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2010 NATIONAL MUSTER - Centre Hall PA



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The main entertainment for the 2010 National was a show produced and presented by Woody and Jean Miller called "One Nation Under God". This production required approximately 30 of our own to dress up in clothes from the era of the flag that they were carrying. Woody dressed as George Washington gave a narrative of the flag that the individual was carrying across the stage. Shown on the cover are just a few of the volunteers that participated in this presentation. Great job done by all! Chuck Kuzma dressed in colonial times with the Philadelphia Light

House Flag; Larry Sockwell dressed as a US Army Sergeant during the Mexican/American War with the California Republic Flag 1848; David Weis in colonial grab with the Green Mountain Boys Flag and Paul Proctor dressed as a US Marine Sergeant with the US Marine Flag. It was very well attended and Woody who is also retired military joined us as one of our latest members. Congratulations Woody for a very good presentation of our nation's history and welcome to SMART.

SPECIAL PEOPLE

John Dilippo, who lives at the Armed Forces Home in Washington, DC. contacted us when he saw the Amish/DC caravan advertised in the Traveler. He said, "No one from SMART had ever visited them at the home." So I took it upon myself to make him happy. He's such a nice person. Doug & I and several others on the caravan went to visit him & the other veterans at the home. I was really thankful to the other SMART members on our caravan who came along with us. I know we made them all happy, but they made us happy too. We visited President Lincoln's Cottage and the Armed Forces Retirement Home. John Di Filippo hosted the group for the day.

We took a guided tour of the Cottage and saw the exhibits in the Robert H. Smith Visitor Education Center. (For information on how and when to visit President Lincoln's Cottage, go to <http://www.lincolncottage.org/visit/index.htm>).

Connie Harrell Tailgunner Amish/DC Caravan

Following is the story John Di Filippo wrote about the visit from the Amish/DC Caravan. If you are in the area, you may want to stop by for a visit.

First, allow me to introduce myself - I am John Di Filippo, member # 1205. Although I no longer have an RV, I maintain my membership in SMART and keep in touch

with members of the JERSEY DEVILS, the chapter that I founded back in the 1980s. In fact, I believe, that the Jersey Devils was the first Chapter to be chartered in what was the Northeast Region at the time and at about the same time as a group up in New York State named Empire----- (I forget the full name). Miles Sharon and his wife drove their RV from their home in California and parked in the backyard of my home in the Cape May, NJ area - Miles was the coordinator for forming new chapters and he installed the officers of the Chapter. Bill Leyes, a Charter Member, among others, are still active and it was a hard working group - the chapter grew in size in short order.

My first wife, Georgina (deceased) and I, participated in many state/national musters and caravans which included the first Barge Trip up the Mississippi River with Wagonmaster Raines and the first Down Under Trip to the South Pacific with Wagonmaster Jack Greeley and his wife Lucille. Both of these Caravans were fantastic but never repeated. I video taped the barge trip and hope to put it on DVD in the near future. The dates of these two caravans were 1989 and 1999 respectively. In between, we participated in WINNEBAGO and FMCA rallies and (53 day trip in Mexico) and the lengthy Canadian Maritime Provinces, etc., but nothing compares with our travels with SMART.

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By now we all know that I am retired, and as part of my retirement the board graciously invited me to join in the National Muster in PA. Normally I would only attend opening ceremonies after the board meetings; so this was a first for me. I am also pleased that my husband was able to be with me.

We rented a Cruise America camper (though we own our own, we just didn't have the travel time) and enjoyed the experience of being onsite throughout the muster. We missed some of the events; however the meals, entertainment, (golfing of course) and camaraderie were exceptional. It was wonderful to experience such a warm welcome by so many people. We were also fortunate that my son and his family were close enough to attend the closing ceremonies – which were very overwhelming for me.

I will say to anyone who has never attended a National Muster – the workers work hard – so that the players can play hard. For us, Gary & I, we have nothing but praise; as the work and dedication that goes into planning a muster is incredible – and we tip our hats to all who were involved – workers & attendees alike.

On a more personal note I would like to thank all those who donated to the retirement account set up (unbeknownst to me); it was an incredible heart warming surprise. I wish I could send cards to thank you individually, but there are only a few names that I was made aware of. So to all the chapters and members who participated – please accept this as a very sincere thank you.

As many of you know we have 2 wonderful ladies in the office now, Phyllis and Melissa. They continue to learn and strive to meet your needs and that of the organization. As for me – I'm not baking in the sun off some remote island – more like working in my garden, tending to my grandkids, and enjoying other life's pleasures that have been put off for too long.

I will say again and for the final time – THANK YOU ALL, it has been a wonderful journey and one where there are no regrets. Take Special Care & Travel Safe.

Gary Worman, USN, Retired and Celina Worman USN,
Honorably Discharged Veteran



**FROM THE DESK
of Melissa &
Phyllis
Your SMART HQ
Team**



Hello Everyone! This Issue of the Traveler is packed with lots of information. From our new Board of Directors to Six new Caravans. This Issue of the Traveler should have something for everyone. If there is something special you would like to see in the Traveler please let us know. We would like to make the Traveler as interesting and useful as possible to everyone. Feel free to drop us an e-mail and let us know.

Hope everyone is looking forward to the holidays!
“HAPPY THANKSGIVING” “MERRY CHRISTMAS”
And we wish everyone a “HAPPY NEW YEAR”!

SMART National President - Christian Eck



Greetings to one and all,

First of all I sincerely state that I am Honored and most appreciative upon being sworn in as the 2010-2011 SMART National President. I will take my responsibilities and tasks seriously.... and openly. Just please "give me time". I am reminded of a statement by Bob Hutchings, one of our NC Region members, who once stated it takes openness, cooperation and willing

Team Work for an organization to be successful. He went on to say " the hands of a dozen willing and dedicated members can and will accomplish more than the hands of two dozen or more otherwise " and that's what we all need to remember. Our task ahead and the success of our work , our club and future will depend on Team Work and "pulling together". We have been through much this year in personnel changes at the HQ level, within our BOD makeup; plus the retirement of Celina as SMART Executive Manager. There have been concerns over membership numbers and issues but in a positive vein that is behind us. We have commendable Hq staff leadership ; **Melissa Wade** as our new and talented **Manager** having many demanding and critical responsibilities will guide and assist us in our SMART tasks. **Phyllis Enfinger** as a capable, competent and very personable **Admin Assistant**, responsible for many tasks, and often the first to greet and work with potential and present members will prove valuable and permanent.. Their transition is going smoothly; all that is *required and requested* is *patience, cooperation and willingness to help or*

assist if requested by these ladies.

Our financial strength depends on our membership numbers, member participation on SMART Caravans, Region and National musters as well as sponsors, advertisers and donations by individuals and Chapters. We continue to "slip" in numbers and are currently at 1647 members as of the September report I know that many are getting weary over the emphasis on recruiting and some have mixed emotions over the recent vote to allow Honorably Discharged Veterans (HDV's) to become Associate members.....but given time that heals wounds and emotions and *our resolve* we will again be a significant organization.....but only through sincere and dedicated Team Work of those "Dozen Hands"

One other plea...please give special attention to our **2011 National Muster**. details are in the TRAVELER and on the SMART website www.smartrving.net There are *printable registration and parking forms* that members may utilize. Early registration provides valuable planning information for our Muster Staff. Shawnee is a great and more centrally located geographic location. Please register early....you will not regret it and will have fun being involved.

In closing, all of us wish to Thank the NE Region for the hard work during our 2010 National Muster.....great job by the Keystoners and all the NE Region Chapter's team.....a special Thanks to Harvie Beavers the always smiling and hard working Muster Master. Also Muster Chmn and NERD, Vic Muron and all the staff.....terrific job and thanks for all you did..

Have fun doing SMART things, enjoy life and laugh often.....

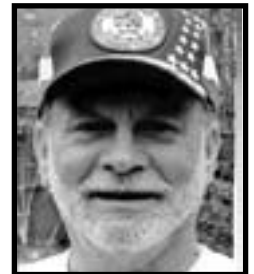
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1st VP - David Weis, Chmn. Budget & Finance, Bylaws & SR Comm.

Just back from the National Muster at Centre Hall , Pa. What a wonderful muster put on by the North East Region and Muster Master Harvie Beavers. WELL DONE by all involved in that super effort. As you all must know by now the vote to change the Corporate Bylaws,section 4.03 and 4.03a to allow ALL HONORABLY DISCHARGED VETERANS to join SMART as associate members has passed. I understand that some of our members may choose to leave SMART mainly due to this change, with that in mind i would like to offer some insight. A few years ago there was an insurance company that offered their services only to Commissioned Officers of the United States Armed Services. Later they changed their policy to allow Senior Enlisted Members to join, and sometime after that they again changed their policy to allow all Uniformed Service Personnel to join as members. Just a few years ago they again changed their policy to open their membership to allow

All Honorably Discharged Veterans to join as members. They saw a need to change as did our members of SMART . I ask that we all take time to let things settle down and reflect on the future of our great club and reminisce on all the fun times and memories we have shared through out the years.

I would like to Welcome Aboard our newest chapter in SMART the FLORIDA ROAD RUNNERS who were chartered prior to the National Muster by the Board of Directors. They have since held their first official muster at Kingsbay Naval Submarine Base at Kingsbay Ga. with a total of 25 members present. Great Job!!



2nd VP - Chuck Kuzma, Chairman Membership & Publicity Comm.



2010 has been another fast year. SMART has enjoyed a successful National Muster in Centre Hall PA, Numerous Regional and Chapter Musters, and the acceptance of Honorably Discharged Veterans into our beloved organization. I want to thank the membership for their support of my election to 2nd Vice-President and I sincerely hope to live up to their expectations. Speaking of Expectations, I would like to welcome all the newly elected Region Directors and

Assistant Region Directors, especially Larry Pousson who has replaced me as the South Central RD and Denny Olvany as the new Assistant SCRD. I would also like to welcome all the new members of SMART, the Active Duty and Retired as well as the Honorably Discharged Veterans. Perhaps this will be the turn-

around where we will finally see more people joining SMART than leaving. I only wish that I had been able to invite my dearest friend, a 12-year Viet Nam era Marine, to join SMART. Unfortunately he passed on earlier this year, but I know he is smiling down on us as we welcome other Veterans into our club. I have made some lasting friendships while a member of SMART and hope to continue to do so. As a final note, before stepping down as the SCRD, we had completed the planning of the 2011 Regional Muster for 8-12 April in Lebanon TN. Lebanon is a centrally located site for the muster and all SMART members, including those in the SC Region are invited to attend. The Muster registration form will be available on the SMART website and will be emailed to all Region Directors to pass on to their chapters. Again, thanks for the vote of confidence as we work to continue to make SMART the premier RV organization for the uniformed services of our great country.

ELECTION NEWS, FROM THE 2010 ELECTION CHAIR

The change to the Bylaws and Standing Rules to allow Honorably Discharged Veterans to join SMART as Associate Members passed. Honorable Discharged Veterans will now be able to Join SMART as Associate Members with the same dues structure as Regular Members.

The name of our club will not change. The name SMART still applies to our regular members.

What did it take to adopt or reject this bylaw change? Standing Rule 14.04 – Voting states “Adoption or rejection shall be determined by a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of those voting members present and voting and all absentee ballots”. Only ¼ of the 1661 members voted – only 434 votes were cast. A total of 290 votes were required to either adopt or reject this change – 293 voted for the change and 141 voted against the change.

As a committed member of this club, I ask each of you to consider the fact that more than 2/3 of the voting members and

absentee ballots voted for this change. Each of us has a lot of time and energy invested in the friendships formed in this club and I hope you consider that when making any future decisions. I also encourage members recruiting Honorably Discharged Veterans to ensure they meet the criteria for an associate member and will be an asset to our club.

One last thing to keep in mind is Article 14 of the Corporate Bylaws – Significant changes that require a membership vote are defined as any change to the membership criteria or fiscal responsibility of the Club. You can read the specifics of significant and non-significant changes in this article on line, or request a copy from HQs or me.

If you have any more questions not addressed here, please feel free to contact me, Joy Lowe, 2010 Election Chair, at 719-783-4095, or joyfulnls@aol.com.

ATTENTION SMART MEMBERS!



New Article coming in our January Issue!
“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.



SO California SMART member **Gretchen Mattison** and her crew will be working on the following 4 floats: City of Glendale, City of LA, Lions Club International, and Shriners Hospitals for Children for the Jan. 1 **Rose Parade**. Last year she worked on 3 floats and won best floral display. Watch for these floats in the parade.

Generic SMART Region Muster Application

List the Location of the Muster: _____

Date of arrival _____ Departure Date _____ # in party _____

SMART# _____ SMART# _____ Guest in Rig # _____ Guest Name: _____

1st timer (Y) (N) * Handicap (Y) (N) * CHAPTER: _____

Name Last _____ First _____ Spouse _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell _____ E/mail _____

Information on dates of muster; contact person; where to send registration fee and parking fee, cost of the muster fee & parking fee; activities, tours, special events, and much more information can be found under REGION NEWS, and in the centerfold of the Traveler. Once you have registered the Host Chapter will send you additional information via postal mail, or email. You may also go on line for more detailed information.

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

Signature _____ Date _____ Signature _____ Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____ Signature _____ Date _____

We look forward to seeing YOU at this muster!

2011 NATIONAL MUSTER NEWS

2011 National Muster Shawnee, Oklahoma
 September 21-26 (depart on Sept 26)
 Heart of Oklahoma Exposition Center
 1700 W. Independence, Shawnee, OK 74802-1466
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starting in spring 2008 were David Middleton, SMART Pennsylvania Keystone President as the proposed Muster Master and Donna Walthall N.E. Regional Director as the 'Muster Chairman'. Due to leadership changes in the Region, Harvie Beavers became 'Muster Master' in summer of 2008 and Victor Muron as 'Muster Chairman' in the fall 2009.

Major contributions of planned activity execution were accomplished by the following personnel; Alice Anderson for being the Master of Ceremonies, she did a great job, NJ Devils helped immensely with parking, the Virginia CATS and NJ Devils chapters helped with cooking breakfasts, Golf tournament and outdoor Games- Steve Bahr in concert with Gene and Sharon Bennett of the VA Cats. We had outstanding entertainment, including Keystoners own Bill Zinnert's flag program. The weather was great but brisk for the first two evenings. Parking and Transportation - Richard Lehr and Bernie Brown, Tours, Auctions, and Entertainment- Dave & Thelma Middleton, Crafts and Decorations-Patty Crew and Eleanor Fodor, Vendors and Publications- Hal & Mary Camlin.

As we are putting the final touches to the 2010 National Muster report I would like to thank all the volunteer's and everyone that attended for a successful muster. Vic Muron NERD & NMC.

2010 SMART National Muster 'After Action Report'

The 2010 SMART National Muster was held at the Centre County Grange Fairground in Centre Hall PA during the period of 8 through 12 September. The host chapter was the Pennsylvania Keystone's as representatives for the N.E. region. Harvie Beavers, the Muster Master did a great job and was assisted by his treasurer Dave Crew and all the Keystoners that worked tirelessly to ensure that everyone enjoyed the muster. There was 186 rigs and over 382 people present and all the responses from SMART Members attending I received was that they all did a fabulous job.

Individuals initially involved with overall preparation



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2011 NATIONAL MUSTER REGISTRATION 2011

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405-275-7020* 1-800762-7695; www.shawneeexpo.org

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Name Last _____ First _____ Spouse _____ Guests _____

Address _____ City _____ State/Prov. _____ ZIP _____

Home Phone _____ Cell _____ Email _____

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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.

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

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2011 NATIONAL MUSTER PARKING REGISTRATION 2011 **DO NOT SEND TO SMART NATIONAL HQ. ----- DO NOT Combine Muster & Parking Payments**

For Parking Reservation send this form and one Check of **\$44.00 (2-Nights)**

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SMART # _____

NAME: Last _____ First _____ Spouse _____ # in Party _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State/Prov. _____ ZIP _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell _____ Email _____

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

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

ADAPTING TO CHANGE



Now that the dust has settled regarding our honorably discharged veterans, let's hope SMART will see an increase in membership. Certainly there are those who disagree and will terminate their membership, if they haven't already done so. My response to their negative outlook on life is, I presume they will choose not to be buried in our National cemeteries because honorably discharged veterans, who earned that right, are there also.

One of the first things we learned when we entered military service was to be flexible. Be able to adapt to changes in lifestyle, environment, personal situations. As we get older, changing our lifestyle becomes a way of life for many of us because of health issues. Adapting to these changes can, in some cases, be a life or death situation

and becomes a "no brainer". You stop smoking, you change your diet, you exercise, you follow a medical regimen or, you die. Simple enough.

Dick Hewitt, a long time Alamo SMART member, has had prostate cancer and is now fighting a battle over failing kidneys. Dick is one of those guys you want on your team, no matter what the team is doing. He's a doer, makes things happen and a valued member of our Alamo chapter. He's missed some musters recently because of his condition but he doesn't whine or complain or give up, and we know he would be making our morning coffee and doing all the things a muster requires if he could. We look forward to his return.

Dick has taken a novel approach to his kidney problems, albeit tongue-in-cheek, and has agreed to share this with you. He said wearing a small bag because of a nephrostomy catheter became an issue because of the need to drain frequently. So, remembering those campgrounds that didn't have full hookups, and owning a "Blue Boy", Dick adapted. Admittedly, he has a problem getting in and out of his rig, sleeping is a bit difficult and he gets a lot of stares at Wal-Mart. But, he only has to dump every day or so!

Seriously folks, the vote is over, we need new members, roll with the flow, welcome our brothers and sisters in arms and keep SMART a viable military oriented organization.

Steve Spear (with Dick's permission)/Alamo SMARTs

CAJUNS SEPTEMBER MUSTER

The Cajuns met in Spring, TX. for the September muster and though we were small in number, we had a great time. We gathered in gorgeous weather at Rayford Crossing, a beautiful campground nestled right between Spring and the Woodlands.



There were shopping opportunities at Olde Town and multiple malls, golf and games. The muster was hosted by James and June Heldt with co-hosts Fred and Lorie Meier.

There was definitely an international flavor to the days and nights. We started off Sunday evening with the early birds going to a great Chinese buffet at a local restaurant. We met our new members, Julio and

Sharon Nieves, from Harahan, La. Monday night had a European flair with a German meal of pork roast, potato salad and coleslaw. Jim Henson came attired in his lederhosen, and posed for pictures. Tuesday celebrated food from Italy and was delicious!! Wednesday night was Tex-Mex and there were

numerous sombreros, serapes, and other costumes. Jim and Janell Henson were decked out in their outfits - wonder if they tow a trailer for all these clothes. They really looked so cute. Bernadette Marino wore a beautiful blouse, skirt and gorgeous jewelry - she looked so elegant and Hoss Bergeron filled out the costume circle.



During the course of the muster, tickets were sold for a "Lucky Bucks" drawing - to be divided between the names drawn and the remainder "fed the kitty" for the casino night on Wednesday. Las Vegas has nothing on us!!! We had a roulette wheel manned by Jim Martin, a Blackjack table with James Heldt in charge and Julio Nieves running the craps table. Julio also made a bucket of Margaritas for our enjoyment - let me tell you, they were delicious. The big winners for the casino night were Lee Fontenot, Francis Arceneaux and Fred Meier. It was a wonderful gathering and congratulation to the hosts for all the clever work and planning for this muster.

Gloria Brady-Cross, Secretary of SMART Cajuns

White Mountain National Forest Summer 2011 Volunteer Camping Opportunities

The White Mountain National Forest, located in New Hampshire, has volunteer opportunities starting in May, 2011. In exchange for three days of service per week, we offer free camping at a volunteer area of a beautiful campground with a very scenic pond. Interested? Call Ryan Twomey at (603) 536-6103.



BREATHE IN ... BREATHE OUT

Paul Rider, National Chaplain

We can't just breathe in ...and breathe in ...and breathe in ...and breathe in ...and breathe in ... without stopping sooner or later to breathe out, right?? Try it... After breathing in a few times you HAVE to breathe out, don't you? It you don't breathe out, your lungs will explode! There simply is no room for additional air until you let some out.

That's the way it is with your car or your RV, and the way it is with our bodies, and even with our minds ...you cannot continue to put more and more and more and more fuel into the tank without burning some ...you cannot continue to put more and more and more and more "stuff" inside the RV without taking something out ... you cannot continue to eat and eat and eat and eat without taking some time out between eating sessions to burn some of those calories, right? Even money does us no good if all we do is deposit it in a growing bank account ...we have to SPEND money to actually benefit from it.

And that's exactly the way it is with any group or organization we are a part of ...we cannot just sit and feast ourselves on the benefits of the group over and over and over again. If we don't at some point SHARE some of those benefits with others ...if we

don't get out of our chair and help in PROVIDING some of those benefits ...if we don't get out of our selves and find NEW people to share those benefits with ...the group will stagnate and die! It SMART is to be a vital, living organization, we must regularly recruit new members. If our church is to be a vital, living church, we must continue to grow both in numbers of members, and in effective ministries in our communities.

And that's the way it is in our individual spiritual lives ... if we are to be spiritually healthy, we must share God's blessings with others in order to truly enjoy them ourselves. Individuals who concentrate only on collecting and hoarding God's blessings for themselves are commonly miserably unhappy with their lives, while individuals who are oriented toward sharing God's blessings with others find their OWN lives to be extremely satisfying, and overflowing with blessings of every kind.

While you are enjoying the blessings of life, don't forget to breathe out ... find someone who needs a blessing, and then SHARE God's blessings, and you will find yourself to be blessed in return!

KNITTER'S & CROCHETER'S



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/sitebuilderfiles/Instructions>. any questions, call Karen 847-507-0823

QUILTERS***



A group of fellow Quilter's got together at the National Muster.. We showed what we where working on, shared ideas and patterns. We talked about what we would like to do as a group in SMART. We decided to make a Quilt to RAFFLE off at National next year. Since it is being held in Oklahoma, we decided to do, ten and a half inch squares, made from **southwestern** colors. Do any block you like, just so it's in those colors. It will end up like a sampler quilt. Send me one or two blocks and I will join them together and have it machine quilted. Any extra's will be made into lap size quilt. So everyone get your ideas together and mail to me before July 1, 2011. Also we decided to each make a lap quilt, that we will display and then take them to a VA Hospital or where ever they are needed. Would love for everyone who quilts to be involved.

Thanks, KAREN DIETRICH
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Welcome and Congratulations to the following New Members and Their Sponsors

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13123	Frederick Koritta (Pat)	Crestview, FL	11241
13124	Patricia Koritta (Frederick)	Crestview, FL	11241
13125	John Ingianni (Di)	Surprise, AZ	6337
13126	Domenick Murabito (Linda)	Alpine, TX	
13127	Robert Huntley (Nancy)	Modesto, CA	12855
13128	Gene Scroggy (Charlene)	Summerhill, PA	10808
13129	James Pagano (Mary Lou)	Merritt Island, FL	9428
13130	Richard Weldon (Melody)	Butler, KY	
13131	Arthur Miller (Jean)	Zephyrhills, FL	12312
13132	Robert Bennett (Peggy)	Edgewater, MD	11126
13133	Donald Gay (Kathleen)	Westville, SC	
13134	Ross Hard (Dixie)	Universal City, TX	12084
13135	George Schwartz (Betty)	Claremore, OK	5581
13136	William Wall (Louise)	Newport, PA	
13137	Elwood Moore (Kathy)	Decatur, GA	11281
13138	Johnnie Hoats	Canton, TX	12826
13139	James Crutchfield (Hellen)	Summberton, SC	12365
13140	John Kemper	Pamplico, SC	
13141	Walter Coffman (Abbie)	Crossville, TN	11480
13142	John Kurz (Fran)	Fallsington, PA	11477
13143	Fran Kurz (John)	Fallsington, PA	11477

I am member #9228 Bill (Francis) Mueller. I belong to the Nomads. I am working as manager of an over 55 mobile home and RV community called Imperial Manor Mobile Home Community. We have full service sites with 30 and 50 amps and can accommodate 40' or less. We are located 100 miles from Reno, 100 miles from San Francisco, and 100 miles from Lake Tahoe. We are 20 miles from the state capitol of Sacramento, CA. We are in Citrus Heights California and will give a discount to all SMART members 55 and older. We allow one 14" or smaller dog or cat. Birds are welcome too. We have nightly, weekly, and monthly rates. Our phone # is 916-344-4915.

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DATE	LOCATION	CHAPTER HOST	CONTACT FOR INFORMATION
NOVEMBER			
5-9	Branson, MO, TBA	MOHAWKS	Janet & Jerry Bland / 660-864-6458/660-864-4601
5-11	Veterans Week, Branson, MO		John Farrell / 479-855-4778 / keoni22@cox.net
8-12	Red Oak RV PK, Bushnell, FL	Buccaneers	Merle Dodge / 727-510-1142
9-12	Outdoor Living Center, Russellville, AR	AR Hogs	Tom & Melva Arnold / 479-857-4813
10-13	Desert Valley RV Park, Elroy, AZ	AZ Tumbleweeds	
15-19	Pechanga RV Resort, Temecula	SO Cal	Steve Crowder / 951-486-9838 / crowderfam@aol.com
16-19	Columbia Expo Center Columbia Miss	CAJUN	Doug & Ann Johnson / 662-473-1703 Dougjohnson1942@yahoo.com
16-23	Ladson, SC KOA	SC Patriots	Harriet Hughston / hahughston@hotmail.com
17-20	Suwannee Valley Campground, White Springs, FL	FL Roadrunners	Jim McDade 904-797-3320 / Ouisa2@att.net
DECEMBER			
3	Holiday Luncheon Cerritos CA	CA WARRIORS	Richard Clark / 562-425-7805
4	Wheatland Senior Center, Wheatland, MO	MOHAWKS	Curtis & Gloria Gist / 417-282-6357
4	Colorado Rockies Christmas Luncheon, Foxfield, CO	Colorado Rockies	Roy Worden / 303-699-2685
5	Stilwell House, Ft Sam Houston, TX	SMARTS	
5-10	French Camp RV Resort, French Camp, CA	Alamo	Linda Spear / 210-655-5016
6-10	Wade KOA, Wade, NC	GG	Gerald Martin / 925-513-4630 / gwmartin39@sbcglobal.net
7-10	San Marcos, TX Location TBA	NC Tarheels	Robert Powers / 252-633-2631
7-11	Treasure Lake RV Resort, Branson, Missouri	TEXANS	Bob De Vries / 210-602-4249
8 (11am)	Christmas Luncheon, Jacksonville, AR	AR Diamonds	Brad Bradley, Tom & Sandy Percy
8-12	Red Oaks RV Park, Bushnell, FL	AR Hogs	Marion Spivey / 501-835-2051
8-12	Blueberry Hill RV Resort, Bushnell, FL	Buccaneers	Merle Dodge / 727-510-1142
11 (4pm)	Hometown Buffet, Wichita, KS	Sunshine	John Blanchard / 407-366-1729
12-14	Ft. Meade FAMCAMP, Ft. Meade, Maryland	Midway	Wayne & Beverly Bormann / 316-619-4911
13	Christmas Luncheon, Oceanside	CBC	Alan Davis / 703-671-8222
13-17	Oklawaha RV Park, Ft Mcoy, FL	SO Cal	Ruth Davis / 909-862-7728 / jad164@sbcglobal.net
15	Fred's Hickory Inn Bentonville, AR	Eagles	Bill & Barb Armstrong / 863-984-8171
16-19	Twin Oaks Park CG, Hoboken, GA	AR Diamonds	Tom & Sandy Percy / 479-855-4666
16-22	KOA, Ladson SC	Tri-State Rebels	Bill & Joyce Ward / 843-871-5343 / willisward@bellsouth.net
26-2 Jan	KOA Lake Park, GA	SC PATRIOTS	Tal Hughston 843-696-0708
		DRIFTERS	Ralph Brown 229-224-9977
JANUARY			
9-12	Canyon Trail Rv Resort. San Marcos, TX	Cajuns	Hoss & Elaine Bergeron / 512-847-2125 / gastonpb@msn.com
10-12	San Marcus, TX	CAJUN	Hoss Bergeron / 512-847-2125
18-21	Sugar Mill Plantation RV Park, Ochlocknee, GA	Tri-State Rebels	TBA
19-22	Pecan Park RV Resort, Jacksonville, FL	FL Roadrunners	Jim McDade / 904-797-3320 / Ouisa2@att.net
MARCH			
1-3	Livingston, LA	CAJUN	Lee Fontenot / 225-892-5412
15-18	The Oaks at Point South RV Resort, Point South, SC	Tri-State Rebels	TBA
APRIL			
8-12	SC Region Muster, Lebanon, TN		Glen & Marlene Thomas / 931-787-4247 herbnquilt@glenmar.us
MAY			
9-12	Poches RV Park, Breaux Bridge, LA	CAJUN	Francis Arceneaux / 337-237-2805
17-20	Twin Oaks RV Park, Perry, GA	Tri-State Rebels	TBA
19-21	Work weekend and NE Regional	Empire	
JUNE			
8-11	NE Regional Muster, Herkimer Fairgrounds	Empire	
JULY			
19-22	Goose Creek Resort, New Port, NC	Tri-State Rebels	TBA
20-22	Markey's Place, Pulaski, NY	Empire	Bud Hazen / 315-415-5856 / 315-320-4034
Aug 18-20,	Markey's Place, Pulaski, NY	Empire	Bud Hazen 315-415-5856 / 315-320-4034
SEPTEMBER			
September 21-26, 2011	2011 National Muster, Shawnee, OK	SMW Region	WB Smith / wbbdsmith43@sbcglobal.net / 405-771-5999 / 405-990-1655cell
20-23	Deer Creek RV Resort, Galax, VA	Tri-State Rebels	TBA
Nov. 15-18	Flamingo Lake RV Resort, Jacksonville, FL	Tri-State Rebels	TBA

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REGION and CHAPTER News

Computer Users Chapter, At Large - Marlene Thomas Sec/Treasurer

What a fantastic turnout for the two seminars presented by our Chapter at the 2010 National Muster. Ed Pate & Glen Thomas did an outstanding job of providing information using power point presentations and actual demonstrations on a laptop projected for all to see for both the experienced and inexperienced computer user. The first session was used to respond to general questions and answers. Many of our members assisted in this session. The second session was on security and the utilities that one should have on their computers. Many of the attendees brought their laptops to download suggested software and/or sites to get 'free' software while others brought a storage stick or borrowed the cds that contained that same information.

At our annual chapter meeting, new officers were elected: Ed Pate, President; Kitt Kittredge, Vice-President; Marlene Thomas, Secretary/Treasurer; and Joella Huddleston, On-Line Officer. A motion was made and approved to assess dues from all members for the year 2011 in the amount of \$5.00. If you are a current member or have ever been a member and wish to be reinstated, please make your check out to SMART CUC and mail to: Marlene M. Thomas, Secretary/Treasurer, 51 Hickory Hollow Circle, Crossville, TN 38555. A new chapter membership list must be provided to National by January 1; therefore we are asking that you send your dues payment by December 1. If you have not received this information via email from the Chapter, you may need to contact Marlene to update your email and/or mailing address. Check for more information at our website <http://scuc.dreamstation.com/>.

Florida Roadrunners

The newly Chartered Florida Roadrunners held their first official meeting at Kingsbay Naval Submarine base, Kingsbay Ga. With 12 rigs in attendance. We were visited by National 1st V.P. David Weis, South East Regional Director Andy Anderson, Fl. Buccaneer President Dale Hertzfeld, Chattahoochee Drifters President

Jackie Weis, National Past President Jeff Stephens and Pass South East Regional Director Melina Leduc. Once newly elected officers were officially installed and chapter business meeting over, the fun began. Each evening there were games in the club house, hot dog/hamburger cook out, home cooked spaghetti dinner, breakfast and coffee each morning. While at the muster the club enjoyed the 38th annual St. Marys Rock

Shrimp Festival with a parade, vendor booths, car show and of course Rock Shrimp Dinners. On the last evening the entire chapter went out to dinner at the Mill Restaurant to celebrate the official charter of the Florida Roadrunners.

From North Central Reg. Dir.

We are safely back from the National Muster in PA. Think I can safely say everyone had a great time. Many things to see & do in the area. We went down to Gettysburg and Harpers Ferry, so much history in the area, wish we had time to do DC, didn't realize it was so close to where we were. We are now getting ourselves ready to head to Florida, the leaves are changing and the mornings cool, means time to go. We have reserved the place for the 2012 National, that the NC is in charge of, we will be in Goshen, IN at the Elkhart Fairgrounds. Centrally located between I-70 and I-80-90 and between I-65 & I-75. Dates are Sept. 10 thru 14, 2012. We will be having a working Muster there next August to get final things done. Aug. 7 thru 12, 2011. We are a very small Region, so can use all the help we can get. Mike Kegley is Muster Master and Dave Sevener is Asst. Muster Master. Jerry & Joan Brandon, treasurers. Thanks to all who had Musters this year, we had a great season. Have a wonderful, healthy holiday season. Jack

Ohio Valley/Rocky Top Joint Chapter Muster

Caves, Cars & Catfish - that was the theme of the joint muster held at Diamond Caverns RV Resort in Park City, Kentucky from July 21-25, 2010. And what a great time we had - 12 'rigs' showed up from 4 different states - TN, KY, AL, & OH! We survived torrential downpours of rain, hot & sticky weather, and unreliable power at some sites but through it all, the fellowship and food kept us going! Not to mention the many cave tours, the Corvette factory and museum tours, and shopping in general.

10 The S*M*A*R*T Traveler, Nov. - Dec. 2010



Imagine our surprise to find a 'Tree of Honor' in the clubhouse at the campground where veterans were encouraged to post their pictures. We took a group picture of our military retirees only to find that they preferred individual shots - so we did that too! A package of all those pictures and information about our group were mailed to them after our return. We're hoping someone can check it out for us to see our SMART members' pictures there. Please note that we are honored to have a female veteran in our midst!



SC Chapter - Arkansas Hogs - Eileen Wheeler, Secretary

At last the long hot summer has come to an end. We can now enjoy the fall festivals and make plans for Veteran's Day. The Hogs are celebrating Veteran's Week with a muster at Outdoor Living Center Campground in Russellville, Arkansas. Tom & Melva Arnold are the hosts for the muster. It begins on Monday 8 Nov. Tuesday evening we will car pool to Mt. Nebo State Park to view the sunset. The host will provide one dinner and a breakfast. A pot luck dinner, always a favorite, is planned for Wednesday night. At the business meeting we will be voting on by-laws changes and new officers for 2011. On Thursday we will participate in Russellville's Veteran's Day festivities and parade.

Take a good look at us on our website, www.arsmarthogs.com. There you will find a mighty fine newsletter written by Bill Corroam. The Hogs annual Christmas dinner will be held on 8 December at 1100 hours at the Western Sizzlin Restaurant in Jacksonville, AR.

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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER

The SCC is having more fun than should be allowed. Our last muster at Del Mar Beach on Camp Pendleton was loaded with food, fun, campfires, and picture perfect weather in Sept of low 80's. We even had a remarriage of one of our most loyal members Dave and Jeanne Brown. It was their 60th wedding anniversary, so we had to do more than usual congratulation. We had to surprise them! They had a special wedding attire prepared for them, wedding music, a "Minister", and a double ring ceremony with all their friends in attendance. If you look real close at the pictures of the happy couple, you see the placement of the BIG BLING on Jeanne's hand, and the other ring in Dave's nose. (where else for a guys ring?)



Here were campfires every night on the sand with lots of flying sparks and sparkly comments. Del Mar camping comes with many interesting events and happenings. There are Marines running the beach for training, personnel carrier tanks each morning and afternoon, rolling behind the campsites, and a BIG boiler, destined to be part for the San Onofre Nuclear Reactor, towing above the camp, with multi-ton crawlers, setting up to transport it down the beach. Never a dull moment!



SC Region Director - Larry Pousson

As the new SC Region Director, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the chapters and SMART members in this region for their support in allowing me to take over as Region Director for the South Central Region from Chuck Kuzma, as he steps up to the job of 2nd VP. I hope to represent this region and each chapter and member to the best of my ability. I would also like to thank Denny Olvany for stepping forward and accepting the responsibility of Assistant Region Director. He will be a valuable asset to our region. I look forward to a successful year in SMART welcome all the new members to our club, the Active Duty and Retired as well at the Honorably Discharged Veterans. The important Regional news is that the 2011 SC Region Muster is being planned for 8-12 April in Lebanon TN. The Muster Masters are Glen & Marlene Thomas, 931 787-4247, herbnquilt@glenmar.us. Staff arrival is on 7 April and regular arrival is on 8 April with departure on 13 April. The Muster fee is \$40 per person and includes the Muster Swinger. Parking is partial hookups (W/30A E) with paved sites and is \$20 per night. The complete registration form is available on the website and will be emailed to all Chapter Presidents for distribution to chapter members. After no Regional Muster in 2010, we are looking forward to a really great event in 2011. Again, thank you for the honor of allowing me to serve you as the South Central Region Director.

SUBMITTED BY, SE Regional Director Andy Anderson

Hi to all. I am proud to be a charter member of the newest Chapter in the SE Region. **The Florida Road Runners.**

They had their first official Muster at Kings Bay, FL Navy Base. A wonderful MWR campground facility.

The Chapter meeting was conducted in a professional manner with questions and suggestions being offered by the 25 attendees. One was once a SMART member, now rejoining SMART.

The new Chapter will be submitting an article to the Traveler. Not wanting to take away any "thunder" from the new Chapter; I will move on to a different subject.

The SE Region Chapters know that we are required to conduct an annual Regional Muster. We still are looking for a Chapter to volunteer to host the 2011 Muster.

All of the Chapters have agreed that we must assist and work with the Host and Co-host Chapters and that we will make the Regional Muster a success.

Nominations, elections and appointments will be held shortly, for the coming year. I ask that each Chapter provide one member to a Regional Muster Committee. The committee member will keep his Chapter advised of the committees work and progress.

This committee will work together to find a Regional Muster Host and Co-host; then advise and help in the other areas that are required to come up with a successful Muster.

With this as a standing committee, we should have a SER Muster site set up for each coming year along with the Host and Co-host Chapters.

There should be no reason why the Committee could not conduct most of the committee's duties by email.

Please notify me of your selection for this committee.

Place me on your Chapter newsletter mailing list. Email would be fine.

Safe travels, Andy

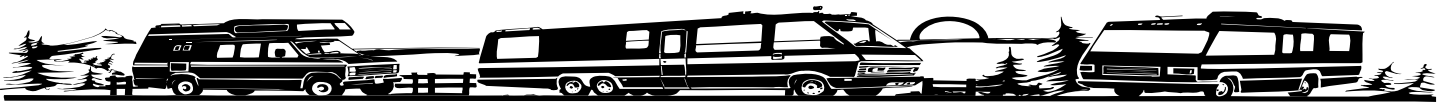
S*T*A*R Chapter---Jay Maust, President

Our Chapter hosted a great First Timers Reception at the National Muster as well as enjoyed a very productive annual luncheon meeting. The officers who have served the Chapter for the past year were unanimously re-elected for another term. A few members are still overdue in dues payment, so please send your \$10.00 annual dues to our Sec/Treas: Jeff Stephens; 6124 Galleon Way; Tampa, FL 33615-3635. Send multiple year payments to save postage and paper work. Our newest members are Steve Bahr; #7561, Karen Dietrich; #12312, Joe Reed; #2329 and Edward Creamer; #1085. Steve and Karen (who recruited her 5th member at the National Muster) were awarded their distinctive S*T*A*R Medallion at National. Also receiving their Medallions were Joe Esquibel; #5305, Kitt Kittredge; #5845 and John Wheeler; #9397. Kitt was also presented his Silver Star for achieving 15 recruited and Ron Rickard; #10834 was awarded his Gold Star for achieving 20 members recruited. Receiving their Bronze Star for 10 recruited were Dale Hertzfeld; #5478, Tom Percy; #11477 and David Weis; #9428. David has now moved from 10 to 12, Tom Percy from 10 to 11 and Glen Wilkinson; #11241 from 8 to 10 and thus earning his Bronze Star. A C Autrey; #6278 and Richard Mishler; #5581 have both moved from 7 to 8 recruited. Our Chapter approved the annual award for the SMART TOP RECRUITER OF THE YEAR AWARD which this year ended with 2 members tied at 6 recruited. Both Dale Hertzfeld and Tom Percy were awarded reimbursement of their National Muster registration fee. This annual award is open to ALL SMART members, not just S*T*A*R Chapter members. Happy and Safe travels and continued successful recruiting. E-mail: jjrw2@aol.com

Great Lakes Rolling/National Muster To Centre Hall, PA (SMART 2010 National) 6 - 12 Sep 2010

The Great Lakes Chapter arrived at Cabala's sporting goods complex in Dundee, MI on Monday the 6th of September to begin the first leg to the 2010 SMART National. A total of six units departed on the 7th and had a good trip to Kozy Rest Kampground in Harrisville, PA where full hookups awaited us. After a relaxing attitude adjustment we set down to a light dinner prepared by the host Duane/Phyllis Hall and Jerry/Joan Brandon of Pulled Pork Sandwiches with Cold Slaw, Potato Chips, Musk Mellow and

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CARAVANS & TOURS

Summary of Planned Caravan Activities for the Years 2010-2011

• The website at www.smartving.net will supersede info in the Traveler •



Travel Coordinator – Craig Christen

We are at the end of our 2010 SMART Caravan season. Our participants agree that they had a great time RVing with other military minded folks to fantastic locations. They also saved significant money caravanning with SMART, versus commercial caravan companies. Four formal SMART caravans traveled this year: Canadian Maritimes; Amish/DC/Civil War; Fall Colors; and the Albuquerque International

Balloon Fiesta. We had one (Alaska) that was cancelled due to lack of participation (even though the planned wagonmaster went to Alaska accompanied by some of the planned participants.) We did have some folks who signed up late for the Maritimes and went onto the standby list; some replaced cancellations but others did not get to go and had their money refunded. Our SMART caravans averaged about 50% of the per day cost of commercial caravans—A GREAT BENEFIT OF SMART MEMBERSHIP!

2011 has six great caravans planned: 2 long length, 60+ days (Alaska, Canadian Maritimes); 2 medium length about 30 days (Mini-SW Grand Circle, Oshkosh Experimental Airshow and Surrounding Area); and 2 short duration, 10-20 day (Music Cities, Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta.) The Music Cities caravan ends in Branson, Mo, five days before the SMART National Muster in Shawnee, OK. The other caravans occur at other times of the year to give everyone the opportunity to participate. Our caravans are all extremely cost effective; travel at a relaxed pace; normally have 15 or more participant RVs; and are led by experienced volunteer wagonmasters using SMART-standard high-quality procedures.

Our SMART caravans are created and run for the benefit our members. They often attract new members into SMART. Since we have just opened our organization to a large group of new membership eligible Honorably Discharged Veterans, I expect our caravans to fill up quickly. My suggestion and request is that you apply at the earliest opportunity for the caravan/s of your desire so that you don't miss out!

SMART has the most cost effective, quality caravans available. We also just reduced some of our internal caravan costs, and we often give back unused wagonmaster controlled caravan funds. We had a great wagonmaster training session at the 2010 National Muster and awarded the \$750.00 caravan gift certificate National Muster Grand Prize to Bob & Eleanor Mackey. We are always looking for volunteers as assistants and wagonmasters, and ways to improve our caravans. Please contact me about volunteering for wagonmaster/assistant positions or other inputs for your caravan program. I wish you all safe travels, Happy Thanksgiving, and a Merry Christmas. Craig Christen, National Travel Coordinator 931-224-8261 e-mail: ctchristen@earthlink.net.

2011 Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta (AIBF) Caravan

Wagon Master: John & Arlene Farrell, smartrnr@gmail.com, (479) 855-4778

Asst. Wagon Master: None.

Cost: Estimates: \$1,250.00 2/PER RV; \$860.00 1/Per RV; and \$390.00 ADD'L PER

Dates: 29 September-9 October 2011

Experience the world's largest hot air balloon show. See over 700 balloons of all shapes and sizes, from around the world, participate in some of the best flying conditions anywhere. We are planning on staying at Kirtland AFB FAMCAMP for the first half of the caravan with full hookups and then move onto the Balloon Fiesta grounds Premium RV parking area with electric and water hookups. From Kirtland we will be transported to/from the Balloon Fiesta grounds to see the dawn patrol and walk among the balloons as they are inflated

and launched in waves just after sunrise. At the Balloon Field parking you can wake up and watch the mass ascension fly over your RV, or shuttle over the launch area, or even have balloons land right next to you while you sit at your RV. You can also participate as a member of a balloon chase crew where you help set up, launch, chase, and recover a balloon under the direction of the balloon pilot and crew chief, and maybe get a ride. Experience 100's of multi-colored hot air balloons of varied shapes ascend together during the special shapes mass ascensions and glodeos. Walk among the spectacular evening balloon glow ceremonies and see the superb fireworks shows. Watch as the pilots compete in balloon navigation competition tasks, using the "Albuquerque Box" winds and observe the worlds longest cross country helium filled balloon race start. This is the most photographed event in the world. We will tour Albuquerque and Santa Fe, and visit the Native American Indian Pueblo Cultural Center, the Atomic Energy Museum and Old Town, and either ride the aerial tram to the top of Sandia Peak or visit the Acoma (Sky City) Pueblo for lunch. There will be restaurant meals included and coffee & rolls for breakfast. Be aware that Albuquerque is above 5,300 ft altitude and some people have experienced breathing difficulties. The SMART AIBF per day cost is less than 50% of most commercial caravans. Many SMART people agree that participating in the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta is one top 10 things they have done as RVers. We are limiting this caravan to 23 RVs, so sign up soon. SEND \$260.00 DEPOSIT WITH APPLICATION. Payment Schedule, if available will be included with your acknowledgement letter.

SMART Maritimes Caravan 2011

Wagon Masters: Ron & Margaret Santerre

Home: 956-585-3148 Cell: 956-607-3299 rsant@sbcglobal.net

Assistant Wagon Masters: Tom & Sandy Pearcy

Home: 479-855-4666 Cell: 479-616-4684 tspearcy@gmail.com

Approximate Costs: 1 Rig/2 persons - \$5,000; 1 Rig/1 person - \$3,600; Each Guest - \$1,600 (does not include ferry fees)

Dates: Jun 13 to Aug 11 . . . Total of 62 days.

Well, folks – if you have not traveled to the Canadian Maritimes – this just might be the time to go! We will assemble at the Yogi Bear Campground in Sturbridge, MA. We will have our welcome dinner there and a tour of Sturbridge Village, depicting New England life during the period from 1790–1840. We next travel to Bar Harbor, ME, where you'll have time to visit Acadia National Park and the Village of Bar Harbor and sample the local specialty lobster. We will cross into Canada at Calais, ME, and then on to St. John, NB, where we will have a bus tour of the city and witness the Reversing Falls. At Moncton, NB, we will observe the highest tides on the east coast (up to 45 feet) and walk into the caves that are underwater at those high tides with "lunch on your own" at the Tides Restaurant in Alma, NB. At Cornwall, Prince Edward Island, we will park on the water and you will be able to do some "on your own" sightseeing, as well as visit the Potato Museum, the home of Anne of Green Gables and have a great dinner at the New Glasgow Restaurant . . . mussels & lobster . . . if you come away hungry, it's your own fault! On to Halifax, NS, with a bus tour of the city, including the cemetery where the victims of the Titanic are buried. We'll also visit the Halifax Citadel for a reenactment ceremony of July 1st, Canada Day, and the Grafton Dinner Theater for an evening of fun. Also included is the World Famous International Tattoo show and a harbor cruise. Next is Kentville, NS, with a visit to the Grand-Pre National Historic Site. Then onto Grandville-Ferry, with a stop at Fort Anne in Annapolis Royal and, for those who wish, we can try to arrange a Candlelight Graveyard Tour. In Debert, NS, we plan to have a great meal at the Royal Canadian Legion . . . some may want to go to Springhill to visit Anne Murrays' home. Next stop is Brads D'Or, on Cape Breton Island with a visit to the Alexander Graham Bell National Historic Site. We then board the ferry to Newfoundland (approximately 14 hours . . . ferry fees and optional room costs will be on your own). Arriving in St John's, NL, we'll do a whale boat tour and a

city bus tour. We move to Gander, NL for the North Atlantic Aviation Museum and the Arrow Air Flight 1285 Silent Memorial . At Grand Falls-Windsor, NL, an Atlantic Blue Jay Tour and possibly a Newfie "Scoff" dinner. Then on to Rocky Harbor, NL, for a wonderful baked halibut dinner. From our next stop at the St. Barbie, NL, RV Park, you may choose to cross to Labrador, visit a national historic site and have a nice dinner at the Whaler's Restaurant in Red Bay. Moving to the northern tip of Newfoundland at St Anthony, NL, we will visit the L'Anse aux Meadows National Historic Site, attend the Great Viking Feast Dinner Theater for a Viking feast, and, if possible, some whale and glacier watching. Then we're back to Rocky Harbor, NL, for four days of well-deserved rest. We will have a breakfast there and attend the Anchors Aweigh Show. You will have ample time to explore the Gros Morne National Park area. We then move on to Doyles, NL, spending 2 days there before boarding the ferry back to Nova Scotia. From the ferry landing, we will drive to Louisbourg, NS, (home of the only reconstructed fortress in America) and attend the Louisbourg Playhouse for a fabulous show. Next we move on to River John, NS, for 2 days, in order to allow time for those that would like to spend more time on Prince Edward Island; we WILL be near the ferry.

Our last stop will be in Fredericton, NB, for 3 days, culminating with our farewell dinner at a new German restaurant. What an exciting caravan this will be! **THE FERRY FEE FOR CROSSING TO AND FROM NEWFOUNDLAND IS BASED UPON YOUR SPECIFIC RIG SIZE AND WEIGHT AND IS IN ADDITION TO THE SMART CARAVAN FEE.** We will have planned potlucks, time for doing laundry, shopping, exploring on your own with lots and lots of campground fun and camaraderie . Don't miss this wonderful adventure! Unfortunately our limit is 20 RV's . . . so get your reservation in quickly. Last year we had folks waiting on the standby list who were not able to go because they signed up too late. SEND a minimum \$260.00 DEPOSIT WITH YOUR APPLICATION. Payment schedule IF AVAILABLE will be included with your Acknowledgement Letter.

2011 Music Cities Caravan

Wagon Master: Peter and Linda Batchelar (717) 329-2160

Email spitfirepete@yahoo.com

Assistant Wagon Master: Paul and PJ Cooper (904) 502-8508

Email paulpjcooper@mindspring.com

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.

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SMART CARAVAN APPLICATION

Make Checks Payable to: SMART & Mail To: SMART, INC.

600 UNIVERSITY OFFICE BLVD., SUITE 1A • PENSACOLA, FL 32504

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

Caravan _____ Date of Event _____

Mbr# _____ Last _____ First _____ Spouse _____

Address: _____

City _____ St _____ Zipcode _____

Phone _____ E-MAIL _____ Cell Phone _____

(print) _____ Name of Guest traveling in your rig

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

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

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

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

ALL SMART Members & non-SMART members must sign in order to participate – Please Read: For services rendered to / received by those signed below, in their participation of the SMART activity named above, the undersigned hereby releases, and agrees to indemnify and hold harmless SMART Inc, all officers, directors, employees, agents and their successors and assigns from all liabilities, injuries, obligations, claims, demands, losses, damages, judgments, penalties, expenses and disbursements, including reasonable attorney's fee of any kind and nature arising out of, or in any way related to **the activity listed above.** SMART is NOT responsible for the actions of any participating company, or agent, with regard to their role in organizing, planning, or for any other service they may provide for the benefit of the named person or activity. All persons must be 18 years or older, and must sign the required application. Name & Signature of Guests in your Rig "REQUIRED"

Signature _____ Date _____ Signature _____ Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____ Signature _____ Date _____

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“NORTH to ALASKA” Caravan 2011 Jun 12 – Aug 21, 2011
Wagon Masters: Doug & Connie Harrell 443-752-9188 /
bigkuputa@yahoo.com
Ass. Wagon Masters: Mike & Dawne Kelly 443-910-2662
dawnechar@netscape.net
Cost: \$5,228 2/PER RV \$4,088 1/Per RV \$1408 ADDT'L
PERSON

Journey with us to the Last Great Frontier. This popular caravan is limited to 20 RVs. Send your application in early and get your passports ASAP! Reservation deadline is April 20, 2011. Each RV will receive the 2011 Milepost Magazine. You will also receive a TSaver coupon book with 2 for 1 opportunities to have Fun. Everyone will get a SMART Alaska Caravan Jacket. Our 70 day trip starts in Great Falls, MT. covering 6100 miles. Plan on experiencing the best of Canada in Alberta, British Columbia, Yukon Territory, & 32 days in Alaska. This is a Once in a Lifetime Roadtrip.

Our itinerary includes Ft. Macleod with the Head-Smashed-In-Buffalo-Jump Museum a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Our caravan will be traveling up the east side of the Canadian Rockies through Calgary, Banff National Park, & Lake Louise. Driving the Icefields Parkway through Jasper is spectacular on our way to Dawson Creek, BC. This begins our Alcan Highway Adventure at Mile 0 of the famous Alaskan Highway. It's onward to Ft. Nelson, Toad River, Liard River Hotsprings for a relaxing soak.

In Watson Lake we'll put up our SMART caravan sign at the Sign Forest. Crossing the Continental Divide into Whitehorse, we'll enjoy the Frantic Follies and celebrate Canada Day & 4th of July. We have a Sweet Surprise for you on the way to Carmacks. Dawson City is the gateway to the Top of the World Highway. Meeting this challenge with other SMART members will make it more memorable. You don't want to miss it! In Alaska we will be visiting Skagway, Tok, Kenai Peninsula, Fairbanks, and Christmas in July near the North Pole. Board the Sternwheeler Riverboat Discovery and catch gold fever as we pan for gold in a working mine "You May Strike it Rich."

We'll celebrate at the famous Alaskan Salmon Bake. While enjoying the Alaskan scenery, wilderness, & wildlife encounters through Denali National Park, Mt McKinley, Anchorage, Seward, Homer, Grandview, & Valdez we'll arrive at Camp Run-A-Muck to watch the Bears Up Close! Continuing south on the Alcan Hwy we'll camp at Destruction Bay, Johnson Crossing, & Iskut. We'll switch to the Cassair Hwy thru Houston, Prince George, Cache Creek, and end our adventure in Lynden, WA. We are staying at 33 campgrounds. Several are less than 200 miles apart.

You can stop and enjoy the sights along the way. We have planned Dinner Shows, Group Meals, Socials, Potlucks, Games, Boat Cruises, Museums, and a Bus Tour. There will be great Fishing Opportunities, Whale Watching, Exploring on your own, and lots of Glaciers to Discover. This is the longest SMART Caravan and it can be exhausting. Review your health requirements. We will be traveling through a lot of spectacular scenery, but remote country—plan accordingly! Get your RV in good shape (especially tires). SEND \$260 DEPOSIT WITH YOUR APPLICATION. PAYMENT SCHEDULE, IF AVAILABLE WILL BE SENT TO YOU WITH ACKNOWLEDGEMENT LETTER.

2011 Oshkosh Experimental Aircraft Association Air Show & Area Caravan

Wagon Master: Craig & Terilu Christen, ctchristen@earthlink.net, 931 224-8261

Asst. Wagon Master: TBD

Cost: Est. cost \$3000 for a 2 person RV / \$2500 for a 1 person RV / \$600 addt'l person

Dates: 12 July - 11 August 2011

Experience the energy and awesomeness of the country's greatest experimental aircraft airshow and the fantastic sights in the surrounding areas. For over 50 years the Wittman Regional Airport in Oshkosh, Wisconsin becomes a thrilling place where flight enthusiasts and aircraft gather for the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) AirVenture Fly-in. See superbly maintained antique, classic and home-built airplanes—hundreds of them. There are lots of military airplanes to admire and air show performances that "fill the sky" with aircraft and spectacular pyrotechnics, air races with vintage warbird aircraft, and an unbelievable aeronautical museum. There are some

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of the oldest and newest aircraft to view, and lots of seminars on all aspects of aircraft to attend. Oshkosh brings together a greater number of aviation enthusiasts than anywhere on earth.

The caravan starts in Holland, MI with visits to Saugatuck, the art coast of Michigan, and attendance at the Harbor Choral Festival Concert. We'll head through Chicago for visits to top attractions such as the "Bean", "The Loop" and "Willis-Sears Tower", then on to Milwaukee to visit the biggest city in Wisconsin. The EAA airshow in Oshkosh is next, we're staying right next to the venue with hookups and shuttles to the AirVenture Fly-in. We'll see over 10,000 aircraft from 80 countries, from 240 pound microlights to the biggest airlifters and everything in between. Our tours are set up by SMART Member and Retired EAA Museum / Flight Operations Director Tom Barrett. After the excitement of the airshow, we move onto Sturgeon Bay, Tomahawk and Bayfield, WI areas where we will tour Green Bay and Door country and visit the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore and attend the Tent Musical Show. We'll end our caravan in St Paul, MN for our final touring to places like the Mall of America. SEND \$260.00 DEPOSIT WITH APPLICATION. Payment Schedule, if available will be included with your acknowledgement letter.

2011 MINI GRAND CIRCLE OF THE SOUTHWEST

WAGONMASTER: PAUL & PAT PROCTOR; CELL 817-239-0171
pauleproctor@msn.com

ASST. WAGON MASTER: Glen & Sharon Wilkinson; 904-631-2231; ourhomeonwheels@hotmail.com

COST: estimated cost--\$2354 for a 2 person rig / \$600 for additional person \$1755 for a 1 person rig
DATES MAY 2nd – May 31st 2011

We have had many inquiries from folks wanting us to do "The Grand Circle of the Southwest", again, so we are hoping that many of you folks will join us for our new "Mini Version of The Grand Circle of The Southwest". Make sure you bring your cameras and enough space on your chips to take on average 950 plus pictures of the sights. We are negotiating with the camp grounds and activities at this time, no dry camping. Our campgrounds are in Arizona, Utah, Colorado and New Mexico. You must take into consideration that the caravan at times will be at higher altitudes than we normally endure. Special Southwest Jackets and swingers will be issued to each individual. What a fantastic time to see our Southwest states, view the ancient cliff dwellings, Indian villages, Pueblo ruins, as well as our hollowed canyons. Our caravan will rendezvous at Flagstaff, Arizona. You will attend a briefing there, and enjoy a start up dinner at one of the cities very musically inclined restaurants, where we will be entertained by our servers... Some of the worlds, most beautiful country surrounds Flagstaff, such as the Coconino National Forest and the San Francisco Peaks, (12,633 ft) as well as the red rocks of Sedona, Grand Canyon National Park, and the Meteor crater, where a meteor slammed into our country, a mile wide and 600 ft deep, where our astronauts trained. Then it's onto Springdale Utah surrounded by the towering cliffs of Zion National Park, and enjoy a cookout. From there it's onto Bryce Canyon for some more breathtaking views of the country side. Bryce Canyon boasts one of the darkest night skies on earth, making it an excellent spot for astronomy enthusiasts. Then we will move onto Capitol Reef National Park which is located in the heart of Canyon Country halfway between, Bryce Canyon National Park and Moab. While at Moab, you will experience a casual dinner at the boat docks, and then a night boat trip in 800 ft deep canyon walls illuminated by flood lights. We will experience river rafting in Colorado Canyon. You will have a day to drive or walk up to the Arches, a fantastically beautiful sight & see the Canyonlands. There will also be a steak cook out by the staff while there one afternoon. We will then take a short drive to Cortez Colorado to visit Mesa Verde National Park, (impressive Indian ruins), visiting the southwest Indian Museum. This is a great time and place to take in the Four Corners Monument, for those of you who have not been able to stand in four states at the same time. We will also ride on the Silverton railroad from Durango. Our next stop is in Grants NM, and while there we visit the El Morrow National Monument, the ice caves, huge lava flow, and lava tubes. A short drive from there will take us into Albuquerque, which will be our final destination that includes the Museum of Natural History, (with movie), the aerial Tramway, including a final dinner together at Albuquerque. **Send \$260.00 Deposit with Application.** More writes on the caravan to follow in the next few months. Max. 20 rigs.

homemade Cookies for desert. Following morning up early, we all departed for the National arriving just after lunch.



As you can see by the photo the Great Lakes Chapter had a great group of individuals at the National. The following were present: Jim/Nancy Anten; Jerry/Joan Brandon; Jack/Karen Dietrich; Duane/Phyllis Hall; Garnet/Luella Johnson; David/Barbara Jones; Mike/Mary Kegley; and David/Arline Sevener. Dale/Gloria Hertzfeld was also there but not available for the picture.



We had five (5) Great Lakes members who were involved in the Saturday evening entrainment produced and presented by Woody Miller "One Nation Under God". Phyllis Hall dressed as a Colonial Lady carrying the "Don't Tread On Me" Flag; Duane Hall as a Coast Guard Officer carrying the "Coast Guard Flag"; Arline Sevener as a Colonial Lady carrying the "Blue Bunker Hill Flag"; David Jones as a Union Officer carrying the "20th Regiment, Maine Volunteers Flag" and Karen Dietrich (not present for photo) carrying the "Betsy Ross Flag".



(Phyllis / Duane / Arline / David)

Overall, we had another great National Muster and the Pennsylvania Keystones Chapter deserve a BIG ATABOY and THANKS for a job well done.

Wreaths Across America

This is not to tell you about our trips to historical sites nor is it to tell you about the very clean historic towns that we were privileged to see. Let alone the beautiful fall colors that were everywhere. Rather it is to tell you about a side trip that our SMART President Christian Eck, myself and several others of "Fall Colors Caravan" took while they were at Bar Harbor, Maine. They took the opportunity to visit the new offices of "Wreaths Across America". Perhaps you are a long time supporter of Wreaths Across America, or maybe you are new to the organization and its mission to Remember those who served and have passed away, Honor those who have given their lives and their families, and Teach the children what freedom means and what it takes. There we met the man who started Wreaths Across America, Morrill Worcester. Back in 1992, Morrill Worcester of Worcester Wreaths approached the end of the Christmas season with 5,000 surplus wreaths and no market for them. Remembering a boyhood trip to Arlington National Cemetery, and appreciative of the fact that he was given the chance to pursue his entrepreneurial dreams because of the freedoms we enjoy - he dreamed up the idea of donating and placing those wreaths in a section of Arlington. Getting permission was a challenge, but Sen. Olympia Snowe of Maine was able to make arrangements. And that first year a dozen or so volunteers put the wreaths out. It took them about 6 hours. The experience was so moving and felt so right, the next year Worcester Wreath made another 5,000 especially for the event. Morrill and his crew continued to do so each year, quietly until things changed in 2005. That year, after the wreaths were

placed there was a light dusting of snow in the DC area and James Varhegyi (Air Force press corp.) took a photo of row after row of the green wreaths, red bows on the field of white snow. Adding a few solemn words - that photo became a viral hit as it was passed around the World several times and people began to argue whether it could even be true. Worcester Wreath was inundated by calls, emails, and letters from folks wanting to know more. People even sent checks to be a part of the project - as they were so touched by the sentiment. Troubled that his commercial company was not in a position to work with all the like-minded individuals - Morrill and his wife Karen created the vision of Wreaths Across America in 2006. That first year wreaths were donated for ceremonies at 218 state and national veteran cemeteries around the Country. In 2007 Wreaths Across America was officially formed as a non-profit 501(c)3 organization. Operating out of a side office and with resources donated by Worcester Wreath, the organization began to grow with grass root support from locations and participating groups. In 2009, 160,000 volunteers placed wreaths at 500+ locations all around the Country. Wreaths continue to be placed at Arlington, but now the largest wreath-laying ceremony is conducted at Houston National Cemetery. Ceremonies were also conducted at the site of the 9/11 attacks, at national cemeteries on foreign soil, and ceremonies on the open sea. The Florida Sunshine Chapter of SMART has taken a step to support Mr. Worcester. In their first Year they have provided Wreaths Across America with 126 additional wreaths. Can your chapter be counted on to assist in this effort. Ed Moyer, FLSMART-1

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I am a resident of the Armed Forces Retirement Home -Washington, sometimes referred to as the Old Soldiers Home and on 8 October I will be celebrating my 90th birthday but, on 3 September, I hosted a group of eleven SMART members from the 2010 DC Amish/Civil

War Caravan. Even though this caravan has been forming in Washington for some time, they have always by-passed visiting one of the most historical places in the area. I enjoyed having them and we had many laughs. I will leave the details to Connie and Doug Harrell who will probably submit an article for the SMART Traveler.

Many photos were taken and I chose to send two of them. Incidentally, the lady sitting with me is Bertha Wolke, a resident of the Home and a Charter Member of SMART #379C. There are other SMART Members who are residents and I have conversed with them from time to time but never realized that they were members. Isn't it a shame that no one thought about this place where there are RVs parked in the parking lots and 900 plus retired veterans residing where President Lincoln wrote the famous Emancipation Proclamation in the Lincoln Cottage? WOW

Best regards,

John Di Filippo, ETCSS USN Retired

