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Linda & Wayne Ballard, Tom Dillon, Lamar & Dian Enfinger,
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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.

NOTICE

A Vacancy exists for the Appointed positions to the SMART BoD for SMART Nat'l Photographer and SMART Historian. The duties and responsibilities for these two separate appointed positions are detailed as follows:

NATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHER

Duties and responsibilities are as specified in **SMART Standing Rules (SR) SR 07-15 7.02** and additionally outlined in the **National Muster Guide 3.19 7.02**

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**

Both documents are available to review on the SMART website www.smarttrving.org or request a copy from SMART HQ.

Please note that these are **voluntary positions and not for personal profit**. All reimbursable expenses involved in supplies and associated production costs 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 these positions (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 these two positions are requested to submit in writing their willingness to assume these two vital positions. Please send a brief resume to SMART HQ. The Resumes will be reviewed, submitted to the BoD via email or USPS notification. Individual applicant(s) will receive notification and appointment.... with many thanks for volunteering.

Submitted,
Christian Eck
President

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings one and all,

Well Spring is here.....somewhere. Spring brings on our SMART muster planning and attendance instincts and habits. I hope that those valuable habits that resulted from past and recent years continue. There is one thing certain and that is if we check the rigs over good, do some cleaning and stocking, make good route plans, slow our speed and check fueling locations ahead that there will be rewards for our effort.



Christian Eck

The Fuel “sticker shock” has now become a reality and if we study it carefully our use of the rigs even with elevated price concerns will by and far be rewarded by the SMART life experiences at musters, caravans and other events.. Ron Santerre hit the “nail on the head” with his recent article in the March-April TRAVELER. These same sentiments are expressed in other RVing publications. We have two options; (1) To utilize the RV’s and realize a Return for Investment through enjoyable and rewarding experiences. ...or (2) let them sit in drives, sheds, storage lots and continue to pay loans, insurance, tags, taxes, depreciation and resultant mechanical failures from non-use. They make expensive “Yard Ornaments”. Hope yours is option (1).....See Ya there

That being said there are many Musters and Caravans in the offering for our enjoyment and involvement. All afford enjoyable experiences in meeting old friends,welcoming new ones and seeing new sites. There are a number of Chapter Musters offered and if you happen to be “on the road” and are near one that is happening on your route....contact them and they will gladly invite you as a guest. The Region Musters are fewer this year but those in process or planned are another great option.

Where we are really needing help and encouraging your participation is attendance at the 2011 National Muster to be held at Shawnee, Oklahoma. That general Shawnee - Oklahoma City and other locations nearby are indeed a great experience. It is also a great location to either plan extended stays in the Shawnee - Oklahoma City -Tinker AFB area or other nearby locations. Look for more inviting information within this TRAVELER then submit your Registration and Parking registration. It takes a lot of hard

work by a dedicated Muster Staff to “put on” a good muster and they feel rewarded by your attendance and will do their level best to make the trip and experience worth while. Then there’s the option that Carolyn, myself and some other smart SMART members are taking and that is the AIBF Caravan at Albuquerque following shortly after the NM.. Those Caravans are such a value.

One other request.....be on the lookout for SMART’s new Advertising and Sponsorship program. Chuck Kuzma, our Membership and Publicity Chmn will be presenting a new program that will be beneficial to all of us in many ways. I’ll let him introduce it.

Many Thanks.....sincerely, for being smart and staying SMART..... See Ya somewhere,

Christian Eck

President

FROM THE FIRST VP

I hope everyone is enjoying the warmer weather we now have and are making plans to attend the 2011 National Muster in Shawnee, Oklahoma. I certainly hope to see you all there.



David Weis

Questionnaire: The responses from the questionnaire in the last issue of The TRAVELER have been received and the results are being tabulated by the Membership & Publicity Committee. Those results, which will be used to make the Traveler more responsive to the readers, will be published in a future issue. We want to thank those that took the time to respond and provide their valuable inputs. I ask that you please take time to review your Chapter By-laws for any possible changes/corrections that may be needed as these will need to go before the BL&SR Committee and BOD prior to the National Muster for approval. On a final note I would encourage everyone to recruit at least one (1) new member into SMART, with our membership numbers declining our future depends solely on retention & recruitment. Take care, be safe and see you in Shawnee.

David Weis

First Vice President

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TOTAL MEMBERS TO DATE: 1644

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

Joined	49
Reinstated	11
Deleted – Non-Pmt	47
Deleted – Other	8
Inquiries	16

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13248	John Steinbauer (Kathy)	Plantation, FL	5478
13249	Kathy Steinbauer (John)	Plantation, FL	5478
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13251	Thomas Slattery	St. Augustine, FL	
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13253	Terry Dayton	Spring Hill, FL	4382
13254	William Duncan (Nancy)	Chattanooga, TN	11480
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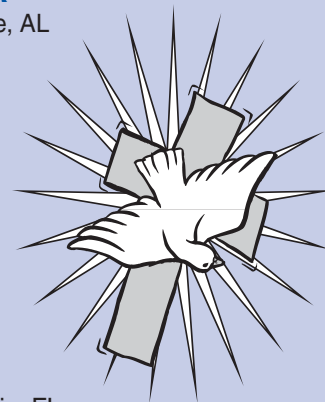
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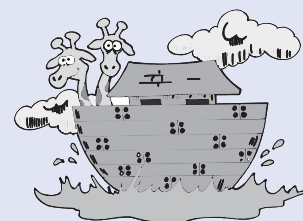
KEN KNAUSS

#12541, spouse of Betty, Eustis, FL



Noah's Ark

Paul Rider, National Chaplain



I don't recall where I first saw this, but it contains a lot of wisdom for us. I hope reading these words will bring you a blessing today.

Everything we need to know, we can learn from the story of Noah's Ark.

1. **Always live a righteous life - even if you're the only one; it will be noticed.**
2. **Listen to what God tells you - your life depends on it.**
3. **Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the ark.**
4. **Faith requires action. Noah could have believed in God, yet would still have drowned if he hadn't built the ark.**
5. **Stay fit. When you're 600 years old, someone might ask you to do something REALLY big.**
6. **Don't listen to critics, just get on with what has to be done.**
7. **Build your future on high ground.**
8. **Finish what you start.**
9. **Two heads are better than one.**
10. **Don't miss the boat.**
11. **Don't forget that we're all in the SAME boat.**
12. **Speed isn't always an advantage; the snails were on board along with the cheetahs.**
13. **When you're stressed, float awhile.**
14. **Remember that the ark was built by amateurs while the Titanic was built by professionals.**
15. **Remember that woodpeckers INSIDE are a larger threat than the storm OUTSIDE.**
16. **Have patience! The ark wasn't built in a year, and the flood cleanup wasn't finished in 40 days and 40 nights.**
17. **And remember, no matter the storm, when you're one with God there's a rainbow waiting.**

CARAVANS AND TOURS

Dear SMART folks:

One of the grand benefits of SMART is our Caravan program. Super folks and great prices! Even with increased fuel prices it looks like we will have a total of four SMART caravans go this year—Mini-SW Grand Circle departing in May; Alaska departing in June, Music Cities departing in August (getting you near the national Muster), and the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta starting at the end of September. Unfortunately we had to cancel two caravans, Canadian Maritimes and Oshkosh Experimental Airshow(AIBF), due to lack of participants. Thanks for your response to our request to fill the Alaska and Music Cities caravans—we have the minimum number (15) to make these caravans GO.

It's too late to sign up for the SW Grand Circle, but if you hurry you can still get onto the Music Cities caravan—AIBF is full but you could get onto the standby list. You also are requested to start signing up NOW for the 2012 Mardi Gras caravan! I realize that it is next year, but it comes quick and we don't want you to miss the great opportunity to attend the first SMART Mardi Gras caravan since Katrina—we need sign ups to make your reservations!

I hope to see many of you at the National Muster where we will have seminars on the SMART Caravan program and wagonmaster/assistant training. We will also award a \$750.00 gift voucher good toward a 2012 caravan—but you must be in attendance!

I would like to get an interest count on folks who would like to go onto the Alaska or Maritimes caravans in 2012. Also please e-mail me with any suggested caravans you would like to participate in in the next few years. This is YOUR caravan program. Please send me any input you have. Thanks.

Craig Christen: ctchristen@earthlink.net.

Music Cities Caravan

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Cost: \$2873 for 2/per RV, \$1787 for 1/per RV, \$1090 for additional person.
Dates: 29 August-16 September 2011

Enjoy the sights and venues of three great Music Cities - Nashville, Memphis, and Branson - on a relaxed schedule. We begin at a centrally located Nashville campground. Our first day will have us picked up at the campground for a bus tour of the city to see all the major attractions. You will then be given a Music City Total Access Pass which gives you the freedom to look at the listings and pick four attractions to put together your unique Nashville experience. Pick from the Parthenon, Ryman Auditorium, Belle Meade Plantation, Country Music Hall of Fame, Grand Old Opry backstage tour and others. We will attend the Grand Old Opry show as a group. We will lunch at the fabulous Gaylord Opryland Hotel.

After 5 nights in Nashville, we move to Memphis for an evening Riverboat Music Dinner cruise on the mighty Mississippi. We will again be picked up for a city bus tour to see Graceland, Sun

studio, the ducks at the Peabody Hotel, the beautiful Victorian homes and more. The next day we will have a group tour of Elvis' Graceland home and also lunch there. There will be blues and jazz aplenty....a dinner show at Kings Palace. You will have 6 nights here to sample the great night life.

We then spend a week in Branson...Dolly Parton, Jim Stafford, Acrobats of China, Spirit of the Dance, Shoji Tabuchi, Yakov Smirnoff, Broadway and many other great shows. You will be furnished tickets to at least 5 of the most popular shows and you will also have time to see your favorite if it is not included in the group ticketing.

Sprinkled into our days will be many group meals, socials, pot lucks and info sessions. This Caravan ends 5 days prior the National Muster and is a convenient lead in for your travels. We have not run this caravan in a few years and we have received a lot of interest in it, so sign up early to guarantee a spot....Caravan is limited to 20 rigs total.

Send a deposit of \$260.00 with your application to HQ. Payment schedule if available will be included with your Acknowledgement Letter.

Mardi Gras Caravan

Wagon Master: Peter and Linda Batchelar (717) 329 2160
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Assistant Wagon Master: Paul and PJ Cooper
Cost: TBD estimated \$2075/rig, 2 persons. Initial Deposit \$450
Dates: February 18-March 3, 2012

The Big Easy is back! This Caravan has not been offered since 2005 and we expect it to sell out quickly. We need your application by May 25, 2011 since the campgrounds during Mardi Gras fill up well in advance and require full payment at time of reservation. So do not hesitate if you want to be included.

We will meet in New Orleans on Feb 18. After a bus city tour, you will have an opportunity to see several parades on your own and we will all have grandstand seats for one of the main events where you will see some amazing floats and collect bagfuls of beads.

We will visit the site where floats are made and stored. The fabulous World War II D-Day Museum is a must see. A paddleboat ride to the site of the Battle of New Orleans with lunch will also be a highlight....Bourbon Street and the Casino will beckon as well.

We then move to the Lafayette area. Bus tour to St Martinville to see the Evangeline tree and Acadian Museum. Some great meals at top Cajun restaurants with those Cajun bands entertaining us. A visit to the Tabasco Factory and a Rice Mill....Also see a live Radio /TV Show featuring top Cajun entertainers and a stop by the Cajun Music Museum.....a visit to a Cajun accordion maker, a German community and a crawfish farm is also in the offing as well as some surprises.

We attended the 2005 event and it more than surpassed expectations and the parades, food and music were amazing..... Do not miss this one!

Pet of the Month

Please meet Bleach & Hunny. Bleach is 13 years old and is a Fire Point Siamese. Hunny is a "Chiweenie" and she is a year and a half years old. Chiweenies are a Chihuahua and Dachshund mix. Chiweenies are nicknamed "Mexican Hot Dogs." Hunny is named after Winnie the Pooh's Hunny Jar because of the honey color of her fur. The photo of Hunny watching the buffalo was taken in Yellowstone National Park last October. At one point, my wife, Jane, had to grab Hunny's muzzle because she started growling at the buffalo and they did not appreciate it. The buffalo were real close to our Jeep. Both Hunny and Bleach love RVing, although Bleach does get jealous sometimes because Hunny gets to get out of the RV more often than her.



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ATTENTION SMART MEMBERS!

Don't forget to send us your photos for Pet of the Month. Please e-mail your favorite pet photo enjoying his camping trip with his family. We will select two photos for each Traveler. You may write a short article about your pet and don't forget their name and who owns them.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED

The National Spouse Advisory Committee selected Tinker Elementary School as the focal point of its charitable efforts during the 2011 SMART National Muster in Shawnee, OK, this September. Each year, teachers compile a list of supplies students are asked to bring opening day of school. These supplies are needed and used throughout the year. Often, families are not able to provide all of the needed supplies. If you are planning to attend the National Muster in September, please "Google" Tinker Elementary School and click on 'school supplies' to see what is needed and then SHOP at your local Big Lots, Dollar General, 99Cent Store, etc., for these supplies. Such supplies include: Playdough, Elmer's glue and washable glue sticks, packets of tissues, boxes of tissues, hand sanitizers, baby wipes, #2 pencils, pearl erasers, pencil top erasers, 1 inch 3-ring binders, 4x6 index cards, band-aids, wide-rule notebook paper, crayons, washable markers, backpacks suitable for pre-schoolers, Ziploc sandwich, quart and gallon storage bags, 70-page, wide-rule spiral notebooks in red, yellow and blue, etc. Check the website for the complete list. Additionally, teachers often need creative materials for their classrooms. The school secretary kindly compiled a list of creative materials: loose glitter, glitter glue, multi-colored tissue paper, construction paper, paint trays, sharpies, stikki clips, white card stock, colored copy paper, fine-point dry-erase markers, brown clasp envelopes, paper sacks, paper plates, colored pencils, tempura paint. For more information, contact Sally Kavanaugh, Chair of the National Spouse Advisory Committee, at 623-910-1276 or by e-mail: LadySallyK@msn.com.

QUILTERS BLOCK

It's time to be sending me your Quilt blocks (10 1/2 in.) in South-western colors, so that we can start joining them together. I have about 8 so far, who have sent one or more in but we still need more. I know there's still a group of you out there that want to be included. I will be at the Florida address till the middle of May, maybe. So if you plan on sending a square, say after May 1, call me to make sure. For medical issues we are not sure of returning date to our region. Remember also to be making your lap quilt to be delivered to the VA hospital while we're there. Thanks,

Karen

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FAMCAMP NEWS

We have given our folks a great capability to communicate to Headquarters about our famcamps, what they have to offer as well as where they are within each state. **Now, we do have a problem** because you folks that have visited our famcamps have not put anything into HQ about the facilities you visited. We did not have the capability last year. We had 2 inputs for famcamp of the year and I have been to 3 famcamps and have made inputs on all three. Lets all do our part and **vote**.

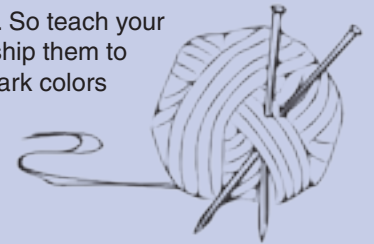
I came across something probably fairly important to us folks in SMART. In the 2011 Trailer Life Directory is a list of a lot of camp grounds around the USA right. This helps us find campgrounds/famcamps while we travel across the USA. There is a great section each year called **Military Listings**, in *Trailer Life Directory* that I have reviewed the last 3 years of RV Parks and Campgrounds, and each one has its listings and the numbers are not consistent each year. This tells me someone is updating these listings each year. We have put the capability to vote for the famcamp of the year on the SMART web site. Good luck and don't forget to input your famcamp for the year award. It appears that I am the only one so far that that has voted for this years famcamp of the year award, lets change that.

KNITTER'S & CROCHETERS

The National Spouse Advisory Committee has a challenge for you. We know that a lot of you like to keep your fingers busy, so we thought it would be great if all knitters and crocheter's made as many skull caps for the troops as possible and bring them to the National Muster in Oklahoma. We will see what club can come up with the most caps. So teach your friends how to make them, they are very easy to do. Then we will ship them to a place, that sends them off to the troops. They ask that you use dark colors and worsted wool. See web address:

<http://warmthforwarriors.com/sitebuildercontent/sitebuilder-files/Instructions>.

Any questions, call Karen 847-507-0823



TOUR - 2011 NATIONAL MUSTER

The Muster Committee has put together a Tour in Oklahoma City to the **National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum** and the **Oklahoma City National Memorial & Museum**. A full buffet lunch will be provided at the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum. To learn more about the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum go to www.nationalcowboymuseum.org. To learn more about the Oklahoma City National Memorial & Museum go to www.oklahomacitynationalmemorial.org

A Bus or Buses will leave the Muster Grounds on Friday, September 23rd at 8:45 a.m. and we will return by 5:00 p.m. The cost is **\$55.00** per person. This is a must see for everyone.

There must be a minimum of 40 people to participate in this tour.

Complete **one (1)** registration form per tour participant. Mail registration and make checks out to:

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REGION & CHAPTER NEWS

FRIENDLY REMINDER

Each Chapter has been requested to prepare a nice basket representative of your area to be used as door prizes during the 2011 National Muster. This was previously sent to all Chapters via chain of command communication so this is your "Friendly Reminder". Contact Gerald Davis, Chairman, Prize Committee at: gjdavis65@aol.com or tele: 817-964-0450 if you have questions. Thank you and see 'ya in Shawnee.

NC REGION

Spring is here, hope it means warm weather and lots of sunshine for our region. I however have been detained in Florida for medical issues at least till the middle of May or so. We are sorry we will be missing the May Muster in Wisc. with the Wisconsin SMARTS. We hope we will be home in time for the June Muster in Joilet, IL with the Great Lakes & Northern Illinois SMARTS. Know it will be a great time. The Great Lakes SMARTS are also having a July Muster in White Cloud, MI. The North Central Region will be all getting together in August, at the Elkhart Fairgrounds, for the major planning session for the 2012 National that we are in charge of, please everyone be there for this working Muster it is very important. I need everyone there for inputs and ideas. We need to assign jobs and make sure everything is in order at this time. I will be sending out a letter to everyone in the region asking for your help, so please be ready to do your part. Because of my medical issues we are a little behind, please be there for your Region. I hope you are planning on attending this year's National in Shawnee, OK. Sept. 21-26, get your forms in early, please, that helps them in their planning. It is a wonderful area to visit, with many things to see and do.

Our SMART membership is still holding its own. Remember we need all your help in getting and keeping new members. We all love our SMART Club let's keep it active.

Jack Dietrich

SOUTHEAST REGION

Spring has arrived and the wheels are eager to roll. For our friends in the North it won't be long. The planning for our 2012 Region Muster is near completion, we have some items to work on. As they say "it's a work in progress" and we can thank the new chapter in our region the Florida Roadrunners for the outstanding progress thus far. Other chapters are raring to assist. We are consistently reminded to recruit and recruit as the monthly reports reflect our membership status. We are holding our own however, let's get out and recruit some new blood. Heading out to participate in the South Central Region Muster in Lebanon, TN. Talk at ya, when we next write. God Bless you all, our Country and safe travels.

Melina LeDuc, SERD

CHATTAHOOCHEE DRIFTERS

The highlight of our muster was our guest speakers from Moody Air Force Base, Capt. Danielle Pope, Air Craft Commander of HC-130P search and rescue and her Senior Airman, Amber Summer. We learned first-hand that loading a HC-130 is very critical as the load must be properly centered and balanced. We heard some great stories of their missions, especially when SRA Summer was whisked out the rear of the aircraft with only her tether strap holding her to the back of the aircraft, thank the good lord she was brought



back into the plane safely. Capt. Pope who has a side kick called "Pork Chop" is a bright pink stuffed pig and travels all over with her, (her good luck charm). For "Pork Chop" to earn his 'para trooper status' he had to jump out of an aircraft strapped to Capt. Pope. So "Pork Chop" is a certified para trooper. It was great to see these young ladies doing a great job for the United States Air Force and both intend in a career in the U. S. Air Force.

Drifters President, Jackie Weis #12337

FLORIDA BUCCANEERS

The Buccaneers completed another very successful muster in March, at Grand Lake RV resort in Citra, Florida. We had approximately 28 coaches; two members arrived by auto, and six guests all who later became members of the Buccaneers. The biggest problem we had was not having a stove. One of our meals was spaghetti. All the Ladies helped boiled the spaghetti at their coaches and we were lucky enough to complete the meal. The hosts had more volunteers than was needed to help serve and clean up. Being at our last three musters we have been asking our members to donate at least one can of food or





(From Top) 50/50 drawing helps us pay for our musters. • Bill Culbreth was interviewed at the Veterans Day Event by local TV Stations • The Group at the Muster at Grand Lakes RV Resort. • John, Dale, and David cooked hamburgers and hot dogs at the Grand Lakes Muster • Rosie and Pat strutted their stuff during the entertainment at Lazydays! • Pat and Paul were having a blast at the entertainment provided by Lazydays. • Special seating at Veterans Day occurs at the Florida National Cemetery.

other non-perishable foods towards a food bank, we then give the food to a Church or other organization within the area where we have a muster. They will give the food to people in need. We have received letters of thanks from the organizations who received the food. Our Ladies in our chapter are currently knitting and crocheting "skull caps" for the military to wear under their helmets. We sent one to our Son who is in Afghanistan, and he likes it because it keeps the sweat out of his eyes and keeps his head and ears warm when it is cold. The Ladies are doing quilt blocks as a chapter project to be given to the National muster as a gift. This project is headed up by Karen Dietrich. We also are involved with "wreaths across America". John Lukondi is heading up this project and he is also the Buccaneers' Vice President

The Muster Master has planned a "gathering" during the month of May. The location is to be at Lake Rousseau. This "gathering" is not considered a SMART Buccaneer muster. It is open to anyone who has a desire to attend and meet people. Games, Fun and relaxation is on the agenda. A fish fry was mentioned as a possible meal.

Our Chapter does not charge a muster fee. One of our aids we use is the "50/50" raffle. If each couple bought \$5.00 dollars worth of tickets a day, that amounts to \$2.50 apiece. Where can two people eat a meal for \$5.00? Plus have a chance to win some of the money back. Yes, we do have a few who are not able to buy only one ticket a day. They have their reasons and we respect that. So the rest of us try to make up for them. The latest raffle had four lucky winners.

We usually hold all our musters within the State of Florida. We invite all SMART members and their guests to join us for a fun filled time. Check out the Buccaneer web site for future information at www.smartbucs.com.

Dale M. Hertzfeld - President Smart Florida Buccaneers

THE FLORIDA ROADRUNNERS

The Florida Roadrunners were on the move again! Our March muster was held at Grand Lake RV & Golf Resort at Orange Lake (Citra). Chapter President, Jim McDade, invited the Florida Space Coast chapter members to our social get together. Those that attended were, Jane & Glen Snodgrass (Chapter President), Paul & Lois Etheridge (Secretary), Donna & Gary Wilson (Vice President) and Judy Sheldon & friend, Dewey. Everyone enjoyed the great meals that were prepared by hosts, Steve & Sarah Colt and cohosts, Charlie & Barb Hunter.



Steve & Sarah had many daily fun indoor & outside activities arranged for all who attended the muster. "Screw Your Neighbor" (SYN), had members laughing and singing as individuals were eliminated one by one. One of our newest members, John & Sue Johnson, brought "Jurassic Park Downs" race. A beast named "Al-Ka-Holic" was amongst others, who raced to the finish line, for winners to collect. Hank Pelz assisted in moving these large creatures on a floor mat race track. Craft time brought many members to the table in doing ceramic tiles on small mirrors and then displayed their finished creations. On St. Patty's Day, the ladies dressed in green and followed Sarah to the Old Bread House for lunch. The 16 ladies feasted on homemade breads, soups, chicken or seafood salads and homemade key lime pie or red velvet cake. One afternoon, members Kay & Frank Masciale taught us how to play a dice game, "Right, Left and Center". It was a simple game that you didn't have to use any brain power to lose your quarters! On Saturday evening, Sarah & Steve led

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a large caravan to the Yearling Restaurant, www.waaaaayyyy.com in the boonies! Our chapter invited Buccaneers, Peggy & Frank Patrick and Larry & Bonnie Shields (SMART's newest members) to go along with us. At the restaurant, our large group of 36 were entertained by live music. Frank Masciale got in the dancing mood as did Jim McDade & Sarah Colt. Bonnie Gorman requested a favorite song to be played by the talented musicians.

Our chapter has acquired yet another new SMART member, Joe Ring and his wife Carol. They enjoyed the activities, meals and conversations our chapter offered. Tentative plans are in the making for our chapter and the Florida Space Coast chapter to host the SE Region Muster in 2012.

NOMADS POST MUSTER

The Nomads post muster will be the first planning meeting for the 2013 National Muster. All At Large Chapter members, and other interested SMART members are Welcome! Our Post Muster will be held at the 2011 National Muster location in Shawnee, OK immediately following the National Muster. The Post Muster will start on September 26th and continue for four days. We should be able to stay in our National Muster sites. Jerry and his committee Chairs will set up planning meetings for the attendees. All members of the At Large Chapters are invited to attend this post muster. I have spoken to Mike Jackson at Shawnee and our Post Muster Camping fee will be \$15.00 per site. You may be able to stay additional days if you want to. All sites are FHU with 30 AMP only. If you have questions the telephone number is 405-275-7020. The Exposition Grounds are located at 1700 W. Independence, Shawnee, OK 74802. Please remember this is after, and separate, from the National Muster and is our Post-planning meeting for our National in 2013. We have unlimited space. Groups other than Nomads in the At-Large Region are encouraged to attend. They may hold their own activities or join in with the Nomads. You do not have to be a Nomad to attend.



We will hold Happy Hours and Pot-Lucks as always and everyone is invited to attend. The Pre or Post Muster in 2012 will be held at the Missouri State Fairgrounds, Sedalia, MO. The purpose of this Pre or Post Muster will be to make final arrangements and local contacts for the AT LARGE holding of National Muster in 2013. More details concerning this Muster will be supplied in future Smoke Signals and messages as well as posting on our website. This information is provided early so that everyone can plan to attend. Although you can contact the Muster locations directly please refer all questions concerning our activities to either myself (phillip_c_petrie@peoplepc.com), Chief Muster Master Jerry Sweeney (chiefjerry2013mustermaster@gmail.com), or President Chuck dgrandpaslove@aol.com). If you are not a NOMAD you certainly may refer questions to your own leadership in your Chapter. I will try to keep all Chapter Presidents informed as the year progresses.

Happy Camping! Phil

ARKANSAS DIAMONDS

Spring has finally arrived and the SMART Arkansas Diamond's Chapter are busy getting their 2011 season off with a bang! Our first muster was in March in Eureka Springs, Arkansas, where we welcomed a new Air Force member and his bride (of 58 years), toured a beautifully restored mansion and enjoyed some great food including a birthday cake to celebrate the Diamond's first birthday. Earlier this month, a few of our members caravanned together to attend our South Central Regional Muster in Lebanon, Tennessee where we toured the Cracker Barrel headquarters and met one of the original four \$10,000 investors in the restaurant.



We also hosted a garage/driveway sale to support our chosen charity . . . The Wounded Warrior Project . . . their mission, which is "to honor and empower wounded veterans", began while watching news stories of the wounded service members returning home from Iraq and Afghanistan. Inspired individuals realized something needed to be done for these brave men and women beyond the brass bands and hometown parades. Tangible support began for the severely wounded to help them heal both physically and mentally. Chapter members donated many items for this multi-household sale. Our May outing was to Coachlight RV Park in Carthage, Missouri, where we had a joint muster with the SMART Arkansas Hogs and our June muster is planned for Lake Dardanelle State Park near Russellville, Arkansas.

Check out our website at www.smartardiamonds.pearcys.com or call Tom or Sandy Percy at 479-855-4666 for additional information, calendar of events, muster registrations and photos of our fun.

ARKANSAS SMART HOGS

It is no wonder legends like the baseball great Babe Ruth, Chicago's famous Al Capone, and our 32nd President Franklin D. Roosevelt vacationed and relaxed at Hot Springs, AR. For the same reasons, the National Park, Oaklawn Race Track, Bathhouse Row, and Garvan Gardens and such is why the Arkansas SMART HOGS chose Hot Springs for their first 2011 Muster. Hosting this event was Jim & Susan Franks and Bill & Charolette Hards. Attending were Ann Lowry, Hollis Kinder, Pat Maglievaz, Ralph & Edye Jungels, Glenn & Pat Foster, Christian & Caroline Eck, Bill & Kathie Corroum, Fred & Valerie Smith, Kic & Eileen Wheeler. Guests were Mary Lemon, State Commander, Diamond Chapter of WWII Submarine Veterans, Joe & Kathy Hendricks, Don Schwartz, Mary Kasten, EX Hogs Dennis & Sue Woods and Charter Hog members Lew & Ruby Dellinger.



Cloud Nine RV Park is situated on a high hill with a great view and no railroad track nearby. They have a lovely large recreation hall with a 52" TV and exercise equipment and a pool table which the men utilized every spare moment. They also have WiFi for you computer nerds.

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The first evening we had grilled bacon wrapped shrimp, salad, spaghetti, garlic bread and individual cherry cheese cake treats. The following morning began with fresh fruit & sweet rolls. At the business meeting our National President Christian Eck spoke to us about SMART recruiting & retention with the emphasis on retention. A potluck dinner was enjoyed at the end of the day. On Wednesday eggs, biscuits with sausage gravy entergized us for a trip to the Garvan Botanical Woodland Gardens. The 210 acre gardens were bursting with color. Daffodills, azaleas, red buds, dogwoods and 300,000 tulips of every color said, "It's Spring". A homestyle cooked lunch was enjoyed at the Red Oak Fillin' Station. A chilli dump with all the extras was awaiting to warm us up after a chilly day.

Thursday we were off and running to Oaklawn Race Track. First to the sandwich line for the famous mouth-watering corned beef sandwiches, then to watch and/or bet on the horses. It was a fun filled day. After the races, we all caravanned to the local Red Lobster restaurant for our last dinner of the muster. Before our final farewells on Friday morning, we enjoyed a breakfast casserole, and homemade sticky buns. Be sure and visit our web site www.arsmarthogs.com

Eileen Wheeler, Secretary

S*T*A*R CHAPTER

Our members continue to exhibit outstanding recruiting efforts as Wayne Rickard; # 10834, moved from 20 to 21. David Weis; # 9428, our National 1st Vice President, moved from 16 to 18 and Dale Hertzfeld; # 5478, from 13 to 16, thus earning his Silver Star. Richard Mishler; # 5581, moved from 8 to 10 to earn his Bronze Star. Paul Proctor; # 11535, moved from 7 to 8 while Willard Kemp; # 7651, and Michael Kegley; # 8960, moved from 6 to 7 recruited. Stan McKay; # 4382, moved from 5 to 6. The Chapter welcomes 2 new members since the last issue, Douglas Harrell; # 10878 and Dolores "D" McDade; # 12165. They will be awarded their distinctive S*T*A*R Medallions at an upcoming muster. Achieving his 5th recruited member and thus membership eligibility was Richard Frederickson; # 10849, who may well have joined the Chapter by the time you read this. A reminder that we will have our annual luncheon (spouses included) and election of officers at the National Muster. If you have not yet sent your registration for the National Muster, please do so ASAP to facilitate planning. If you have not yet paid your 2011 Chapter dues, please send the \$10.00 dues to our Sec/Treas, Jeff Stephens at: 6124 Galleon Way; Tampa, FL 33615-3635. Multiple year payments are encouraged to save postage and paperwork. Happy and Safe travels, keep recruiting and we will see you at the National Muster.

Jay Maust, President

SMART TEXANS

All the committees are hard at work putting together the National Muster. It's a little disappointing to hear the last count, on rigs signed up to attend is 90. We travel around in our "too expensive RV's" and complain about the price of fuel. Let's get signed up to go to Shawnee, OK and have a great time. Someone told me once that "God don't take checks" What you leave your kids should be a sign on the casket stating "I had a Great Life"

Gerald Davis -Prizes and Entertainment

TRI-STATE PANHANDLERS

Good food and country music was the theme for the March Muster that was held at The Farmer's Opry in Chumuckla Florida. Located in a rural area of Northwest Florida, the campground and weather cooperated to provide a very enjoyable weekend.



The Muster Hosts, Chuck & Carol Kuzma and Tom & Gisele Dillon provided a Hot Dog with fixin's welcome dinner on Thursday evening. On Friday, a pulled pork and pulled chicken dinner complete with potato salad, baked beans, Texas toast and an ice cream sundae dessert was thoroughly enjoyed. Special guests at the dinner were Melissa Wade and Phyllis Enfinger. Their presence made the evening very special for everyone. A 50/50 drawing with a prize of \$50 was held and the winner, Glenn Willis won the prize and treated everyone to his version of an end-zone touchdown dance. A sight seldom seen and not soon forgotten. Since eating seems to be a way of life in SMART, Saturday breakfast was sausage and egg breakfast burritos, hash brown potatoes, and assorted fruit. To offset the threat of rain on Saturday, everyone enjoyed a rousing bingo with cash and prizes. Ilse Esquibel, accompanied by shouts of "I never win anything", won the grand prize of \$18.50. Visitors at the muster, SMART members Bobbie & Sally Lesesne got caught up in the fun and decided to join the chapter.

During the chapter business meeting, a decision was made to contribute \$100 to the Fisher House, which provides temporary housing to military families whose members are undergoing medical treatment at military medical facilities. On Saturday evening, the group went to the Farmer's Opry (on the campground) and enjoyed a home cooked country meal of roast pork, fried chicken, Country Fried Steak or Catfish with all the sides. Following the meal, the Opry presented a 2-hour country music show featuring a local group, the "Sawmill Band", and a variety of singers. Amid cinnamon rolls, fruit, goodbyes and farewells, everyone departed for their next destination on Sunday morning.



YOU CAN LEAVE THE MILITARY

BUT IT NEVER REALLY LEAVES YOU.

Occasionally, I venture back out to the Army Post where I'm greeted by an imposing security guard who looks carefully at my identification card, hands it back and says, "Have a good day, Sergeant Major."

Every time I go back onto the Post it feels good to be called by my previous rank, but odd to be in civilian clothes, walking among the servicemen and servicewomen going about their duties as I once did, years ago.

The military is a comfort zone for anyone who has ever worn the uniform. It's a place where you know the rules and know they are enforced – a place where everybody is busy but not too busy to take care of business.

Because there exists behind the gates of every military facility an institutional understanding of respect, order, uniformity, accountability and dedication that becomes part of your marrow and never, ever leaves you.

Personally, I miss the fact that you always knew where you stood in the military, and who you were dealing with. That's because you could read somebody's uniform from 20 feet away and know the score.

Service personnel wear their careers on their sleeves, so to speak. When you approach each other, you can read their name tag, examine their rank and, if they are in dress uniform, read their ribbons and know where they've served.

I miss all those little things you take for granted when you're in the ranks, like breaking starch on a set of fatigues fresh from the laundry and standing in a perfectly straight line military formation that looks like a mirror as it stretches to the endless horizon.

I miss the sight of troops marching in the early morning mist, the sound of boot heels thumping in unison on the tarmac, the bark of sergeants and the sing-song answers from the squads as they pass by in review.

To romanticize military service is to be far removed from its reality, because it's very serious business -- especially in times of war.

But I miss the salutes I'd throw at officers and the crisp returns as we criss-crossed during our work day.

I miss the smell of jet fuel hanging heavily on the night air and the sound of helicopter engines as they "wop, wop," disappearing into the clouds.

I even miss the hurry-up-and-wait mentality that enlisted men gripe about constantly, a masterful invention that bonded people more than they'll ever know or admit.

I miss people taking off their hats when they enter a building, speaking directly and clearly to others and never showing disrespect for rank, race, religion or gender.

Mostly I miss being a small cog in a machine so complex it constantly circumnavigates the Earth and so simple it feeds everyone on time, three times a day, on the ground, in the air or at sea.

Mostly, I don't know anyone who has served who regrets it, and doesn't feel a sense of pride when they pass through those gates and re-enter the world they left behind with their youth.

I wish I could express my thoughts as well about something I loved – and hated sometimes.

Face it guys – we all miss it....Whether you had one tour or a career, it shaped your life.

"A veteran is someone who, at one point, wrote a blank check made payable to 'The United States of America' with the amount up to, and sometimes including, their life."

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Heart of Oklahoma Exposition Center • 1700 W. Independence, Shawnee, Ok 74802-1466

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Contact: National Muster Master – Don Daniel • honneyman@pdi.net • 405-485-3694

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SMART # _____ Chapters _____ 1st Timer: Yes _____ No _____

NAME: Last _____ First _____ Spouse _____ Guests _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell _____ Email _____

Muster Fee: \$80.00 per person (\$160.00 two person rig), \$80:00 for each additional person;

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

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

Meals provided consist of three continental breakfasts and one catered supper. **Tour and activity information to be announced in future packages.**

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Signature _____ Date _____ Signature _____ Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____ Signature _____ Date _____

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

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MAY

- 6-7 **Country Wayne RV Resort, Luray, VA**
Host: CATS
Contact: Pat & Ed Stokke
RESERVATIONS 1-888-765-7222
PES481@aol.com
- 6-8 **Emerald Lake RV Park, Colquitt, GA**
Host: Tri-State Panhandlers
Contact: Harry Smith 850-863-3529
- 9-12 **Muster – Oceanside RV Park, Charleston, OR**
Host: SO SMART
Contact: Dave Baird 541-734-5689
- 9-12 **Poche's Fish-N-Camp, Breaux Bridge, LA**
Host: CAJUN
Contact: Francis & Lynette Arceneaux
337-237-2805
- 11-14 **Turquoise Valley RV Golf & RV Resort, Naco, AZ**
Host: AZ Roadrunners
Contact: Bob Bennett 520-366-0551
- 11-14 **Daytona Beach Carefree RV Resort, Daytona Beach, FL**
Host: FL Roadrunners
Contact: Charlie Hunter 904-659-1645
Charliehunter17@aol.com
- 11-14 **Coachlight RV Park, Catharge, MO**
Host: Diamonds/Hogs
Contact: Tom & Sandy Percy
479-855-4666 Ann Lowry 501-258-3786
- 12-15 **Roamers Retreat, Kinzer, PA**
Host: Keystoneers
Contact: Dick Pierce 610-868-8081
piercert@aol.com
- 12-16 **Cedar Oaks RV Resort, 1580 83rd St., Grove Oak, OK**
Host: NORTH MIDWEST REGIONAL MUSTER
Contact: Lloyd Barningham 816-331-6234
lloyd.barningham@sbcglobal.net
- 13-15 **Ft. Meade Fam Camp, Ft. Meade, MD**
Host: CBC
Contact: Dave Miller 410-997-8237
- 17-20 **Twin Oaks RV Park, Perry, GA**
Host: Tri-State Rebels *Contact:* TBA
- 17-22 **Mountain Stream RV Park**
Host: SC Patriots
Contact: David & Dianne Arrowsmith
803-628-1154
- 19-21 **Work Weekend and NE Regional Muster Plans**
Host: Empire
- 22-28 **Fountain Lake RV Resort, Almond, WI (near Waupaca)**
Host: Wisconsin SMARTs
Contact: Ken & Maggie Durkee
Kdurkee527@aol.com

- 27 **Vista Elks, Vista, CA**
Host: CA Warriors
Contact: George Paxton 858-486-3775

JUNE

- 3-4 **South Forty KOA, Petersburg, VA**
Host: CATS
Contact: Flo & Jim Dunn
757-467-0800 jimandflo@hotmail.com
- 3-5 **Azalea Acres, Robertsdale, AL**
Host: White Sands
Contact: TBA
- 8-11 **NE REGIONAL MUSTER Herkimer Fairgrounds**
Host: Empire *Contact:* Anne Brigham
Box 87, Brownville, NY 13615
- 8-12 **Seasons in the Sun, Mims, FL**
Host: FL Sunshine
Contact: Tony Korvas 321-242-8089
- 9-12 **Mexico Veteran's Home, Crooked Creek RV, Kingdom City, MO**
Host: Mohawks
Contact: Curtis & Gloria Gist 417-282-6357
- 9-13 **Winfield Fair Grounds, Winfield, KS**
Host: Midway USA
Contact: Brad & Alice Elkins
John & Diane McDaniel 620-782-3988
- 10-12 **Country Acres, Lancaster, PA**
Host: CBC
Contact: Richard Williams 410-438-3567
- 12-15 **Twin Rivers RV Park, Roseburg, OR**
Host: SO SMART
Contact: Bud & Flo Kemp
- 12-15 **Cheyenne Mtn. State Park, Colorado Springs, CO**
Host: Colorado Rockies
Contact: Joy & Larry Lowe 719-783-4095
- 13-17 **Paul Wolf Campground, 38W235 Big Timber Road, Elgin, IL 60124 (630) 444-1200**
Host: Great Lakes-Northern Illinois Joint Muster
Contact: Bob & Brenda Hutchings
hutchings@hotmail.com 224-383-5330
- 13-17 **Tanglewood RV Park, Clemmons, NC**
Host: Tarheels
Contact: Don Mooney 336-202-0792
- 15-17 **Dardenelle SP 479-967-5516 - Ask for Site A**
Host: AR Diamonds
Contact: Don Cowell cowellsr@sbcglobal.net
- 22-26 **Spring Lake RV Resort, 255 Fairview Dr, Crossville, TN, 877-707-1414**
Host: Rocky Top/Ohio Valley Joint Muster
Contact: Glen & Marlene Thomas
931-510-6251 herbnquilt@glenmar.us

- 23-26 **Chautauqua Park**
Host: KS Calvary
Contact: Paul & Phyllis Van Overschelde
785-479-5536

JULY

- 2-4 **Kremmling, CO**
Host: CO Rockies
Contact: Gary & Carol Williams
970-276-3894
- 8-10 **Ft. Meade Fam Camp, Ft. Meade, MD**
Host: CBC
Contact: David Murphy 301-984-9312
- 11-15 **White Cloud Campground, 680 E Wilcox Ave., White Cloud, MI 49349, (231) 689-2020**
Host: Great Lakes
Contact: Dave & Barb Jones
231-206-1925 esldr@frontier.com
- 14-18 **Riverside RV Park, Bartlesville, OK**
Host: Midway USA/Mohawks
Contact: Jerry & Jane Patton 316-733-8194
Jerry & Janet Bland 660-864-6458
- 19-22 **Goose Creek Resort, New Port, NC**
Host: Tri-State Rebels
Contact: TBA
- 20-22 **Markey's Place, Pulaski, NY**
Host: Empire
Contact: Bud Hazen
315-415-5856 315-320-4034
- 22 **Seabreeze Resort, Seal Beach, CA**
Host: CA Warriors
Contact: Dave Brown 714-557-7012
- 21-24 **Sylvan Grove Park, Wilson Lake**
Host: KS Calvary
Contact: Sherwin & Dorothy Stielow
785-483-1504
David & Diana Hart 620-560-3280
- TBA **Solomans Island, MD**
Host: CATS *Contact:* Bob Blansett
757-335-1837 vabchblansett@cox.net

AUGUST

- 3-6 **Casey's Riverside RV Park, West Fir, OR**
Host: SO SMART
Contact: Sam & Royann Morris
541-273-0216
- 5-6 **Indian Acres Campground, VA**
Host: CATS
Contact: Carolyn & Alan Davis
703-671-8222
- 7-13 **Elkhart County Fairgrounds, 17746 County Road 34, Goshen, IN 46528**
Host: Great Lakes
Contact: Jack & Karen Dietrich
847-502-0823 kdiet4948@aol.com

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- 7-12 **Almond Tree RV Park, Chico**
Host: Golden Gate
Contact: Frank & Barbara Abel
916-638-4958 b52rn@comcast.net
- 10-14 **Thousand Palms RV Resort, Rutland, FL**
Host: FL Sunshine
Contact: Don Palczynski 352-628-9219

- 11-13 **Green Lake, WI**
Host: Wisconsin SMARTS
Contact: Richard & Phylis Boedecker
920-427-5952

- 12-14 **Ft. Meade Fam Camp, Ft. Meade, MD**
Host: CBC
Contact: Alan Davis 703-671-8222

- 15-19 **Carolina Crossroads, Roanoke Rapids, NC**
Host: Tarheels
Contact: Bill LaMonte 252-586-4109

- 18-20 **Markey's Place, Pulaski, NY**
Host: Empire
Contact: Bud Hazen
315-415-5856 315-320-4034

- 23-30 **Santee State Park**
Host: SC Patriots
Contact: Tal & Harriet Hughston
843-696-0708

- 25-29 **Spring Lake RV Park, Halstead, KS**
Host: Midway USA/KS Calvary/Mohawks
Contact: Don & Shirley McDiffet
785-341-9115
Sherwin & Dorothy Stielow 785-483-1504
Bob & Kay Knight 620-727-0376

SEPTEMBER

- 1-2 **American Heritage RV Resort Williamsburg, VA**
Host: CATS
Contact: Sharon & Gene Bennett
757-460-9501

- 2-4 **Topsail Hill Preserve State Park, FL**
Host: Tri-State Panhandlers
Contact: Shirley Newton 850-249-6954

- 12-15 **Wilderness RV Park Robertsdale, AL**
Host: FL Roadrunners
Contact: Kathy & Andy Anderson
352-949-1973 cjandy@aol.com

- 21-26 **2011 National Muster Shawnee, OK**
Host: SMW Region
Contact: WB Smith
wbbdsmith43@sbcglobal.net
405-771-5999 • 405-990-1655 cell

- 20-23 **Deer Creek RV Resort Galax, VA**
Host: Tri-State Rebels *Contact:* TBA

- 23 **Yucaipa Regional Park Yucaipa, CA**
Host: CA Warriors
Contact: Ed Barre 909-794-0303

- 30 **Sunset King Resort Defuniak Springs, FL**
Oct 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

- 10-14 **Eagle Nest RV Park Pigeon Ford, TN**
Host: Gulf Coast Eagles
Contact: Jerry & Martha Cole 941-518-6229

- 10-14 **Lake Charles State Park, AR**
Host: AR Hogs
Contact: 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

- 12-16 **Wild Frontier RV Park Ocala, FL**
Host: FL Sunshine
Contact: Ray Oille 352-750-6452

- 13-16 **Peach Country RV Stone Wall, TX**
Host: Alamo
Contact: Marlin Howze 830-372-1033
mhowze/@hughes.net

- 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: AR Diamonds/OK SMARTS
Contact: Farris plfandcsf@aol.com

- 22-30 **Ocean Lakes Campground**
Host: SC Patriots
Contact: David & Dianne Arrowsmith
803-628-1154

- TBA **Rolling Muster Kingsbay and Pecan Park Resort**
Host: Drifters
Contact: Sam & Ginny Triassi
727-847-4396 gtrn2005@msn.com

- 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

- 2-6 **Shangri La RV Resort Yuma, AZ**
Host: AZ Roadrunners
Contact: Bob Bennett 520-366-0551

- 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

- 4-12 **Branson, MO Veterans' Week**
Host: KS Calvary
Contact: Jerry & Janet Bland 660-864-6458
Sherwin & Dorothy Stielow 785-483-1504

- 7-11 **Treasure Lake RV Resort**
Host: AR Diamonds
Contact: Brad Bradley
sbradley0758@yahoo.com

- 7-12 **Riverside RV Park, No. Little Rock, AR**
Host: AR Hogs
Contact: Bill & Kathie Corroum 501-982-9749

- 11-13 **Ft. Meade Fam Camp Ft. Meade, MD**
Host: CBC
Contact: Joe Williams 301-341-1936

- 15-18 **Flamingo Lake RV Resort Jacksonville, FL**
Host: Tri-State Rebels *Contact:* TBA

Nov 28 **KOA, Ladson SC**

- Dec 3 *Host:* SC Patriots
Contact: Richard & Jessie Mishler
803-279-3856

DECEMBER

- 2-3 **Christmas Muster South Forty KOA, Petersburg, VA**
Host: CATS
Contact: Gloria & Paul McMullen
804-733-8950 paulgloria@verizon.net

- 5-9 **Wade KOA Wade, NC**
Host: Tarheels
Contact: John Hodgkin 910-624-2441

- 7-11 **Blueberry Hill 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

- 11-16 **Jackson Rancheria, Jackson**
Host: Golden Gate
Contact: Frank & Mariko Vilimek
408-945-1634 frankwvlimek@hotmail.com
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tomwentz@sbcglobal.net

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play in high school.) Now retired, she focuses her professional tailor skills sewing christening gowns, and making and giving quilts to the needy through nursing homes and the local police department.

How'd they come to know about SMART?

Johnnie met a SMART member at NAS Jacksonville last year and after hearing his "pitch," joined the club in November, 2010. During this time, his life was changing; he was meeting new friends, and, as it turned out, the future Mrs. Hoats. Says Johnnie, "I really like RVing with people with military experience."

He also says his SMART experiences to date are that a member's former military rank is not important. "Everyone welcomed us at the Cajun Muster in Livingston; we immediately felt connected," he said. They were both just "giddy and held hands pretty much throughout the four-day March muster! Togetherness and the muster atmosphere proved a catalyst for love and action because Johnnie asked Lyla to marry him the second night of the muster. She accepted. Their plan at that point in this fast-moving relationship was to wait to marry until after Johnnie's house in Canton sold.

"Johnnie and I are so compatible with each other," Lyla says. "We both knew God would put somebody into our lives when ready. Our relationship is exciting; I cannot stop smiling. I never thought I would cry over a man, but I'm crying tears of joy over Johnnie."

Tying the knot.

After the muster, they headed back to Titusville. However, something very special forced a short detour enroute.

As they rolled along the Florida Panhandle, they decided waiting to marry until his house in Texas sold was too uncertain a future for them. Florida has a 3-day waiting period or completion of a marriage class. "Together, we've been married over 80 years; guess we could teach the

class," Johnnie said with a smile. However, they knew Georgia did not have any waiting period, so Johnnie called the closest city in Georgia – Thomasville, 40 miles north of Tallahassee – and made marriage arrangements.

They "eloped" to the courthouse, got the license, and a "lady" judge married them that same afternoon! "It was a beautiful Christian wedding March 8th at 4 in the afternoon," he said.

Johnnie and Lyla plan to spend the winter season in Titusville every year. The rest of America will be their backyard during the other three seasons each year.

In addition to National Parks, National Monuments, and myriad other attractions, Johnnie really enjoys air museums and military displays. "I've seen Mt. Rushmore three times from the back seat of an F-4; never from the ground! Did you know there are over 900 air museums and military displays in this country?" he asks. He laughs when he says he wants to "try to see them all." Lyla plans to be right by his side.

Their future together.

Since arriving in Titusville March 9 in time for their Ash Wednesday Service, they've been busy with family and high school friends, most not seen since graduation in 1963. They are attacking the mountain of name-changing paperwork. "This is like Mr. Toad's wild ride," said Lyla. "Johnnie knows no strangers."

Their immediate plans include selling the Texas house, going to the September SMART National muster in Oklahoma, attending the November Thunderbird Team and Alumni reunion in Branson, MO the week before Thanksgiving, then returning to Titusville for the winter. They have joined The Cajuns, The Magnolias, and The Alamos (San Antonio) and are looking forward to mustering with Florida SMART chapters.

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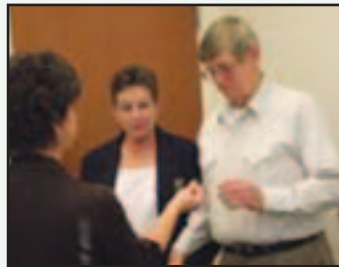
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Johnnie Hoats and Lyla Withers **Louisiana Cajun muster catalyst for Georgia wedding**



Johnnie Hoats has owned RVs since the 70s, but revived his enthusiasm just some two and a-half years ago. However, this former USAF and General Dynamics aircraft electrical systems instructor only "got serious" about the RV lifestyle just last summer. And, Oh! How his life has changed!

He bought a new 37' fifth wheel, a new Dodge truck, put his house in Canton, Texas up for sale, and began rolling alone on the open American roads. As it turns out, Johnnie didn't travel alone very long. You see, last October, on the internet website *classmates.com*, Johnnie discovered a friend - Lyla Withers - from his Titusville, Florida high school days. "We'd known each other since 1962," he said. "She dated my best friend; we moved in the same social circles," he explains.

Just how did they come together to a SMART Cajun Muster in Livingston, Louisiana?

One of his first destinations in his new fifth wheel was Atlanta, Georgia, invited to attend a nephew's Eagle Scout award ceremony February 22.

Johnnie called Lyla after his nephew's Eagle Scout ceremony and invited her to fly to Atlanta and go to the muster with him. She readily accepted. February 27, Johnnie met Lyla at the Atlanta airport and they headed west to Cajun Country!

After they graduated high school, Johnnie joined the Air Force in 1963, married, had children and traveled the world; Lyla married locally, had five children, and made her family in Titusville. Johnnie retired from the Air Force in 1983 (Toured with The Thunderbirds Maintenance Team from 1970 - 1974 working with the F4Es) and from General Dynamics in 1995 when he joined the Canton, Texas public school system as a math and computer teacher.

After successful and fruitful marriages, each of their spouses passed away after long illnesses. Both Johnnie and Lyla were long-term caregivers for their spouses. They shared their common experiences as they began a wireless relationship. Daily internet contact quickly progressed to daily telephone calls.

"We talked about everything," Johnnie said. "We often talked several times a day," added Lyla. With this frequency, they quickly discovered many areas of compatibility.

Johnnie loves salt-water fishing and traveling. They both have the same blood type - "O" Neg. They are both long-standing Methodist's, and both are very involved in church ministries, he in Texas, she in Florida. "We both live our lives in Christ," Lyla said proudly.

Lyla also likes to fish and travel. "I'm sure glad Johnnie came to take me out of Mayberry!" Lyla said with a huge grin.

She plays the flute at her church. (She's been a part of church music for over eight years; learned to *(continued on inside back cover)*)