Quantico, VA**  
*Host:* CBC  
*Contact:* Richard Bowen 703-303-1955
- 18-20 Natural Falls, OK**  
*Host:* OK Smarts
- 19-22 Crater of Diamonds State Park 870-285-3113 (Julie)**  
*Host:* AR Diamonds  
*Contact:* Farris
- 20 Perkins, Ritzville, WA**  
*Host:* Inland Empire  
 Luncheon 11:30 AM
- 22 Lunch in Tucson, AZ, Place TBA**  
*Host:* AZ Roadrunners  
*Contact:* Nancy Flesher 520-298-9779 clossflesher@juno.com

- 22-30 Ocean Lakes Campground**  
*Host:* SC Patriots  
*Contact:* David & Dianne Arrowsmith 803-628-1154
- TBA Myrtle Beach, SC**  
*Host:* CATS *Contact:* Elsie & Vic Muron 757-319-1452 muronvic@yahoo.com
- TBA Kemper-Williams RV Patterson, LA**  
*Host:* Cajuns  
*Contact:* Joy & Joycie Comeaux

## NOVEMBER

- 1-3 Ozark Country Campground 679 Quesbec Dr, Branson, MO 65616**  
*Host:* MS Magnolias  
*Contact:* Bob & Juanita Glazier 228-238-5278 gjglaz@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, 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

(continued on page 13)

# MUSTER CALENDAR 2011

(continued from page 12)

## DECEMBER

- 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
- 3**     **Wheatland Senior Center, Wheatland, MO**  
*Host:* MOHAWKS  
*Contact:* Curtis Gist 417-282-6357
- 5-9**    **Wade KOA, Wade, NC**  
*Host:* Tarheels  
*Contact:* John Hodgkin 910-624-2441
- 7-11**   **Blueberry Hill RV Park, Bushnell, FL**  
*Host:* FL Sunshine  
*Contact:* Steve Colt 904-708-3840
- 9-12**   **Farmers Opry, Chumuckla, FL**  
*Host:* White Sands  
*Contact:* Melba & Gene Davis  
Les & Lee Harris
- 12**    **Christmas Luncheon**  
**Jolly Roger, Oceanside**  
*Host:* So Cal  
*Contact:* Jeff Steinhorth  
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 – 1/1**   **Oaks & Pines RV Park, Lake City, FL**  
*Host:* Drifters  
*Contact:* David & Jackie Weis  
912-729-4142 dweis@tds.net
- 12/28 – 1/2**   **Sugar Mill Plantation, Ochlocknee, GA**  
*Host:* Tri-State Panhandlers  
*Contact:* Chuck Kuzma 850-803-8761
- 12/30 – 1/2**   **Lazy Days RV CG, Seffner, FL**  
*Host:* Gulf Coast Eagles  
*Contact:* Ruth & Jim Schilk 941-661-8586  
Terry & Joan McDonald 941-722-9464

# REGION & CHAPTER NEWS

(continued from page 11)

Star which will be presented at the National Muster. Tom Pearcy; # 11977, moved from 13 to 14 while Curt Newton; # 10059, went from 8 to 10 to earn his Bronze Star which will be awarded at National. Ken Mayhew; # 10564, NW Region Director, moved from 7 to 8 and Joe Cannarella; # 6072, from 6 to 7.

A BIG "Thank You" to each and every one of you for the outstanding dedication to SMART and our Chapter. It has been a distinct pleasure serving as the Chapter Pro Tem President and then President since we were chartered at the 2007 National Muster. It is time for me to step aside at the upcoming National Muster so please continue to support the strong incoming leadership. We will have a strong Chapter showing at this upcoming National Muster so please plan your schedules to attend the First Timers Reception and the Chapter Luncheon/Meeting (spouses included for both).

Happy & Safe travels and see you in Shawnee.

**Jay Maust**  
*President*

## TRI-STATE REBELS

The Rebels have just returned from the shores and Crystal beaches of beautiful North Carolina. Our muster was at Goose Creek RV Resort, just a few miles North of Emerald Isle. 19 rigs attended which included one new couple, Jerry and Dorothy Drum. Our host John and Yuko Hodgkin, Jim and Van Rees, and Mickey and Doris Salisbury did a wonderful job preparing food and taking care of everyone's needs during the Muster.

Goose Creek RV Resort is a Destination park with a huge water slide and lots of things to do. People are always on the move there, either walking or riding Golf Carts. We started each day with a great breakfast, had lunch on our own and the host fed the chapter or we went out to eat at other times. Of course, we had the usual pot luck dinner, what would muster be without a potluck dinner? We got together every day in the shade and played holey board and again after dinner for the Famous SYN game. There was a lot of laughing and having a good time by all.

We all had time for touring the historic towns and beach front activities. Since it was only twenty- four miles from the USMC Base at Camp Lejeune, NC a lot of us went there for the Post Exchange and Commissary after our usual trip to Wally World.

Our September Muster will be held at Deer Run RV Resort in Galax VA 20-23 with early bird on the 19th or sooner. Make some reservations, wash and pack that RV and let's get going. Call your friends and invite them. It will be leaf viewing season and there will still be a lot of summer activities. Come, make some new friends, renew old friendships and enjoy life. There will be plenty of food, lots of things to see in the mountains of Virginia. We will be playing cards, holey board, and maybe some syn. Hopefully the days will be cool and the nights clear and quiet.

So make your reservations and come to historic Virginia and have a wonderful time with the Rebels.

**Ron Reichert**  
*President Tri-State-Rebels*



S\*M\*A\*R\*T APPLICATION for MEMBERSHIP (Please print clearly)

NEW MEMBERS (Complete form above dotted line)

Fees Payable 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 #)

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:

Spouse Preferred 1st Name: Optional Info:

MEMBERSHIP FEES: Check Appropriate Category

1. Regular Membership:

- 1a. Regular Member - Active/Retired US Military Services, NOAA, USPHS, or Congressional Medal of Honor Recipients. Fee: \$15 (New Member Packet) + \$45 annual dues = \$60
1b. Family Member - Both parties must be Regular member eligible and submit individual applications. Fee \$15 (New Member Packet) + \$65 annual dues = \$80.

2. Associate Membership:

- 2a. Associate Member - Honorably discharged veterans US Military Services: Fee \$15 (New Member Packet) + \$45 annual dues = \$60.
2b. Associate Spouse - Spouse of a Regular Member. Fee \$30 annual dues (Member packet fee is waived) + \$7.50 for name badge (optional) = \$37.50
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 Membership: must be former SMART member and no longer travel in an RV. \$25 annual dues

\*\*Note: Most mail forwarding Services DO NOT forward 3rd class mail - If you desire 1st class mailings of the Traveler, please add \$10/year with your payment.\*\*

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

Applicant Signature Date

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL - For current members renewing their membership. Member expiration date is found on the mailing label of the Traveler

Mbr # NAME SPOUSE

Email Address

List all Chapters you belong to

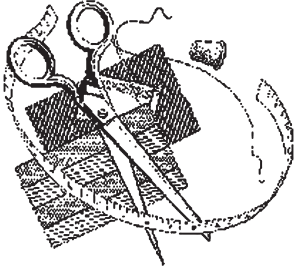
Renewal Fees:

- Regular Member - \$45 (X years) = \$
Associate Member - \$45 (X years) = \$
Associate Widow/Widower - \$30 (X years) = \$
Social Member - \$25 (X years) = \$
Family Member - \$65 (X years) = \$
Associate Spouse - \$30 (X years) = \$
Canadian Member - \$50 (X years) = \$
1st Class Mailing - \$10 (X years) -- \$

CUT ON DOTTED LINE

# CLASSIFIED

Prices for Classified Ads are **.10 cents for each printable character, per issue**. Payment must be sent with ad, for the number of issues the ad is to be placed. The minimum ad size is 100 characters or a minimum of \$10.00 - per issue. 10% discount is not applicable for classified ads. *If you have any questions please give us a call at 800-354-7681.* **S\*M\*A\*R\*T, Inc. does not endorse any advertisers contained herein as referenced to in the Bylaws.**



## THE QUILTERS WANTED TO SAY

*Thanks to everyone who sent in squares for the Southwest Quilt. The Quilt is being quilted now and looks Great!*

## S\*M\*A\*R\*T STORE PRICES: RESALE

SMART Decals 3"	\$0.65
SMART Decals 6"	\$0.85
SMART Decals 9"	\$2.05
SMART Bumper Stickers	\$1.50
SMART Cloth Emblem 3 1/4"	\$2.50
SMART Cloth Emblem 8 1/2"	\$6.75
SMART Iron-On 8"	\$2.20
SMART Visors (Red, White, Blue)	\$4.95
SMART Hats (Red, White, Blue)	\$6.00
SMART Car Tags	\$3.00
SMART Name Badges	\$7.50

**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**

## PLACES TO VISIT (continued from back cover)

walkers. About 1/2 way back the road splits to the left and to the right. If you go right you go back to the campground, but this time we decided to go left.

This road leads to the very rare coastal dune lakes. While admiring the lakes we saw signs posted warning us of the possibility of alligators (can't be Florida without alligators!). Topsail Hill Preserve is part of The Great Florida Birding Trail. You will see threatened birds like the snowy and piping plovers, and of course the beautiful ospreys. Overall this is a great location to go camping and enjoy the Beach Life! So when you're in this area stop by an enjoy Florida at its best.

**Chris Wade** *Travelwade.com*

Go to [Floridastateparks.org](http://Floridastateparks.org) to see more beautiful camping areas.



# Seeing The Country We Defend....



**S★M★A★R★T®**

Special Military Active Retired Travel Club, Inc.  
600 University Office Blvd. #1A • Pensacola, FL 32504  
(850) 478-1986 • (800) 354-7681  
e-mail: [smart@smartrving.org](mailto:smart@smartrving.org)

NON-PROFIT ORG  
U.S. POSTAGE

**PAID**

Pensacola, Florida  
PERMIT NO. 686

**SAVE ME!!! SHARE ME WITH OTHER MILITARY RETIREE'S, BASES, CAMPGROUNDS.  
PLEASE NOTE OUR NEW WEB ADDRESS [www.smartrving.org](http://www.smartrving.org)**

**OR CURRENT RESIDENT**

## PLACES TO VISIT

### ***TOPSAIL HILL PRESERVE***

#### ***Camping, Kayaking and Beaches - Topsail Hill Preserve Offers it All!***



On a recent trip to Topsail Hill Preserve state park, we arrived late. Luckily the staff at Topsail are old pros at late arrivals, they had already spotted us by the time we saw the sign that said who to call and had us checked in, in less than five.

To get to our campsite we drove past the camp store and through the camping area (they offer 156 sites and allow RV's up to 45' long). Our site was on the back side. Full hook ups.

The next day we checked out the activities they offer. We played a game of shuffle board. They also had a pool, but we decided to walk the 1/2 mile trail down to the beach. We were going to take the shuttle, but it only runs every 1/2 hour and of course we just missed the last ride. It's a pleasant walk on a paved road. There are no vehicles allowed on the road down to the beach except for the tram. Once on the beach you see no development along the 3.2 miles that belong to the park, so you can imagine Florida before the giant condos and summer homes appeared.

After enjoying the afternoon on the beach, we started our walk back to our campsite passing bicyclers and other

*(continued on page 15)*