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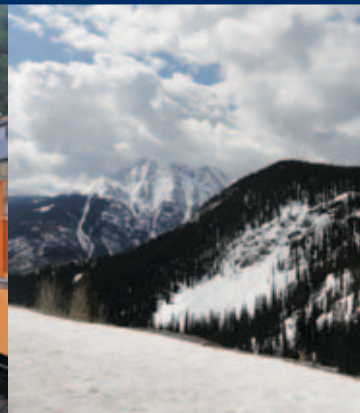


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MINI SOUTHWEST CARAVAN 2011



On The Cover

This issue's cover features photos from the Mini Southwest Caravan, held in May 2011. Nineteen rigs made the trek from Flagstaff, Arizona to Albuquerque, New Mexico enjoying sights in four states along the way. For a full report on the trip, see page 8.

FROM YOUR NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS TEAM

We have been busy here at HQ getting ready for the National Muster at Shawnee. Great News! Thanks to a Gracious Donation by a very Wonderful Person and approval from the SMART Executive Committee and Board of Directors; Phyllis Enfinger, our Administrative Assistant, will be joining us this year in Shawnee. We look forward to seeing old friends and meeting new ones. This will be a great opportunity for you to meet and chat with your HQ Team. All normal office operations will be functional except for mail pick-up and an open door at the office. We really hope to see you there!

+ + ATTENTION! + +

Anyone with First Aid, EMS, Doctor, Nurse, AMB knowledge who would like to help out with this year's National Muster in Shawnee, OK.

Please contact Sherwin Stielow
ssslow@gorhamtel.com

2011 National Muster FIRST 250 RIGS TO REGISTER

GET FULL HOOK-UPS

30/50 AMPS

NEXT 250 GET WATER AND ELECTRICITY ONLY

Please indicate if handicap spot is needed.

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.

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

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OFFICE HOURS

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

FROM THE PRESIDENT

SMART Second Vice-president Chuck Kuzma's contribution in this issue of the *TRAVELER* is very meaningful and informative and I encourage your attention to it. His focus promotes positively challenging "good dreams" - thought-provoking facts worthy of study by every SMART member.



Christian Eck

Somehow, we have to dream and plan a brighter future for SMART...and we will if we concentrate on the good and great aspects of our SMART life. With your help, we will make that brighter future possible.

We must also realize that people - and all their actions - are not perfect, but, hopefully, based on good intentions. Just remember...a bad day camping is much better than a good day at work, especially if it's with friends!

We will soon meet at Shawnee, Oklahoma...the center of a large and widespread community of the Oklahoma Indian Nation of the Shawnee, Seminole, Potawatomi, Wetumka and other Native American tribes. This gathering will afford us a good opportunity to enjoy together the SMART life. It will be the culmination of the "dreams" and plans of those hosting and staffing this annual event. It will be our "Powwow time," a time to bring about good working and social relationships...the same as our Indian friends enjoy at their gatherings - Powwows. Ever-present will be a Dreamcatcher.

A Dreamcatcher is a fashioned symbol often found within homes, lodges, teepees and other dwellings of our Indian friends. It is fashioned to form a perfectly wound circle and contains within that circle a web of finely spun material. In the center is a small hole. Below the bottom of the circle are various ornaments - beads, stones, horsehair, feathers and other objects. In Native American Indian culture, dreams, both good and bad, begin to float through the night air searching for a dreamer. It is ancient legend that bad dreams caught in the web melt away with the first morning sunlight never to be dreamt again. Good dreams, knowing the right way, slip through the center hole, work their way down the web, and catch all the good energies of the stones and ornaments. Those good dreams then float down the feathers onto the dreamer's head. One never need fear bad dreams again while sleeping under a Dreamcatcher.

And so it is with us. We face realities and challenges in our Board meetings and during many other Muster activities. Of particular importance to our "smart" SMART family is how we all approach and commit to those facts and challenges as Chuck presents in paragraph three of his article. We must all plan and "dream" for a better SMART future. We are a Good People and must Catch the Vision, make "good dreams" reality, learn lessons from the imperfect, and build a better SMART life for us all. Your Board needs your thoughtful help.....provide your input....please.



May God Bless one and all...SeeYa in Shawnee, and safe travels to each of you.

Christian Eck

President

a "dreamer" and proud to be so

How about the new look and style of our *SMART TRAVELER*? So much better in quality, content, clarity and ease of reading. Use of color and item or article format to hi-lite the various areas is "super neat"> many Thanks to our Hq. Staff, our Publisher and Printer; Dlux Printing and Publishing of Pensacola. Great job and at a cost savings as well...

FROM THE SECOND VP



Chuck Kuzma

Summer is upon us and with the warmer temperatures comes the increased desire to hit the road and travel our beautiful country. However, along with summer travel comes near record high fuel prices. I know that many of us, myself included, are feeling the pinch at the pumps and are being more selective in our travel plans. Hanging up the keys is not an option to those of us that so enjoy "Seeing the country we defend". I hope your travel plans include a trip to the National Muster in Shawnee Oklahoma. The National Muster gives us a chance to travel to a part of the country we may not have been to before, to serve as a stopping off point to further travel adventures, and to reconnect with all members of the SMART family that we may not have seen for awhile. I look forward to seeing all of you there.

The SMART *Traveler* has a new look. What started out to be an effort to reduce the cost of publishing resulted in a better looking, more readable magazine. Faced with a declining membership, we are constantly exploring ways to reduce costs. It's not often that saving money actually improves a product. Our office team has done just that with this magazine. To attract advertisers, the advertising and SMART Sponsorship Program has been revamped to include more attractive rates for magazine and website advertising, as well as RV park discount listings. To increase the number of RV parks that offer SMART members discounts and other benefits, we are asking for your help. If you know of a RV park that you would like to see listed, or a business that would like to advertise, send the information to the headquarters so that they might contact them.

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TOTAL MEMBERS TO DATE: 1602

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

Joined 35
Reinstated 6
Deleted – Non-Pmt 73
Deleted – Other 9
Inquiries 14

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IN MEMORIAM

HAL BOSTER, SMART Charter member #97, passed away this past February. He joined SMART on January 1, 1984. Because, he was best known as the promoter of Book Sales at South Central Regional and SMART National Musters, the South Central Region donated the money they earned from their recent book sale in honor of Hal. Hal was awarded Life membership for his constant support and service to SMART in 2008. He served as South Central Regional Director, as well as an officer in numerous Alabama SMART chapters. He was instrumental in starting several chapters in the South Central District. He will be missed by his wife Faye and their dog "Baby".

TAPS

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

ROBERT (BOB) CLERC

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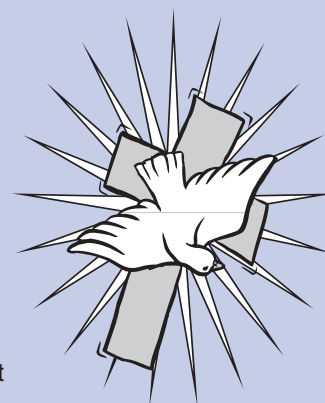
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The Law of the Garbage Truck

Paul Rider, National Chaplain

I recently received the following from a friend. This is a very good lesson...it gives a whole new perspective on life. Read this over a time or two, then ask yourself what kind of person you are:

- are you a person who is changed by/brought down by the garbage of the world? OR,
- are you a person who changes the garbage of the world into something useful?

Put another way:

- do you reflect the darkness we so often find around us?
- or do you "brighten the corner where you are" ?

Here is "The Law of the Garbage Truck" (author unknown)

One day I hopped in a taxi and we took off for the airport. We were driving in the right lane when suddenly a black car jumped out of a parking space right in front of us. My taxi driver slammed on his brakes, skidded, and missed the other car by just inches! The driver of the other car whipped his head around and started yelling all manner of obscenities at us. My taxi driver just smiled and waved at the guy. And I mean, he was REALLY friendly. So I asked, 'Why did you just do that? This guy almost ruined your car and nearly sent both of us to the hospital! And then my taxi driver taught me what I now call, 'The Law of the Garbage Truck.'

He explained that many people are like garbage trucks. They run around full of garbage, full of frustration, full of anger, and full of disappointment. As their garbage piles up, they need a place to dump it and sometimes they'll dump it on you. But it is important that you don't take it personally. Just smile, wave, wish them well, and move on. Don't take their garbage and spread it on to other people at work, at home, or on the streets.

The bottom line is that successful people don't let garbage trucks take over their day. Life's too short to wake up in the morning with regrets, so...

- Love the people who treat you right, and;
- Pray for the ones who don't.

Life is ten percent what you make it and ninety percent how you take it! So, have a garbage-free day!

CARAVANS AND TOURS

Dear SMART folks:

The 2011 Mini-Southwest Caravan is complete—great time & super traveling, and the Alaska caravan is starting this month--super SMART folks and great price. Only 2 caravans left for 2011—Music Cities prior to the National Muster and Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta just after. We still have room in the Music Cities and are taking standby's for the Balloon Fiesta caravan. Even with increased fuel prices, our folks are realizing that SMART caravans are great value and super-fun—you can to!



Craig Christen

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

We are starting to set up 2012 caravans; I would like to get an interest count on folks who would like to go onto the Alaska or Maritimes caravans in 2012. Please e-mail me with your interest & any suggested caravans you would like to participate in the next few years. This is YOUR caravan program. Please send me any inputs 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.

FROM THE SECOND VP

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My final thoughts are on recruiting and retention. Membership numbers recently released show that since September 1, 2010, 147 new members have joined SMART and 27 have been reinstated. Although these numbers are quite good, our membership losses are not. In the same period, 240 memberships have been deleted. Of these 240, 61 were members for only one year and 179 for more than a year. Also, 105 were not members of a chapter while 135 were chapter members. While a decline in our membership is expected due to the graying of our members, what is alarming is that 61 dropped after their first year and that 105 were not members of a chapter. Clearly, chapter membership is the key to retention. It's not enough to recruit new members. We have to make them feel welcome, part of the SMART family. How do we do that? Invite them into a chapter where they can experience the bond that exists in that smaller group. It's up to each of us to act as a sponsor for the folks we recruit and to ensure they are made to feel welcome. I know that when Carol and I joined SMART, we never received so many hugs and welcome wishes from any organizations before. I hope that the rest of your summer is full of hugs as you travel the roads and highways.

Chuck Kuzma

Second Vice President

ATTENTION ALL AMATEUR PERFORMERS

The Entertainment Committee is planning an Amateur Hour at our National Muster in Shawnee. If you are planning to participate, with instruments, singing or skit, please e-mail me at geraldldavis1@verizon.net or call me at Home 325-356-3260 Cell 817-964-0451. I need to see how much time we need to plan for. We had a great time with this the last time it was done. Everyone have a great summer and Happy Travels

Gerald Davis - Entertainment Committee

KNITTER'S & CROCHETERS

We want to thank everyone one for the great response!

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 crocheters 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

WOUNDED WARRIORS

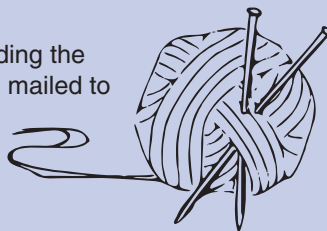
Need an easy summer project? Make a washcloth!

Our soldiers serving in Iraq & Afghanistan frequently request washcloths, so we will be collecting hand knit or crocheted washcloths. 100% cotton (peaches & cream) is a great brand to use, any pattern - be creative on the colors. Size 10" x10".

A box will be set up at The National Muster for collection, If not attending the National Muster send them to Jackie Weis before 1 Sept, they will be mailed to META. Just one more way to say "thanks" to our Soldiers serving our country and protecting US.

Jackie Weis

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SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED

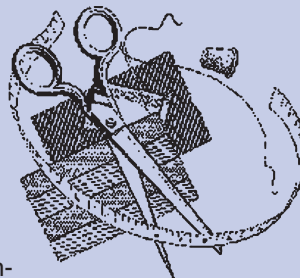
The National Spouse Advisory Committee selected Tinker Elementary School as the focal point of its charitable efforts during the 2011 SMART National Muster in Shawnee, OK, this September. Each year, teachers compile a list of supplies students are asked to bring opening day of school. These supplies 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, tempera 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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S*M*A*R*T DISCOUNTS

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

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

Check our website: www.smartrving.org and click Discounts for more information.

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

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MINI SOUTHWEST CARAVAN MAY 2011

Paul & Pat Proctor - Wagon Masters
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On May 2nd, 19 RV Rigs of Retired Military met in Flagstaff, AZ at Black Barts RV Park. We had a get acquaintance time, orientation and received our Caravan Jackets. Paul, our leader, shared with us what had been planned for the next four days. On the 3rd we toured the Meteor Crater which is a hole nearly a mile wide and 550' deep. We hiked a portion of the rim and toured the museums, and enjoyed the displays. We toured downtown Flagstaff and at the end of the day we had a Welcome Dinner and were entertained by a group of singers at Black Barts.

On May 4th we visited the South Rim of the Grand Canyon. WOW!! Now we could see why they call it the GRAND Canyon. Hiking, taking hundreds of pictures, and just being in the presence of such another wonder of God's Creation was priceless. On May 5th we visited Sedona and enjoyed the beautiful red rock formations and tourist attractions all around. Our next stop was Zion Park. We rode in Shuttle Buses to the sheer rock walls and formations which are indescribable. Each place had its own definition of a memory of simple beauty and fascination. May 8th was a relaxing day with a cook out by our staff. Some of us rested and others went sight seeing on their own.

Next was traveling to Ruby's campground to take a shuttle to Bryce Canyon. On the way it started raining, then sleet and then the beautiful white snow. We passed through a valley surrounded by snow capped mountains. Each Canyon had trails to walk or even ride into. In Bryce Canyon there were Hoodoos (geological structures), snow showers and walking trails ever so adventurous. It was so enjoyable to be there. We continued to see snow covered mountains, canyons, mesas and the elevation summits were as high as 9635 feet. At the end of our last day in Torrey, Utah, God blessed us with a double rainbow over the campground.

Our caravan continued to Moab, Utah. The following day we began with a three hour rafting experience on the Colorado River. The rapids were fun and yes, we did get a little wet. That night we went out for a Dutch Western meal and then afterwards took a boat ride on another stretch of the Colorado River. While on the boat we watched the sun go down and noticed a truck following along on a side road with a floodlight shining on the 300 foot walls of the canyon in sequence with an audio program on the boat describing the history of the area. It was a chilly boat ride but a lot of fun.

On May 17th were the Arches. Hiking and picnicking was so enjoyable there. The next day we went to Canyonlands National Park. There was

a different beauty in each canyon. The National Park covers thousands of acres and hundreds of of canyons carved out by the Colorado River.

May 19th we arrived in Cortez, NM where we visited Mesa Verde National Park with the impressive Indian Ruins. Also we took a famous trip to the Four Corners Monument. We took turns standing in four states and taking picture after picture as this was one of our main goals. Yeah!!

In Durango, the railroad ride up to Silverton was simply magnificent. We saw the great flowing river with white waters, the animals, the great waterfalls, and our train rocked back and forth for 3 and 1/2 hours. Our train was a real steam engine and had to stop a couple of times to fill up the water tank. After arriving on the top in Silverton we walked around, ate lunch and visited the little quaint town. Later we headed back to the camp in our truck. Some of the couples rode the train up and some rode it down. In other words, we had our own vehicle driven by someone that was going to ride the train the opposite way. Lamar and I drove our truck down the mountain and the beauty we saw is almost indescribable. We have never seen so much snow in all our lives. It was truly a white wonderland and we were just in Awe. We stopped just to take it all in and were so thankful to have the freedom here in America to visit different places and to be a part of this great caravan.

The following day there was a blizzard in Silverton, just another way for us to know Who is watching over us. Grants, NM is surrounded by 119 square miles of lava flows and historical features. Many visited the Ice Cave and volcano.

Our final stop was at Kirkland AFB FamCamp, Albuquerque, NM. We took a walking tour of the Old Town and the Museum. Later we took a ride on the longest tram in the United States. The altitude was just under 11,000' above sea level. We had a farewell dinner at a Mexican Restaurant where President George Bush, Senator John McCain and Governor Sarah Palin had eaten. There were many pictures of them on the walls.

We later met outside of our leader's RV and said our good byes. We take home so many memories of the marvelous places we visited and thank God for safety all the way. God truly blessed our caravan and we continue to say in our hearts God Bless America.

Written by Lamar and Dian Enfinger with comments from our SW Caravan

ON THE COVER

For photos of the Mini Southwest Caravan, please see the front cover of this issue.

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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

Just a quick hello to everyone in the NC Region. We finally made it back to Illinois in late May, just moved to Doctors up here, but I'm almost whole again so I have to get on the ball as I have lots of catching up to do. The most important is getting everyone on board for the August working Muster in Goshen, IN at the Elkhart Fairgrounds. You need to make your own reservations there, just tell them you're with SMART and they will set you up. The number is 574-533-3247. All sites are full hook ups and cost \$25.00 per night plus tax. I will be sending out Muster forms, so if you let me know when you make your reservation, I can get one to you. The next two Musters, June in Elgin, IL and July in White Cloud, MI will have us also making plans for National 2012, plus just having some good old fun. We have very few members in our region, so I'm asking that you all give us your help in planning this event. See you soon, drive safe.

Jack

SOUTH CENTRAL REGION

This year's regional muster has come to pass and now we all have to start planning for the next year's regional. I can't say enough about the planning that Glen and Marlene Thomas put into this one. It was reflected in all phases of the muster from the registration, parking (75 Rigs), meals, entertainment, drawings, raffles, etc., and especially all the members (141) who came and made this happen. Well Done to all!!!! To all members who are going, thinking about going or are un-decided about going to the National Muster in Shawnee: if you haven't filled out and sent your application in yet, please do so as soon as possible for planning purposes for the national muster committee. I hope to see all of you in September in Shawnee. Until then, may you have safe travels this summer, fair winds and following seas.

Larry Pousson - SCRD

NORTH MIDWEST REGIONAL MUSTER - MAY 12-16 2011

The SMART North Midwest Regional finally had its day in the sun, almost. Our recent regional muster was held in Grove, Oklahoma at Cedar Oaks, a very nice RV park on Grand Lake. We had some of the most beautiful sunsets on the lake. The day we arrived it was 92 degree and really not too bad. That night the weather went south, and we were fortunate if the days barely got into the 70's most only in 60's.

Our Regional recreation chairman, Frank Moon, tried desperately to have activities for everyone. The day he chose for golf was very windy and cold, but the troopers went reluctantly anyway. The day he chose for horseshoes, goofy golf and shuffleboard, the rain came down and the wind came up, temperature almost 60. The day he chose for the boat tour, the wind was so bad that the captain

was afraid the boat would tip over if they took it out. A lesser man would have sat down and cried, but not Frank. He still deserves an ATTABOY!!!



Top Left: Flag burning ceremony. Top Right: Members shake hands with the Scouts. Bottom (L to R): Sherwin Stielow, Don Poskins, Phil Hargis and Ed Munson at the ceremony honoring the oldest members of each military branch.

The region conducted an official flag burning with the Boy Scouts doing the honors. The community sent three scouts, along with mothers, to officiate. The ceremony went very well. After the ceremony members lined up to shake hands with the scouts involved and then we invited them to have dinner with us. Those young fellows can really put it away.

One of our ceremonies, during our Regional, included the oldest member of each branch of the military services being presented a wood plaque for their particular branch. Presentations were given to four of the branches, but alas, we have no Coast Guard member. One of the members, Phil Hargiss, served in WWII, Korea, and Vietnam. We are very fortunate to have him with our chapter in the Mohawks.

We also tried something different. Instead of having door prizes, which in many cases people don't want, everyone was asked to bring something new they had been given and did not want. In other words a WHITE ELEPHANT. This way they still got something they didn't want, but they also got rid of something they didn't want.

As is usual with any SMART muster, there was great food! We had biscuits & gravy: pancakes & sausage for breakfasts; brisket, sirloin burgers, pizza and ham for dinners and many snacks. We also celebrated MoHawks president, Lloyd Barningham's, 70th birthday with a beautiful cake and an ice cream social on the first day of the Regional.

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We had 66 members in attendance from the four chapters: Midway USA, Missouri MoHawks, Colorado Rockies, and the Kansas Calvary.

SOUTH CENTRAL REGION MUSTER

The South Central Region Muster was held at the Ward Agricultural Center in Lebanon, TN from September 8 - 13th. The Rocky Top chapter were hosts and welcomed 75 rigs with 145 people in attendance. SMART officers present were President Christian Eck, 2nd VP Chuck Kuzma, SE Region Director Melina LeDuc, Jerry Brandon representing the NC Region Director, At Large Region Director Larry Sockwell, and SC Region Director Larry Pousson. The President and/or Secretary of each of the 7 chapters within the SC Region were present along with many of their members. Additional states represented were Georgia, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Oklahoma, Texas and Wisconsin. Ed Pate, President, Rocky Top, served as our Master of Ceremonies.



Top: Retiring the colors. Middle Left: Members boarding trolley tour. Middle Right: National and Regional officers. Bottom: Some of the many muster attendees.

Our muster opened on Friday evening with the posting of the colors by the Marine JROTC from Wilson Central High School after a spaghetti supper served by the hosts. You could hear a pin drop as we were spellbound while Gary Pate, NYC Metropolitan Opera, (son of late SMART President Jerry & Donna Pate & brother of Ed Pate) entertained us with a medley of songs - operatic, patriotic, and show tunes.

Saturday found attendees crowding around the Hal Boster Memorial Book Sale - a total of \$245.50 was raised to be sent as a donation in his memory to HQ. Fayne Haynes, Murfreesboro, TN, WWII POW (escapee) talked to us of his time serving our country as well as his roots in TN (candy store owner) and now as a seller of flags. Many attendees went to either the free Bluegrass entertainment at Fiddler's Village on the center grounds or to the demolition derby at the other end of the center grounds after a

filling BBQ supper with homemade cakes.

Sunday morning was free for attendees to attend local churches. The free afternoon was followed by a traditional southern meal of 'beans & cornbread' with ice cream sundaes for dessert. The walls reverberated with laughter as we were entertained with 3 skits, jokes, accordian music and poetry readings that evening. Thanks to May Jones for organizing this. Bet you didn't know we had such talent in the South Central Region, did you?

Monday and Tuesday included trolley tours of the Lebanon historic district provided by the Chamber of Commerce (for a small fee of \$2.00 each!) The tour guide was one of the original investors in Cracker Barrel - what a story he had to tell. Potluck dinner that evening was followed by a 'funny money' auction to raise funds for the Wounded Warrior project at Ft Campbell, KY. \$1050.00 was presented to the Unit in May. Again the room was filled with laughter as the winning bidder never knew whether the object of the bid was a 'gag' or a 'nice' gift! As the evening progressed, everyone scrambled to pool their funny money to win the bid. You should try this sometime - see anyone who attended for details on having your own auction!

We all enjoyed a delicious baked chicken dinner for our final meal together on Tuesday evening. Closing ceremonies included introductions of our national officials and words from them on upcoming events. The Navy JROTC from Mt Juliet High School retired the colors for us.

Thanks to everyone who attended and made this such a great success with special recognition to Don Vardell and Tom Pearcy who so graciously took pictures for us. We are still trying to come up with a good way for all to 'relive' this fun filled muster.

Glen & Marlene Thomas, Muster Masters

SMART CAJUNS

at Ya'll Come Muster in Breaux Bridge, LA

The anxiously anticipated Ya'll Come muster of the SMART Cajuns that occurs annually at Poche's Fish 'N Camp and RV Park near Breaux Bridge, LA, finally began May 9, 2011 with about 40 rigs arriving; many of them early, during some beautiful weather. And so began four days of eating, socializing, card playing, golfing, fishing, touring, book sales, birthday celebrations, etc. The hosts, Francis and Lynette Arceneaux provided major meals for eighty people of BBQ chicken, spaghetti, boiled crawfish and fried fish with tours to Poche's Smokehouse, Begnauds Manufacturing, a swamp tour and various maps and brochures for the Acadiana area for those who were interested. A special treat of beignets or French donuts were provided by Jim Highton with the help of John Cross and Ray Gaudet. On the day of spaghetti, Jim Highton made a total of 24 loaves of French bread with the help of several muster helpers. As usual, the SMART Cajuns ate real well and very often!!

Tuesday night, we had six games of card bingo called by Jack Miller who kept many of the players on edge hoping to be one of the seven game winners. Other games played during the week were Poker, Pinochle, Hand and Foot, Golf, Rumikube, etc. The book sale collected more than \$200, and some books were sent on to other places for donations, etc.



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Left: Jim Martin with a pot of crawfish. Top Right: John Cross, Ray Gaudet and Jim Highton cooking beignets. Bottom Right: Cajuns playing card bingo.

Though this is the largest of the Cajun musters every year (41 out of 71 members), all of our musters have a lot of fun and many volunteers who help make them work. The next muster will be Oct. 4-6 at Kemper Williams Campground in Patterson, LA. November 14-16 at Rivertown RV Campground in Vicksburg, MS will be a free muster for the SMART Cajun members. Other participants will be charged \$12.50 per person. The hosts, Bill and Geri Blansfield will be signing on talented members to put on a Hee Haw show

FLORIDA BUCCANEERS

Summer is here and coming on strong. A number of the Buc's are traveling to various places to see family and friends in Ohio, Texas, and Louisiana. A few are escaping the heat for the cooler States of Tennessee and the Carolina's. The Dakota's and Montana seem to be a good choice also. When we all meet up again, there will be some good stories about their travels as we have had some very bad weather across the U.S.



Here in Gulfport, Mississippi at the Sea Bee Base, we have very high humidity and very hot, and only one heavy down pour of rain. We are awaiting the arrival of our Son who is returning from Afghanistan. We will be able to take him home with us in our RV if our plans work out.

The Fam Camp sites are very nice and wide. Concrete slabs are wide, and the hookups are 50,30, with two 15 amp outlets. The shower room and Laundry room are super clean. A separate washer and dryer is provided for cleaning the bedding of pets. A very small building is available for group functions, it is equipped with a large TV. Games can be played, books, papers to trade or read, coffee is plugged in and ready for you. The cost of the coffee is covered by the honor system. An outside grill and table is covered with a roof. Small groups can be accommodated for a cook out. The base facilities are very nice and easy to find. The exchange is new and improved. The roads have been repaved and you had best pay attention to the speed limits. 100% ID check is on going. Go into the Commissary, ID check. Fuel on base at the time of this writing is \$3.54 per gallon. The coastal Hwy 90 is clean and smooth, 45 mph is the speed limit and is strongly enforced. The beach is wide open along most of 90 and RV parking is permitted during sunrise to sunset. The beaches are cleaned as needed.

Our travels will take us up to Ohio to check out our house, and

then across to Ind. and on towards Shawnee, Ok. to attend the National muster. A number of Buccaneer's are planning on joining up to arrive as a group at the National. It appears to me that the Buccaneer's will be the largest chapter present. After the National we will travel to Albuquerque, NM and join a SMART caravan to go to the Balloon Festival.

Fuel prices should not be too much of a concern to us as it seems the prices are dropping. Besides, letting your RV set is not a good idea as you know. All equipment on board is expensive to replace, brakes will rust to the drums. The generator should be run at least once a month, batteries checked monthly. We must keep those "big wheels rolling", besides "you can't take it with you". Seeing the country we defended is our motto, right? See ya there.



Dale Hertzfeld

God Bless America, God Bless SMART, and God Bless you and stay safe.

Dale M. Hertzfeld - President Florida Buccaneers

FLORIDA ROADRUNNERS

The Florida Roadrunners revved up their RV engines and headed to Daytona Beach, not at the race track, for their May muster. Our friendly hosts, Charlie & Barb Hunter and co hosts, Frank & Kay Masciale, extended a warm welcome to one of SMART's newest family members, Tom Slattery from St. Augustine. His first question to our chapter president, Jim McDade, "What do I have to do to join this chapter?" Followed by, "What can I do to help this chapter?" Tom donated several hard cover books to be taken to the VA hospital in Lake City, FL., by Melina LeDuc, in our chapter's name.



Above: Tom Slattery donating books to the VA Hospital

Our hosts & co-hosts graciously welcomed one of our 1st charter members, Daphne Fox and Howard Johnson, to their first time at our chapter muster. Howard, an avid book writer, also donated some of his published works to the VA hospital. Guests included, SMART's immediate past president, Merle Dodge & wife Bev. Merle provided important assistance to Jim McDade & the chapter in preparing the 2012 SE Region Muster. Other welcomed guests were Fran & Greg Casalenuovo from the Sunshine/Buccaneers chapters. Fran helped with 50/50 collections & drawings.

Our hosts & co hosts really out done themselves, preparing daily cooked breakfasts and evening meals. Every night, we were treated to ice cream by the bowls or sugar cones! Frank Masciale deep fried turkeys for a potluck main course. Wow, how juicy & tasty. Everyone enjoyed playing cards and/or table games in the afternoons & evenings. At the ladies craft *(continued on page 13)*

time, "D" McDade brought a large tote packed with odds & ends projects given to our chapter at the March muster from the former craft instructor at Grand Lake RV Park. Our last camaraderie evening together, until September, was at Dustin's Bar B Que in Daytona Beach. Have a safe & enjoyable summer.

LOUISIANA MUSTER

Louisiana Crawfish, Crayfish, Crawdads or Mud-Bugs... Call 'em "whatcha" want...and don't be late for the boil!

Our illustrious SMART National President Christian Eck is a self-proclaimed partaker of "crawfish, bugs, crawdads or other variations." At the Louisiana Cajuns annual Ya'll Come Muster in Breaux Bridge, LA May 9-13, Muster host Lynette Arceneaux gave Christian coaching on the finer points of peeling and eating the delicacy.



Top: Learning the fine points of peeling and eating crawfish from a true professional.

Bottom: Attendees practice rocking and storytelling!

Says Christian, "Did I ever learn how to peel them 'bugs!' I've done it quite a few times before, including standing around a Cotton Wagon and devouring them, plus getting wet arms... but that Lynette and her "Sis" could sure make quick work of the enjoyable task."

Rumor had it Lynette did time in a crawfish peeling plant, but she says no. "I don't know how that rumor got rolling. I've just peeled so many throughout the years that it comes easy for me." "Christian said it was slow work, and I mentioned that the plant where we bought the tails had been featured on "Dirty Jobs," and one of the picking ladies had turned in 50 pounds of tails in a day - surely not me!"

Francis and his cookin' team boiled nine sacks - about 370 pounds - of crawfish bought from a plant in Henderson, LA. The freshly harvested delicacy was professionally prepared, along with the requisite red potatoes and corn-on-the-cob, on the muster grounds for some 85 members and guests in 43 Rigs. His cooking team included John Cross, Joe Tavenaro, and Scott Arceneaux - Francis' son.

If you've never been to a Louisiana crawfish boil, it is a "must go" whenever you get the chance. They're a natural social venue to "pass a real good time" (as they say in Cajun Country). Once the social cooking is done and serving begins, the social eating goes quickly. Don't be late to a boil. You don't want to miss any of the fun. and, once they're gone, Dey're gone!

Contributed by Don Vardell - SMART 12847

S*T*A*R CHAPTER

Keep Recruiting & Become a Member!

Our members continue to exhibit outstanding recruiting efforts as Ann Lowry; #6066, moved from 22 to 23 recruited. David Weis; #9428, our National 1st Vice President, moved up from 18 to 20, thus earning his Gold Star. Whit Whitfield; #10558, moved from

18 to 19 while Carl Hallada; #8486, moved from 14 to 16 to earn his Silver Star. Craig Christen; #10700, Curt Newton; #10059, and Mike Kegley; #8960, all moved from 7 to 8 recruited. Lynn Custer; #2845, moved from 5 to 7 and Joe Esquibel; #5305, Glendon Thomas; #11480, and Tom Wentz; #11751 all moved from 5 to 6.

A reminder that our Chapter will host the First Timers Reception at the National Muster. All attending Chapter members and spouses should plan to attend. We will have our annual business luncheon (spouses included) at the National Muster. Election of officers will be held at that time so get your registration for the National Muster sent if you have not yet done so. That will allow our Muster Master, Sherwin Stielow, to plan accordingly. He has an interesting program planned so Chapter members should plan their schedule to attend. A reminder to ALL SMART MEMBERS that the S*T*A*R Chapter sponsors the annual Recruiter of the Year award, which is reimbursement of the National Muster registration fee. You must attend the Muster to receive this award and the winner does not have to be a member of the Chapter.

Happy & Safe travels; keep recruiting and we will see YOU at the National Muster.

Jay R. Maust - President

TRI-STATE PANHANDLERS

Hidden among the rural farms and pastures of SW Georgia is a brilliant emerald green lake in a RV park that bears the same name. Emerald Lake RV Park in Colquitt GA was the setting for our May Muster which was hosted by Harry & Lil Smith. A beautiful park with a wonderful restaurant that begs you to come and enjoy every item featured on the menu. And enjoy we did! With no chapter prepared meals, everyone took full advantage of the parks restaurant to dine and relax away their time during this muster.



Ten rigs attended which included new members Richard & Judy Riggleman. Additionally, Cliff & Patty Davis and Richard & Linda Wormeyer were present and encouraged to become members of the SMART family. Judy Riggleman presented all the women present with gifts in celebration of Mother's Day.

Our September Muster will be held at Top Sail Hill Preserve State RV Park in Santa Rosa Beach, Florida. We hope to see all our chapter members then. Until then, have a safe and scenic summer.

Carol Kuzma



2011 NATIONAL MUSTER REGISTRATION 2011

2011 National Muster Sept 21 – 26, 2011 (depart Sept 26)

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

405-275-7020 • 1-800-762-7695 • www.shawneeexpo.org

Contact: National Muster Master – W.B. Smith • wbbdsmith43@sbcglobal.net • 405-771-5999 • 405-990-1655 Cell

Reservation Deadline August 7, 2011 DO NOT COMBINE THE PARKING AND REGISTRATION FEES! PLEASE PRINT THE INFORMATION

Make Check Payable to "SMART" Mail to: SMART HQ • 600 University Office Blvd, 1A • Pensacola, FL 32504

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.**

Do you desire to participate in: Golf Yes _____ No _____ Crafts for sale Yes _____ No _____ Games Yes _____ No _____

Donation of Chinese Auction Items Yes _____ No _____ Donation of Books for Book Sale Yes _____ No _____

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

Please Read the following:

For Services rendered to /received by those signed below, in their participation of the SMART activity named above, the undersigned hereby releases and agrees to indemnify and hold harmless SMART Inc., all officers, directors, employees, agents, and their successors and assigns from all liabilities, injuries, obligations, claims, demands, losses, damages, judgments, penalties, expenses and disbursements, including reasonable attorneys' fee of any kind and nature arising out of or in any way related to the activity listed above. SMART is NOT responsible for the actions of any participating company or agent, with regards to their role in organizing, planning, or for any other 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.

Signature _____ Date _____ Signature _____ Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____ Signature _____ Date _____

CUT ON DOTTED LINE

2011 NATIONAL MUSTER PARKING REGISTRATION 2011

DO NOT SEND TO SMART NATIONAL HQ. DO NOT Combine Muster & Parking Payments PLEASE PRINT THE INFORMATION

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

To: **Peggy Wilson • P.O. Box 457 • McLoud, OK 74851-0457**

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

SMART # _____

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

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

Home Phone: _____ Cell _____ Email _____

Arrival Date: _____ Departure Date _____

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

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

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

THE INFORMATION ON THE WEBSITE SUPERCEDES INFORMATION IN THE TRAVELER.

JULY

- 2-4 **Kremmling, CO**
Host: CO Rockies
Contact: Gary & Carol Williams
970-276-3894
- 7 **Bard Mansions CBC, Port Hueneme, CA**
Host: Channel Islands Seagulls
Contact: Roy Allen 805-794-5666
- 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 e8sldr@frontier.com
- 13-15 **Yakima Nations Topenish, WA**
Host: Inland Empire
Contact: Ken & Mary Helen Mayhew
- 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: John & Yuko Hodgkin 910-867-9319
Jim & Van Rees 843-821-9677
Algie Watts 803-776-9149
- 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
- 28-30 **CPO Cabin NAS PT Mugu, CA**
Host: Channel Islands Seagulls
Contact: Roy Allen 805-794-5666
- TBA **Solomans Island, MD**
Host: CATS
Contact: Bob Blansett 757-335-1837
vabchblansett@cox.net
- 4 **Bard Mansion CBC Port Hueneme, CA**
Host: Channel Islands Seagulls
Contact: Roy Allen 805-794-5666
- 4-7 **Pemi Valley Blue Grass Festival**
Campton, NH
Host: SMART Yankees
Contact: Joe Cannarella
603-883-2070 or 603-315-0640
- 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
- 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 & Phyllis 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
- 22-26 **Elks Lodge Vista**
Host: SO Cal
Contact: Gary Ashbrook 760-213-4414
stjoecop@hotmail.com
- 24-26 **Ellensburg, WA**
Host: Inland Empire
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 Mc Diffet
785-341-9115
Sherwin & Dorothy Stielow 785-483-1504
Bob & Kay Knight 620-727-0376
- 2-4 **Topsail Hill Preserve State Park, FL**
Host: Tri-State Panhandlers
Contact: Shirley Newton 850-249-6954
- 9-10 **American Heritage RV Resort**
Williamsburg, VA
Call 1-800-530-CAMP for Reservations
Host: CATS
Contact: Sharon & Gene Bennett
757-460-9501 sharonbennett1@cox.net
- 12-15 **Jennings RV Park Jennings, FL**
Host: FL Roadrunners
Contact: Kathy & Andy Anderson
352-472-9303 cjandy@aol.com
- 14 **Shari's Moses Lake, WA**
Host: Inland Empire
Luncheon 11:30 AM

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

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

OCTOBER

- 2-7 **Jackson Rancheria Jackson**
Host: Golden Gate
Contact: Abe & Mary Ann Low 916-923-3519
low@saclink.csus.edu
- 10-14 **Eagle Nest RV Park Pigeon Ford, TN**
Host: Gulf Coast Eagles
Contact: Jerry & Martha Cole 941-518-6299
- 10-14 **Lake Charles State Park, AR**
Host: AR Hogs
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

AUGUST

- 3-6 **Casey's Riverside RV Park West Fir, OR**
Host: SO SMART
Contact: Sam & Royann Morris
541-273-0216

SEPTEMBER

- 1 **Bard Mansion, CBC Port Hueneme, CA**
Host: Channel Islands Seagulls
Contact: Roy Allen 805-794-5666

PLEASE EMAIL smart@smartrving.org WITH ANY CHANGES, CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS

Voting Procedures For 2nd Vice President Election

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

(1) PAPER BALLOT (snail mail to HQ) – cut out the ballot below, mark your vote and place the ballot in an envelope with your SMART member number and the word “BALLOT” printed on the outside of the envelope. Seal the envelope and place it inside another envelope addressed to:

SMART HQ • 600 University Office Blvd Suite 1A • Pensacola, FL 32504

(2) EMAIL BALLOT – smart@smartrving.org. The email subject line must read: Election for 2nd VP. Then the email must read: I vote for (the name) for 2nd VP. Also include your Member Number, so HQ can validate your membership in SMART. Husband and wife members have to submit separate emails. **(Ballot must received by Sept 1, 2011, at HQ)**

(3) IN PERSON at National Muster in Shawnee, Oklahoma, Sept. 21-25.

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

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

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

Larry Sockwell or **Craig Christen**



I, **Larry B. Sockwell**, SMART member # 11422 hereby apply and accept the nomination for the office of 2nd Vice President. I hereby agree to meet all the required responsibilities if elected. By affixing my name above, I certify that I accept responsibility for the position if elected and possess the capability and willingness to serve in that position and am aware of the provisions of Article 6 of the Bylaws concerning compensation.



I have read Article 6 of the SMART National By Laws and Standing Rules and agree to meet all required responsibilities if elected to this position. I would like to submit my resume to the SMART Board of Directors for consideration.

Positions held in SMART:

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

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

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

Larry B. Sockwell, #11422

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



I have been an active member of SMART since 2002 after retirement from 31 years of Air Force experience and subsequent start of our life as a full time RVer. I have participated in SMART: as the vice & then president of the Fulltimer chapter, and now Newsletter Editor; as a caravan wagonmaster, and now as the National Travel Coordinator.

I am currently a member of the Fulltimer, Rocky Mtn, and Star chapters. My wife, Terilu, and I have attended most of the National Musters since 2002 at Wichita Falls, TX, and many regional and local musters as we traveled through our great country. We have gotten to know and enjoyed listening to many of our SMART members. Terilu & I have also been representatives of Sew Much Comfort, a charity that makes adaptive clothing for our recovering wounded warriors, and brought Sew Much Comfort injured veteran support activities to the last 4 National Musters.

I believe that SMART is a great organization but is at a critical time for our survival. With a recent controversial significant organization membership criteria change and continued declining membership, we need to improve. My professional background consists of: engineering undergraduate and management masters degrees; significant organizational leadership, development, and change; and financial management experiences. I am committed to helping SMART survive and grow. I will work to continue improvements in recruiting and retention by seeking to boost member benefits and enhance individual

participation. I am eager to accept nomination, aware of the responsibility, possess the capability and willingness, and understand the provisions regarding compensation.

Craig T. Christen

207 Rainbow Dr #10743, Livingston, TX 77399 • 931 224-8261
ctchristen@earthlink.net

I, **Dale M. HERTZFELD** #5478 on this date, May 26, 2011 do hereby apply and accept nomination for North Central Regional Director and hereby agree to meet all required responsibilities. I have read the National By-Laws section 6.11 regarding compensation.



SUMMARY OF POSITIONS HELD IN SMART: Joined SMART 1989. Active member in Great Lakes, FL Buccaneers, FL Roadrunner and Star Chapters. President of FL Buccaneers and candidate for Vice President of the Star Chapter. Recruiter of the year SMART 2010.

WHY AM I A CANDIDATE AND WHAT I WISH TO ACCOMPLISH: I feel strongly for the need to work at the National level of SMART and represent the North Central Region. Through personal contact with members I feel I can continue our membership growth and retention efforts. I look forward to working with the Board of Directors and all Committee's.

I, **Jon D. Katin**, S.M.A.R.T Member #12305, do hereby apply and accept the nomination for the office of Northwest Region Director. I hereby agree to meet all the required responsibilities if elected. By affixing my name above, I certify that I accept responsibility for the position if elected and possess the capability and willingness to serve in that position and am aware of the provisions of section 7.19 of the Bylaws concerning compensation.



Reasons for wanting to be on the Northwest SMART Board:

We delayed joining SMART until July 2006, as my wife and I both were working full-time and found that most of the SMART musters and luncheons were mid-week and we would not have been able to participate. Now that we are retired, we are young enough to devote the time and have the energy to contribute to the growth and stability of SMART.

We have had RV's since 1967 – and camped all over the U.S. and Europe. We own a diesel pusher motor-home. We joined both SoSMART and Oregon Trails chapters in 2007 and have attended regional and local musters. In 2010 we joined SOCal Chapter and have again, participated in numerous chapter and regional musters.

I have had the pleasure of being the Northwest Deputy Region Director for the past 2 years.

Both my military career and civilian employment have provided me years of experience at being both a leader and manager.

I am a communicator. I feel I can support SMART in getting the word out regarding activities and philosophies and at the same time I can pass on concerns and issues the members have. And, as a good communicator, of course I feel I am a good listener.

Education/Training:

B.S. in Electrical Engineering - Northeastern University – 1965.
M.S. in Engineering Management - University of Mo. - Rolla - 1971.
Army War College - 1985.

Worked with local Oregon building codes and land development codes.
Developed budgets, justified staffing levels and managed multi-million dollar programs

Employment/Work Experience:

27.5 years active duty - US Army, including:

Executive Engineering and Program Mgmt:

Dep Director Los Angeles Corps of Engineers, responsible for planning, programming and managing \$400 million for 12 installations in 4 states.

Dep Director Jacksonville Corps of Engineers responsible for \$200 million in water resource

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construction; Hurricane Hugo and claim settlement for Ponce dam construction.

Dep Director Portland Corps of Engineers responsible for flood protection & clean-up after Mt St Helens eruption; dredging operations for commercial ports; and managed competing demands of Columbia River water distribution

City Manager - military facilities:

Manager - Schweinfurt, Germany, responsible for all utilities, facility mgmt, logistics, police & fire protection, medical, schools and recreation for 16,000 personnel.

Manager - Construction City, Al Batin, Saudi Arabia managed a base camp for 18,000 personnel in an isolated area with all public works, housing, food services, communications, airport operations, medical, fire & police activities.

Public Works Director in Schweinfurt, Germany managing 20 installations, 370 employees and \$40 million budget.

Director of Facilities - Ft Sheridan, Il., managing 73 facilities with 1.6 million Sq ft and \$10 million leased space.

13.5 years with City of Corvallis in 3 positions:

City Engineer/Assistant City Engineer, Capital Projects Manager, and Transportation Services Supervisor overseeing the Airport Manager, Transit Manager, Alt. transportation modes project mgr, and Special Transportation Program Mgr for the elderly and handicapped citizens.

Community/Volunteer Experience:

While working with the City of Corvallis (Oregon), I have worked with and presented ideas and requirements to the City Council, Planning Commission, and numerous citizen advisory commissions.

As a Thousand Trails member I volunteered for 8 years as a ranger on busy/long weekends at Pacific City and as a volunteer compliance ranger for 2 summers.

Participated in American Public Works Association (APWA) for 10 years, chairing several committees culminating in being elected as a State Director for 4 years.

Former member of Society American Military Engineers (SAME) and Public Housing Manager Association (PHMA).

Family:

Wife, Nancy - married for 45 years. 3 adult children all who continue to enjoy camping and 9 grandchildren.

Jon D. Katin

5045 Picadilly Circle NW • Albany, Oregon 97321
(541) 967-9131 (Home) • (541) 220-9476 (Cell)

I, **Robert Knight**, S.M.A.R.T Member #12581, do hereby apply and accept the nomination for the office of North Midwest Region Director. I hereby agree to meet all the required responsibilities if elected. By affixing my name below, I certify that I accept responsibility for the position if elected and possess the capability and willingness to serve in that position and am aware of the provisions of section 6.11 of the Bylaws concerning compensation.



3101 E Red Rock Rd • Hutchinson, Ks 67501 • 620-899-9992(Cell)
620-727-0376 (Wife's Cell) • bknight@pixius.net

It is respectfully requested that I be considered for the position of North Midwest Director. I am a charter member of SMART Kansas Cavalry and hold the position of First Vice-president. I was recently appointed Assistant Director NMW region.

I am a Twenty-two year veteran of the US Navy, serving from July 1960 till May 1982. I retired with the rank of Chief Petty officer and had held positions ranging from Division Chief to Senior Enlisted Advisor. While assigned to Tactical Support Center Bermuda, I Briefed and debriefed Tactical Flight Crews flying Anti-Submarine and Shipping surveillance missions.

After retirement from the Navy, I was employed by the Federal Aviation Administration

as an Airways System Specialist retiring as the Manager of the Hutchinson, Ks, System Support Center in December 2005. As Manager of Hutchinson SSC, I managed Three work Centers (Hutchinson airport, Hutchinson Radar, and Salina Airport) with a total of Thirteen employees.

As a Lifetime member of the Good Sam Club, I held the position of President of Serendipity Sam's club for Four years. I was instrumental in establishing the Good Sam Kansas Military Retirees Club and held the office of President for Two years. The nucleus of this club was recruited to form the SMART Kansas Cavalry club.

Hobbies include gardening, metal detecting, hunting and fishing. In 2004 and 2005 my wife and I constructed our current home which includes a motor home garage as well as a garage and work shop.

I am looking forward to working with the SMART BOD and feel that I can provide a fresh outlook on many issues facing the organization today.

Robert (Bob) Knight (12581)

I, **Paul Rider**, S.M.A.R.T Member #11553, do hereby apply for and accept the nomination for the office of At-Large Region Director. I hereby agree to meet all the required responsibilities if elected. By affixing my name below, I certify that I accept responsibility for the position if elected and possess the capability and willingness to serve in that position, and that I am aware of the provisions of section 6.11 of the Bylaws concerning compensation.



237 Rainbow Dr, #13713 • Livingston TX 77399
334-224-4636 (cell)

Summary of positions held in SMART: Member of SMART for 8 years (October 2003); Active chapter member of CATS, Fulltimers, Nomads, and Computer Users. National Chaplain for 6 yrs; ex-officio member of BOD and member of various BOD committees for 6 yrs, Secretary/Treasurer of Fulltimers 5 yrs; President of Fulltimers 1 yr (currently); Assistant At-Large Regional Director 1 yr (currently).

Community Affiliations and Activities: Member of Air Force Association (AFA); Amateur Radio Relay League (ARRL); Military Chaplain Association of America (MCA); Military Officer Association of America (MOAA); National Rifle Association (NRA); Wycliffe Associates; Family Motorcoach Assn (FMCA); Escapees RV Club; S.M.A.R.T.; and Winnebago Itasca Travelers (WIT). Life member Alpha Phi Omega (APO) National service Fraternity. Former member of American Legion; Boy Scouts of America, Good Sam; and Kiwanis, Intl.

Other positions providing beneficial experience: Five years Air Force Reserve and 26 ½ years Active Duty in the United States Air Force Chaplain Service; Deputy Command Chaplain & Chief of Personnel & Requirements Division in Office of Command Chaplain, HQ Air Combat Command; Chief of Readiness and Evaluations Division in Office of Command Chaplain Air Force Materiel Command; Wing Chaplain Andrews AFB MD, Pope AFB NC, Andersen AFB Guam, and Sondrestrom AB Greenland; Director of Automation and Audiovisual Resources at USAF Chaplain Service Institute. Special training in Alcoholism, Drug Dependency, and Family Recovery; Critical Incident Stress Debriefing (CISM); Applied Suicide Intervention (ASIST); and, Managing and Resolving Workplace Conflicts.

Why I am a candidate for this office, and what I hope to accomplish if elected: As a fulltime RVer who has traveled the country for the past 6 years, visiting chapters and Regional Musters whenever and wherever convenient to our schedule, I greatly appreciate the ready fellowship that SMART provides regardless of where we travel in our great nation. I also know very well the difficulties of faithfully communicating both the concerns of chapter member to the BOD, and the reasons and history behind BOD actions to chapter members. In the At-Large Region Chapters, the communication problem is magnified by the fact that At-Large Chapters rarely have face-to-face chapter meetings. If elected, I will do all I can to provide the best possible two-way communication and interchange between all At-large chapters, chapter members, and the Board of Directors.

S.M.A.R.T Member #11553

National Muster Notes

SPECIAL EVENT

We will be holding a Silent Auction at this year's National Muster. Anyone wishing to donate a new or un-used item to auction, please contact the Prize Committee when registering. Any item will be greatly appreciated.

Proceeds will be split between the Sew Much Comfort Program and the Wounded Warrior Program. Please help in supporting these worthy causes

Gerald Davis

Prize Committee Chairman - SMART Texans

DID YOU KNOW?

Shawnee, OK is home of the first SONIC Drive-In prototype which originally opened in 1953 as the Top Hat Drive-In. In 1959, the name was changed to SONIC. In 2005, Shawnee became home to the 3000th SONIC Drive-In as well.

PLACES TO SEE WHILE YOU'RE IN SHAWNEE!

While you're in Shawnee, jump over to Oklahoma City and take a Riverboat Cruise down the Oklahoma River, only \$6.00. Or take a walk on the wild side and visit Oklahoma Zoo for only \$8.00. You could just spend the day on the riverwalk in downtown OKC. Or just take a leisurely walk thru the Myraid Botanical Gardens or the Will Rodgers Gardens. There is so much to do! So come on out to the 2011 National Muster in Shawnee, Oklahoma and have some fun!



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

NEW MEMBERS (Complete form above dotted line)

Fees Payable to: SMART

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

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

Mailing Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone # _____ Cell # _____ Email Address _____

Referred by: _____ (SMART Member #)

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

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

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

Member Preferred 1st Name: _____ Optional Info: _____

Spouse Preferred 1st Name: _____ Optional Info: _____

MEMBERSHIP FEES: Check Appropriate Category

1. Regular Membership:

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

2. Associate Membership:

- 2a. Associate Member – Honorably discharged veterans US Military Services: Fee \$15 (New Member Packet) + \$45 annual dues = \$60.
- 2b. Associate Spouse – Spouse of a Regular Member. Fee \$30 annual dues (Member packet fee is waived) + \$7.50 for name badge (optional) = \$37.50
- 2c. Associate Widows/Widowers – Fee \$15 (New Member Packet) + \$30 annual dues = \$45.
- 2d. Canadian, NATO/SEATO – Fee \$20 (New Member Packet) + \$50 annual dues = \$70

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

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

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

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

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Email Address _____

List all Chapters you belong to _____

Renewal Fees:

Regular Member – \$45 (X__ years) = \$ _____

Associate Member – \$45 (X__ years) = \$ _____

Associate Widow/Widower – \$30 (X__ years) = \$ _____

Social Member – \$25 (X__ years) = \$ _____

Family Member – \$65 (X__ years) = \$ _____

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

NATIONAL HISTORIAN

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

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

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

Submitted,
Christian Eck - President

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

SMART Decals 3"	\$0.65
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SMART Decals 9"	\$2.05
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SMART Name Badges	\$7.50
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NOTE: Postage is not included. We charge actual shipping/postage cost. Please send payment with order to Headquarters: SMART, 600 University Office Blvd. # 1-A, Pensacola, FL 32504

Pets of the Month

Introducing our 4 legged Shih Tzu kids, **Domino & Puck**. Domino is our little girl in the purple and turned 11 in June. Puk is our rambunctious boy who turns 12 in Dec. Both enjoy RVing and traveling around with us. This photo was taken on our trip to Pikes Peak, where we got caught up in the snow. They enjoy the adventure of seeing and smelling all the new sights and scents out there.



Rick & Jana Nunemaker - US Army Retired, SMART #12595



Cappy is our mini toy Poodle who shares our travels and entertains us in the process. At seven years old he energetically chases toys or waits patiently for treats but always has fun while meeting others on his routine walks around the campground.

John and Mary Wheeler - SMART Buccaneers, Yankees Zephyrhills, FL

My name is **Casey**. Don't mind if I take a cat nap as I just tire out easily these days. I'm 20lbs of loving cat whenever I'm awake. My servants, **Jim & "D" McDade** of St Augustine, FL say I'm over 11 years old and a Maine Cusco feline. "Someone please rub my belly"



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. You may write a short article about your pet and don't forget their name and who owns them.

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SPECIAL PEOPLE

Ward III



Meet Ward III. Ward is being raised by Curt and Shirley Newton #10059, for the Canine Companions for Independence, known as CCI. CCI is a non-profit organization that enhances the lives of people with disabilities by providing highly trained assistance dogs and ongoing support to ensure quality partnerships, all at no cost to the recipient.

Ward was born October 22, 2010, in California and is part Golden Retriever and part Yellow Lab. He arrived in Panama City on December 15 and will live with the Newtons until the Spring 2012. He will then travel to Orlando to be trained professionally with the skills needed for his specific handicapped individual.

Many of the dogs trained for CCI go to wounded veterans. The Newtons are responsible for all costs associated with raising Ward and fully socializing him. They have been provided with materials and instructions to teach him 30 commands including "hurry", "release", "kennel" and "under" to name a few. He also has a two page list of situations, people and places that he should experience, such as floppy hats, babies, people with disabilities, power tools, umbrellas and many many more.

Traveling in the Newtons's Winnebago Outlook to attend SMART chapter, regional and National Musters provides Ward with many opportunities to be exposed to many situations, dogs and people.

Come to Shawnee and meet Ward. He would love to "visit" with you and "shake" your hand and is sure to capture your heart. To learn about CCI you can go to www.cainecompanions.org or email them at info@cainecompanions.org. They proudly provide exceptional dogs for exceptional people.

