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Note from our SMART National President:

I hope you are off to a great new year, and are planning your participation in lots of S.M.A.R.T. activities in 2020. Jean & I had our normal Christmas and New Year’s visit with children and grand children in Alabama, visited a lot, ate too much, didn’t exercise enough … normal holiday family routines! Part of the adventure was breaking in a new toad after replacing our tired old well-traveled Honda with a 2017 Jeep in late November. We were able to get all the towing gear in place and tow the Jeep on one short test trip before setting out on the long drive to Alabama.

Your BOD Committees are in frequent email contact working on important issues, especially in membership recruiting and retention. YOU CAN HELP by sharing information about S.M.A.R.T. in the various community groups you are active in, and by displaying your S.M.A.R.T. banner and handing out information to other veterans in RV Parks. HQ can provide tri-fold, or whatever other information you need. Share the good news of S.M.A.R.T.!

Muster Master Willie Pollard and his team from the SMW and NMW regions are hard at work putting the finishing touches on activities for the 2020 National Muster in Shawnee OK. Indications are that this will be one you won’t want to miss! In addition to the tours, seminars, socials, meals, and other activities, Region Director positions for the Southern regions are up for election/re-election. Region Directors serve a 2 year term, and may serve 2 terms. In the SE region, Jackie Weis is in her final year of two terms. Bill Littell in the SC region, Roger Bruce in the SMW region, and Michael Northrup in the SW region are all in the second year of their first term. All members of S.M.A.R.T. are eligible to run for a Region Director position, including spouse members. In addition to these four Region Directors, the position of 2nd Vice President is open to any veteran member. Resumes for national officer positions must be submitted to HQ not later than 30 April. S.M.A.R.T. depends on the active involvement of members to keep moving forward. When you see a need you can fill, volunteer! And consider running for office in your chapter, or on the national level. You can even serve as a chapter officer and a national officer at the same time! S.M.A.R.T. needs YOU, your ideas, and your energy! Paul Rider—SMART President

SMART’s 1st Vice President:

Another year has come and gone. Where does the time go? I hope everyone had a Very Merry Christmas and will experience a very heathy and happy 2020. As I look forward to the coming year I think about how blessed we are to be able to travel in our RV...

“Seeing The Country We Defended”

Being a member of S.M.A.R.T. has afforded us the opportunity to see not only most of the United States but a big part of Canada. We traveled to many places with S.M.A.R.T. we may not have gone to on our own like Alaska, The Canadian Maritimes, and Calgary to attend the Calgary Stampede. Aside from seeing some of the most beautiful places in North America we have met and become friends with many great people along the way that I know will last a lifetime.

Also as we look forward to the new year, we must continue to promote S.M.A.R.T. and strive to bring in new members. Over the past several years we have experienced a steady decline in our membership. This is not unique to S.M.A.R.T. Many organizations are struggling to stay afloat. Although we have some outstanding folks working diligently to develop programs to reduce losses and increase our membership we do not seem to be making much headway and in no way do I want to discredit their valiant efforts. The Family Motor Coach Association (FMCA) recently struggled with the same problems of declining membership and decided to change their membership criteria to include not only motor homes but all other types of recreation vehicles. This was not well received by many FMCA members who felt that such a change was not consistent with their original charter. However the change proved to be what was needed to insure FMCA remained a viable organization. It
appears to me that S.M.A.R.T. is now at the same crossroads. What can we do to increase our numbers and remain a viable organization? It’s possible that we need to think outside the box and examine our membership criteria. Many have proposed changing our bylaws to include First Responders and immediate family members as being eligible for membership. Like FMCA there are those in our ranks who fear a change of this nature will destroy what they built. The fact remains we can’t continue to lose members at the current rate and expect to continue as a viable organization.

As some of you have heard Gwen and I had to cancel the 2020 Canadian Maritime’s Caravan. This was a tough decision to make but due to cancellations our list of attendees had gone below the required number to adequately fund the caravan. I believe the failure to support S.M.A.R.T. caravans is due partly to our declining membership numbers and also to an aging population.

I am hoping that you don’t view this article as just gloom and doom but as a push to continue the dialog on how to increase membership and keep our great organization afloat. I owe so much to S.M.A.R.T. and will continue to work hard to keep things moving in a positive direction. Carl Hopper, 1st VP

SMART’s 2nd Vice President

I hope each of you had a very Merry Christmas and welcomed the new year of 2020 with expectations beyond measures. May all of your travels through the year be safe, eventful and without any maintenance problems. Joyce and I had a wonderful time at the Alamo S.M.A.R.T. Annual Christmas Party at Blue Skies West in San Antonio. The atmosphere was great and all in attendance had a remarkable time socializing, singing Christmas carols, dining and gift exchanges. Three new members to S.M.A.R.T. attended.

The administration you have elected to lead S.M.A.R.T. for the next three years, along with the BOD and appointed committees, have been working at a moderate pace looking for avenues to enhance recruiting and retention. However, the whole S.M.A.R.T. family can make a difference if we all pull together in the process of making it happen. Yes, we are charging ahead in the aforementioned endeavors but also spending just as much time and energy looking at ways to make S.M.A.R.T. even more exciting. You have been talking and we have been listening to your concerns. Now we are in the execution phase for you the member.

The 2020 National Muster in Shawnee is going to be filled with fun and excitement, vendors and seminars that will enhance your taste for traveling the country you defended. The only missing link in planning for the Muster is you and we are looking forward to giving you the best time of your muster life. If you are not capable of walking long distances, tour #2 is for you. It will be a riding tour for handicap conditions. Also, games are geared for the masses to enjoy.

“Always watch for the rubber gators on the road and the cars that always cut in front of you”

Willie Pollard 2nd VP

Remember an old children’s song that began with London Bridge is falling down.

As I recall the last line was “We all fall down” and everybody falls to the ground laughing. It’s no laughing matter but we all do fall down and as our bodies get older and more fragile the consequences become more serious. My dear wife of 58 years Lila recently fell down and broke her right arm. The next day she fell again and ended up with a bandage on her head. During my summer in a stroke rehab center I fell out of my wheel chair once and regularly scare the therapists when I walk. Last week, a woman (99 years young) a few doors down the hall from my room, fell and broke her hip, requiring surgery. Whether it is a wrinkle in a scatter rug or black ice, we need to be more careful—we don’t bounce back as easily anymore and the consequences are more serious. If you fall, get medical attention. Balance therapy and balance exercises ARE AVAILABLE that can help. Use your canes and walkers inside and outside. A doctor’s visit identified two items that contributed to Lila’s tendency to fall. Have an expert...
walk through your house and check for hazards. Keep your walkways clear. So how do we prevent falls or lessen their severity? Our reduced activity lifestyles are a major part of the problem. Our parent’s generation didn’t require watches that measured steps or their activities. Washing clothes on a scrub board and hanging clothes outside kept their muscles and balance strong. Our days in lounge chairs and travel in our “land yachts” weaken our bodies and reduce our balance further. Sometimes what we need is just a friendly reminder to move more. I can recommend a great, free website my daughter Denise has created that helps people lead healthier, more active lives. If you’re on Facebook, check out https://www.facebook.com/quittingthesitting or the website quittingthesitting.org.

All muscles need rest after use. We do this automatically when we sit down and rest after a long hike or strenuous activity. In addition to rest muscles require a clear sensory path from the command center in our heads to the muscle itself. As stroke victims learn these neuro paths sometimes get confused and require reprogramming. We are perhaps most vulnerable to falling after a period of inactivity such as during the night or waking from a nap. Watch out when getting up in middle of the night, your balance may not be ready for your intended movements because of inadequate rest or the darkened room.

#1 Rule, Never try to stand up on a slippery surface. If you fall get medical attention. Travel safe and walk safely.

See you along the way. Attend as many SMART Musters as you can. When I am recovered from my June 2019 stroke, I will sign up for as many musters and SMART events as I can. See you in Shawnee.

Doug Blaha, Imt. Past President

A message from your Newly appointed Chaplain, Lamar Enfinger

While we have been members of SMART for the past 15 years my wife, Dian and I have not been very active for the past few years. Our Mission has been with MMAP (Mobile Missionary Assistant Program). We worked at Christian Children’s Bible Camps. I repaired equipment, remodeled buildings, and did any type of maintenance needed to get ready for the next season of children coming in. Dian worked in the office helping with paperwork or working in the kitchen.

As we are getting older and our health is slowing us down, we are doing less of the manual work with MMAP. Speaking of health and getting older, most of us can’t do what we used to do just a year or so ago. Our muscles are not as strong as they used to be. Even our brain doesn’t function as well as it used to. God created a marvelous body. Our brain controls our muscles and is made up of electrical transmitters and receivers. Sometimes there comes interference of this transmitting and receiving, which is a mental illness. Most of the time it is nothing we have done to bring this on. It is like arthritis or cancer or any other illness. It just happens with age or trauma in our life. I am sure you have walked in a room and couldn’t remember why you entered the room. I think my worst was when I walked into the bathroom with a towel in my hand and couldn’t remember if I was going to take a shower or if I was placing the towel in the cabinet. Well, I had three towels, so I took it that I was putting them in the cabinet. Sometimes we may get impatient with someone that has a hard time remembering or thinking on what they want to do. But remember it COULD
SMART Social Media Platforms

Social media refers to websites and applications that enable users to create and share content or to participate in social networking. The above logos are our SMART social media platforms: SMART Website, National SMART Facebook Group, National S*M*A*R*T Facebook Page, Instagram, Twitter, YouTube, and LinkedIn. An aggressive social media program reaches a broader spectrum of potential members and also provides a good way to keep current members informed and involved. This article will focus on two of our platforms, Instagram and Twitter.

Instagram: Denise Craigen is our Point of Contact. It is a social networking service built around sharing photos and videos. If you post a photo or a video from a SMART event please tag SMART. If you are not on Instagram but have a photo or video to share please email Denise.J.Craigen@gmail.com Be sure to put “SMART Instagram photo” in the subject line and describe the photo with the physical location in the email.

Twitter: Denise Craigen is our Point of Contact. It is an online news and social networking site where people communicate in short messages called tweets. If you are on Twitter please follow SMART: @SMARTRCVClub If you have SMART news to share in a tweet please tag SMART if you are not on Twitter and have SMART news to share please e-mail Denise.J.Craigen@gmail.com Be sure to put “SMART Twitter News” in the subject line of the email.

Lamar Enfinger—SMART National Chaplain

2020 National Muster

Oklahoma EXPO Center
Shawnee Oklahoma
Sept 20-27

Arrival: Sept 20th
Tour #1—Sept 21
Tour #2—Sept 22
Tour #3—Sept 23

Opening Ceremonies Sept 22 - 6:30pm
Vendors /Seminars /Food/FUN/Games
Sept 23,24,25,26

Closing Ceremonies Sept 26 - 6:30pm
Departure: Sept 27th
Most folks join SMART to continue enjoying both the RV lifestyle and the military comradery. This is the time in our life that we should be enjoying travel and adventure as well as relaxing with our fellow comrade-in-arms. So, why not expand that enjoyment by participating in a SMART caravan? A SMART caravan is a group of members who travel in their own RVs on a guided route with a preplanned travel itinerary. The entire adventure is planned and executed by SMART Wagon-masters (WMs) and Tail-gunners (TGs). It includes campground reservations and excursions and many meals.

A caravan is a time for enjoyment, travel, exploration, and adventure. You will enjoy your vacation with new found friends. You will find it to be a relaxing stress free event. While our caravans are packed with lots of activities and tours, there is always “free” time built in for folks to explore items on their own. So, what is included on a SMART caravan?

- Planned routes and itineraries specifically designed for RVs
- Detailed Travel guides that include maps, turn by turn directions, and events, tours and many meals.
- RV campground fees and information on facilities at each campground.
- Happy hours, regular briefings on the next day’s activities. Travel briefings before each travel day with breakout on group leaders, fuel stops, rest breaks and times of departure.
- Special socials, BBQs, potlucks.
- Gratuities for restaurant meals, tour guides and bus drivers.
- Jackets, pins and mementos, memory books with photos and memory sticks.

How do we differ from the numerous commercial RV caravan – tour companies?

- Our caravan costs are significantly cheaper than the commercial companies. We are a not-for-profit club, our WM and TGs are unpaid volunteers.

We have 3 caravans planned for 2020. They are:

1) Wash D.C. Independence Day Celebration Parade Caravan
2) The 2020 Grand Frontier Caravan
3) The Kentucky Experience Caravan

In addition 2 caravans are in the early planning stages for 2021 that include:

New York City, Niagara Falls Corning Glass, Thousand Islands and the Military Academy, and Exploring southern Colorado with an emphasis on ancient Native American sites.

For more detailed information on specific caravans, please check them out and sign up on line at SMART web page: www.smartrving.org

Jon Katin -
2020 Caravans

2020 Grand Frontier
13 July thru 2 September 2020
Wagon Masters: David and Jackie Weis  dweis74@hotmail.com  (912) 674-9347
Cost: $5990 for 2 person rig
Deposits and payments: $280 upon application, 50% by 13 January 2020, full payment 13 April 2020

2020 Washington D.C. Independence Day Celebration, Parade and Caravan
1st thru 7th of July 2020
Wagon Masters John & Kathy Steinbauer  jfs9840@gmail.com  (210) 386-9018
Cost: 2 per RV: $1100  1 per RV: $825  Guests: $300
Deposits and payments: $280 upon application, 50% by 1 January 2020, full payment 1 April 2020

2020 Kentucky Caravan
1 thru 31 October 2020
Wagon Master’s: Phil & Nita Taylor  philnita.taylor@gmail.com  (501) 250-6585
Cost: $4500 2 person, $3100 one person, $1500
Deposits and payments: $280 upon application, 50% by 1 April 2020, full payment 1 July 2020

2019 Military RV Park of the Year Awards

Congratulations to:

DeParcq Woods Campground
Camp Ripley, Little Falls, MN
Small 1-49 campsites

Ellsworth FAMCAMP
Ellsworth AFB, Rapid City, SD
Medium 49-99 Sites

Large over 100 sites-
There were NO submissions for large campgrounds.

Ripley the red brindle and Kiowa the white tick fur babies of Bob and Arla
Pillion of the SMART Cajuns, Lafayette, LA.

The kids are engaged in their two favorite activities, resting and exploring new places.
SMART CARAVAN APPLICATION

Make Checks Payable to: SMART or contact HQ SMART to pay by credit card
Mail To: SMART, INC. 114 Duxbury Ave. Molino, Florida 32577

A minimum of $280.00 will be submitted with this application. $80.00 of which is a nonrefundable, non-transferable Administrative Fee (unless cancelled by SMART). The remaining $200.00 will be credited as a deposit on the cost of the caravan. 100% deposit refunds will not be made unless a replacement is found, funds for the caravan have not been expended, or the service provider returns funds expended. 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.

Please Print Clearly

Caravan Name______________________________ Start Date ____________________________

Mbr # ______ Last _________________________ First_______________ Spouse/S.O. _________________________

Street Address __________________________ City __________________ State ________ Zip code __________

How do you prefer to receive correspondence? E-Mail _____ USPS _______________

Phone (Home) __________________________ (Cell 1) ____________________ (Cell 2) ____________________

Email (His) __________________________ (Hers) _____________________________

Name of Guest traveling in your rig ___________________________________________

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

Guest - (S) (M) (L) (XL) (XXL) (XXXL) (Wagon Master may provide additional size charts info later)

Is this your 1st SMART caravan? (Y) (N) Type RV: Class A/C _____5th Wheel _____ Trailer ____ # Slide Out(s) ________

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 at campground.

Do you or your traveling companion use any of the following, cane, walker, wheel chair (electric), scooter, C-PAP? Yes/No If YES, please indicate which one(S) ____________________________

Special Diet Needs: (His) __________________________ (Hers) __________________________

Do you have Senior, Annual, or Access National Park Pass (Y) (N) Do you have pets (Y) (N) How many ________ Type/Breed __________________________

Birthday: (Month/Day only) His ________________ Hers ________________ Anniversary Date: ________________

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:________________

ALL CARAVAN MEMBERS MUST HAVE A SMART NAME BADGE.
Contact National HQ to order: Cost is $8.50 (this includes S & H)
Camping with Fellow Veterans is Therapeutic!

From the viewpoint of a retired specialist in Clinical Psychology, I am finding that the benefits veterans experience by sharing recreational activities with other veterans becomes quite therapeutic! All doctors are trained to follow a systematic process that utilizes structured analyses within our fields and formal interventions. In a clinical setting, we focus on helping clients to address physical handicaps & emotional problems often found among military veterans. We must also consider these issues away from the clinic. There are many reasons to do so.

After folks leave military settings, most are thrust into social situations which many feel somewhat isolated, strange and uncomfortable. Most feel separated from family both in time and distance. Having been team members in the military, they relied on camaraderie of shared missions and activities. After discharged, they often become disoriented both cognitively and missing the “team-work” socially. In observing veterans on camping trips, what I have now discovered is that “veterans gathered as a group at campgrounds regain the sense of belonging to a team!” Adding to these benefits, however, most appear cognitively refreshed, living in reality, and having fun doing so!

Each day at a campground, I watch the smiles on their faces, observe their body language (usually more accurate than spoken words) and hear the laughter of dozens of fellow veterans. I often go back to my camper to reflect on my impressions whilst they sleep in their own RVs. What I keep seeing and hearing nearly every day-long experience with these groups (called “chapters”) would fill a book. Not about what they say, but about the observed sociological & psychological benefits of group camaraderie. When their facial expressions and body language confirm their words and actions, I know they are truly happy! The grouping and setting really do work together!

Hence, there is no doubt in my mind that “camping with fellow veterans benefit all involved!” But how do we explain this to the 4.5 million veterans who can benefit from these experiences? What could each of us do to help those not benefiting from these pleasant experiences?

The cognitive approach to learning about these happy groups is to look at the national organization devoted to “seeing the country we defend” with fellow veterans. The information can be found at the SPECIAL MILITARY ACTIVE RECREATIONAL TRAVELERS (S.M.A.R.T.) website … www.smartrving.org When you go to their website, you will find a list of dates & places that they camp together throughout the U.S.A.

The experiential approach is to actually go to one of their S.M.A.R.T. musters at a campground. All you need to do is simply introduce yourself to any fellow veterans sporting the red SMART decal on their rig. This is the easiest way of being part of an instant new family and team!

The fact that you are reading this article indicates that you are interested in participating with other veterans. Simply sharing this article or telling other veterans about the benefits of camping and traveling together, is the least you can do. Joining and participating is the ultimate experiences of helping yourself and others. This is what I found most beneficial to me and others.

In the final analysis, if you take the time to connect with members of S.M.A.R.T. chapters at a campground, you can witness the benefits of sharing activities, playing games, traveling in caravans, playing cards, sharing information, learning through seminars and other co-operative activities.

As a Navy veteran, trained counselor, and fellow RVer; I invite all veterans to join in the fun of camping together throughout the USA. New S.M.A.R.T. members are assigned a mentor to keep you in the loop. Just go to www.smartrving.org and find out where they meet near you. Hopefully, I will get to meet you along the road sometime soon. And if I don’t, your fellow veterans that you do meet will definitely welcome you to join in on the fun!

AUTHOR Louis J Finkle, PhD, CFP retired Home base … Biloxi, MS Lou was Born in New England and raised in Canada, the author enlisted in the U.S. Navy (1958-64). He went on to study pre-med & several science disciplines (3 degrees) at four (4) southern universities (1966-73). As a Peabody Scholar for two years, he earned a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology and achieved several post-doctoral certifications/awards (1974-88). For ten years, “Dr. Lou” specialized in “analyzing facial/body movements of multi-handicapped people” in order to create communication systems and build adaptive devices (1974-84). As a Professor, he went on to teach at 3 colleges & universities operating within/from the Myrtle Beach AFB (1985 until retiring in 2000). Since retiring, he volunteers as a counselor, lecturer and writer (400+ articles). He now enjoys RV rallies, musters and many cruise ships!
The Fun Starts With YOU!

2020 SE Regional Eustis, FL    27 Apr – 1 May

As you “See the Country We Defend” all SMART members and those interested in joining are invited to be part of the fun in the beautiful Harris chain of lakes in Central Florida with your SE Regional friends hosted by the South Florida Gold Coasters. All the features of a National, including live music, dancing, boat & seaplane tours, seminars, vendors, nationally known humorist, golf tournament, card, other fun games, and much more. Our National President, Paul Rider will be providing an update on important issues for all SMART members. The campground is near the scenic and historic towns of Eustis and Mount Dora. We guarantee it will be a fun event where you will see old friends and make new ones. Check out all the details on the SMART website SE Regional info sheet and easily register online for the low muster fee of $130 per couple and $65 single with two day early and late departures at the same muster low nightly site fee of $33. Questions, contact Muster Master, John Steinbauer jfs9840@gmail.com

The South Florida Gold Coasters Chapter

Is for those who like to participate and have fun in musters normally held in Southern Florida. This area is customarily referred to as the "Gold Coast." While not limited to this area, it is usually the region of the southeastern coast of Florida along the eastern shores to the Keys. We hold musters in Feb, Apr, and Oct, in addition to the SE Region and National musters. We also love to dine at local restaurants, play outside games as well as have special fun-themed musters during Valentines and Halloween. During the musters, several activities are planned during the day, starting with meals, then games such as bean-bag baseball, ladder golf, washer toss, computer lessons, and visits with friends. We also have at least one sightseeing trip planned for the local area. Then in the evening you can always find a friendly game of cards or bingo.

Our chapter continues to grow with new members from Florida and other states. Everyone enjoys being active and involved in all aspects of chapter functions. Visit this chapter as a special guest and join us if you like having fun!

We have a very active Facebook Group where we share photos of our musters and future events. You can access it at [https://www.facebook.com/groups/360505854055082/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/360505854055082/)

Details of the exact dates, of our musters, can be found on the Gold Coasters website page at [www.smartrving.org/fgc](http://www.smartrving.org/fgc) or contact our Muster Master Kathy Steinbauer at kathy.steinbauer@gmail.com or 210.386.9024.
The Florida Buccaneer Chapter

will be celebrating our 30th year in 2020 and we invite anyone traveling in central Florida to come join us. A recipient of an Outstanding Chapter Award for the sixth straight year, the chapter firmly believes that the only reason to join any social organization is because you enjoy the people in that organization. For this reason, we highly encourage all who nearby one of our musters to come and spend time with us. To further that goal, your first year’s chapter membership is free; afterwards, it’s only $10 per year. We also do not charge a muster fee at our musters.

Our chapter is centered around the Tampa Bay area of Florida’s west coast and we hold our musters generally in January, March, May and November. We vary our musters by looking for new venues to assist in ‘Seeing the Country We Defend’; while returning annually to Bushnell for our Veterans’ Day muster and joining the ceremonies at the Florida National Cemetery. In addition to Bushnell this year, we will be going to Lazydays RV Resort in Seffner (a suburb of Tampa) and Crystal River on Florida’s Nature Coast. Last year we held our inaugural murder mystery (Murder in Margaritaland) at Sun N Fun RV Resort in Sarasota. It was a huge success with prizes awarded to Joe Hug for Best Costume; Miriam Metz for Most Dramatic; and our dinner waitress Jesslynn who joined the fun as Kim Cartrashian for Most Money Extorted. This year’s theme, to be held in early January at our Lazydays muster, is that of a WW II hospital in Italy, 1944, – the site of a USO show, jumping off point for a highly secret mission, and much skullduggery and mayhem. You can read about the results in our Buccaneer winter newsletter on the public page of our Buc website (www.smartirving.org/bucs).

Normal muster activities include social hours, meals, indoor and outdoor games, hand and foot, poker, card bingo, trips to local sites and activities, golf, and others that we plan on trying out this year. While on our website, check out our muster schedule (and activities) and plan to join us. We would love to get to know you and have you meet and get to know our chapter. Contact Info: Cordell Vickers, Chapter President, cvs1919@aol.com.

Buccaneer Dinner at Steamers Restaurant, Cedar Key FL

FLORIDA ROADRUNNERS

WOW!! 2019 was a bang up year with the SE Regional in the Smokies and the National Muster in Urbanna Virginia. Now with 2020 staring us in the eye, the Florida Roadrunners are looking to another year of Fun and Frolic.

We were successful in our recruiting in 2019. We recruited 6 new members to our chapter, and was awarded Outstanding Chapter of the year for the 7th year in a row, of which we are very proud. Yes we have had our share of set-backs, what with sickness, other health issues, RV breakdowns etc, but we came thru with flying colors and are looking forward to another banner year. We kick off the New Year with a January muster at Walk-a-bout RV campground in Woodbine, GA, followed in March with a muster in Brunswick, GA. All are invited to attend. HAPPY NEW YEAR to all SMART members and their families from the FLORIDA ROADRUNNERS.
MISSISSIPPI MAGNOLIAS

The Mississippi Magnolias is an enthusiastic group of about 30-35 rigs located in the southern part of the South-Central Region and we are one of the recipients of the SMART Outstanding Chapter Award. Our location makes it more suitable for us to muster in the winter than in the summer due to the long, hot summers we experience. We usually muster at least four times a year for at least four days each and we always have a free muster in December ending the event with a fabulous Christmas dinner followed by a Dirty Santa game. This year we plan on mustering in Livingston, LA in March and a rolling muster along the Gulf Coast from Foley, AL to Gulfport MS. Our musters consist mainly of the camaraderie of eating and cooking together, game playing, golf tournaments, tours and seminars. The Magnolias donate to Fisher House of Biloxi annually. If you ever find yourself in our neck of the woods in the Fall, Winter, or Spring check out the national website for one of our musters and come visit. We'll be glad to have you. Contact info: President Charles LeBlanc, chasndianne@bellsouth.net

The MS Magnolias have just concluded their Christmas Muster in Picayune, MS and good fun was had by all. Almost 40 members and guests spent four days at the Sun Roamers RV Resort Park in Picayune, visiting, doing crafts, playing cards, Rummikube, bouree’, cooking, eating and shopping. We were entertained by a dance group who clogged many Christmas songs for us Sunday evening. We went on a tour to the Country Girls Creamery in Lumberton, MS where we enjoyed their cheeses, appetizer spreads, chocolate milk, ice cream and cheese curds. While there we took a wagon tour and bottle fed some adorable baby calves.

Our next tour was a comprehensive three-hour tour throughout the NASA Stennis Space Center where we were taken to the Aerojet Rocketdyne building where various rocket engines were being worked on. Later in the tour we were allowed to get on the B-1 and B2 Rocket Engine Testing Stand and shown around by the Test Site Manager. The view from that 18-story testing stand was phenomenal as you can see in some of the pictures. The MS Magnolias finalized their muster with a great crawfish pasta meal cooked by Charmaine Unger and her helpers followed by the traditional Dirty Santa Game of sharing Christmas presents. As I said earlier, fun was had by all!
Cajuns this year marks the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the “Cajun” Chapter of SMART. This chapter has grown to be the largest chapter within SMART. This is mainly because of the Cajun’s signature muster, the “Y’All Come”, which is largely the result of years of hard work and planning by Francis and Lynette Arceneaux, the “Y’All Come” muster hosts. This chapter muster has attracted as many as 52 rigs, plus those who rent cabins at the muster campground and local area motel rooms in order to attend.

2019 was an active year for the Cajuns. The year started with a muster during February in New Iberia, Louisiana. This muster was scheduled the week of Valentine’s Day. On Valentine’s Day the men performed all the Muster chores, while our ladies relaxed and enjoyed a restful day.

Next was the Cajuns signature muster, “Y’All Come”, which was attended by more than 42 rigs. As usual all attendees had a great time enjoying boiled crawfish and fried catfish with all the trimmings in addition to smoked boudin and crackin’.

Following the “Y’All Come” muster was a 15 day Rolling Muster, which traveled north along the Mississippi River, starting in Marksville, Louisiana and visited the following areas and river towns: St. Francisville, Louisiana; Natchez, Mississippi; Alcorn University; Port Gibson, Mississippi; and ending in Vicksburg, Mississippi.

In September a muster was held near Bay St. Louis, on the Mississippi Gulf Coast, where a number of former Cajuns dropped by to renew old friendships. A few attendees departed this muster and made the three day trip to the National Muster in Virginia.

The last muster of the year was the Veterans Week Muster in Branson, Missouri. Because of the Cold weather there were only a couple days where the weather was warm enough for outside activities. During the cold evenings we set up the evening meal in a different rig each night. It was cold (25°F) on Veterans Day, but three brave Cajuns attended the parade, which ended just as it started to snow. A few attendees departed the muster early to rush home to prepare their homes for freezing weather.

In 2020 the Cajuns have the following musters which are in the early planning stages. Check the Cajun webpage for muster specific dates and details.

In February, there will be another muster in New Iberia. The Cajuns are calling this their “Hearts & Guns” muster. The name is based on St Valentine’s Day and another day at the nearby Sheriff’s range to maintain our pistol and rifle safety and shooting skills.

In April there will be another “Y’All Come” muster at Poche’s Fish Camp & RV Park with more boiled crawfish and fried catfish. Because of a medium size meeting room and limited RV parking sites available, this muster is limited to Cajun members only.

In October we’re planning a muster at Grand Ecore (French for Big Bluff) RV Park, which is located near Natchitoches, Louisiana. Natchitoches was founded in 1714, making it the oldest established town in the Louisiana Purchase Territory. Natchitoches is famous for its Christmas lights, its fried meat pies, and was the filming location for the movies “The Horse Soldiers” with John Wayne and the ladies favorite “Steel Magnolias”.

In early December we’re planning a Christmas muster at the Lakeside RV Park located near Livingston, Louisiana. There will be Jambalaya and Cajun fried turkey with all the trimmings.

Come and join the Cajuns at one of these musters and find out what passing a good time is all about.

Arkansas SMART HOGS Chapter was founded on February 13, 1992, making it one of the oldest chapters in SMART. Arkansas is known for its natural beauty, clear lakes, streams, abundance of wildlife and good food. We have something for everyone, food, camping, fishing, hunting, museums, cultural activities and shows of all kinds. Arkansas is known for having all four seasons, which we love to camp in. This year we plan to explore more of the State Parks and notable attractions while Discovering Arkansas. We truly have something for everyone and would love to have you join us. We welcome all visiting SMART members, guests and prospective members to our musters for free. New members will be given the 1st year of chapter membership for free.

We have received the Outstanding Chapter Award for the previous five years and hope to be again in 2020.
SOUTH WEST REGION  (Michael Northup Region Director)
Arizona, California, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah

SOUTHWEST REGION

The six chapters in the Southwest Region remained very active this past year, beginning with the annual desert dry camp muster in Quartzsite, AZ sponsored by the Arizona Tumbleweed chapter, with Sally and Pat Kavanaugh the Trail Boss and planners. It is held in conjunction with the annual RV show that runs for ten days. Potlucks and gatherings around the nightly fires were enjoyed by all.

Several other combined musters were held by the Arizona Tumbleweed and Arizona Roadrunner chapters, including the Southwest Regional muster (Sally Kavanaugh Muster Master), which was held at the Rincon County West RV Resort in Tucson, AZ. We had 53 rigs in attendance. There were many activities to keep everyone busy. One highlight was an evening of dinner and music performed by a high school mariachi band. They were fantastic.

The California Golden Gate chapter kept busy with good attendance at the regional muster as well as musters at the Sugar Barge RV Park in Bethel Island, CA, the Gold Ranch Casino & RV Park in Verdi, NV and the Jackson Rancheria RV Park in Jackson, CA. The latter was their annual Christmas muster.

The Southern California (SoCal) chapter remained active this year, having a muster at Pala RV Resort in February, a muster within a muster at the Tucson Southwest Regional, a luncheon in August and an October muster at Dos Picos County Park in San Diego. They had several attendees at the national muster in Virginia and ended the year at their joint Christmas party with the California Warriors chapter in Oceanside, CA.

We are saddened to report the passing of two SoCal members this year. Immediate Past President Glyn Scott passed away in January, and the chapter also lost Ernie Pekarek later in the year.

The Warriors chapter held joint musters with SoCal and celebrated their 30th anniversary with a muster at Lake Elsinore, CA. They had 10 rigs in attendance and had all meals catered. They ended the year at their annual joint Christmas party with the SoCal chapter. The California Warriors chapter celebrated its 30th anniversary in 2019.

The Nevada Battle Born chapter, our newest, had its first muster this year in Sedona, AZ immediately following the regional muster. They had several additional musters and remain a very active chapter committed to working on housing for vets in Carson City, NV.

The Southwest Region was very active again this past year and had a good representation at the SMART national muster in Urbana, VA. We had 16 rigs and 31 members in attendance. Two of our chapters (SoCal and Battle Born) received the outstanding chapter award during the national muster. Great job to everyone who helped them achieve this honor. The Battle Born and Golden Gate chapters (Vince Schantz Wagon Master) are working diligently on preparations for the 2020 regional muster, which will be held April 3–6 at the Oasis Las Vegas RV Resort.

Photos are from the Southwest Region’s happy hour gathering at the SMART national muster in Urbanna, VA.
AZ Tumbleweeds

Members of the Arizona Tumbleweed chapter of SMART are primarily located in the Phoenix metropolitan area. Some are year-around residents while many are "snowbirds" who return each fall and stay until late spring. We have 5 to 6 organized musters each season, November through April. We share planning and hosting of these musters with the Arizona Roadrunner chapter which is located in the Tucson area. We have 10 to 15 rigs normally attend each muster.

The musters of our 2 chapters have included trips to Quartzsite, Arizona during the time of the annual RV show there. We have also taken a tour of Frank Lloyd Wright’s Taliesen West, Biosphere 2, the Davis-Monthan Air Force Base aircraft boneyard, a trip to the old mining town of Jerome, AZ, Montezuma Castle, and a boat trip around Lake Havasu, just to name a few fun muster events.

The 2019/2020 season is off to a great start! We welcome winter visitors, as well as SMART members just passing through our state, to join us at any of our fun musters! Contact info: Julio Nieves, Arizona Tumbleweed President, J7R3N05@gmail.com.
Thank you, Pat Sappa Outgoing President of Arizona Tumbleweeds

SO CAL

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We are saddened to report the passing of two members this year. Our immediate Past President, Glyn Scott, passed away in January, and we also lost Ernie Pekarek later in the year.
Upcoming plans for 2020 include a February muster in Vista, CA at the Elks Lodge, a muster within a muster at the Las Vegas Regional in April, and a muster at National in Shawnee, OK. On the horizon will be an October muster and the annual Christmas party.

SOUTH MID WEST REGION (Roger Bruce Region Director)
Texas, Oklahoma

The Alamo Chapter wishes our entire SMART family a Happy New Year!

Our annual Christmas muster was a blast. Thanks to each member for contributing to the fun with your ideas for clever games, and your creative gifts for the exchange.

Looking back at 2019, we are pleased with our chapter’s progress... increase in membership, some great musters, and especially wonderful memories of the National Muster in Virginia.
We shall strive to do and be even better in 2020.

Recruiting new members is essential, retaining those members even more so. Each month, someone is deciding not to drive their rig anymore, though most keep a social membership. Also, in south Texas, the RV parks fill up with “winter Texans” coming here from the northern states. This limits the number of months that are open to us for club use.

Thankfully, we live in a big state. So we have expanded our area of travel. This also enables us to meet up with other chapters for joint musters. More SMART friendships to enjoy...this is a good thing!
Great Lakes chapter is putting on a no-host muster during the Traverse City Michigan annual film festival. It will be open to any SMART member who happens to be in the area and wants to attend the muster and /or the Film Festival. Dates for the film festival are Tuesday July 28th through Sunday August 2nd. They usually have seven venues showing movies, usually more than one per day. The beach, open space, only shows one movie per night at dusk. Anyone with a Film Festival pin can attend the Open Space movies for free. Bring your own chairs if desired. Michael Moore, a Traverse City resident uses his connections to get a wide variety of movies for the festival. The festival is well attended, so register early.

The muster will be held at the Timber Ridge RV and Recreation Resort, 4050 Hammond RD. East, Traverse City, MI 49686. Grand Traverse County 231-947-2770. We only held 10 full hookup sites until April 1, 2020. Make your own reservations for whatever days you want at the 231 number above. Since this is a no-host muster nothing will be scheduled. Great Lakes chapter has scheduled breakfasts for Thursday, Friday and Saturday mornings. We hope to have a tent for shelter for the breakfasts and daily Attitude Adjustments, BYOB and a snack to share for the attitude adjustments. Also your own plates, cups and silverware for the breakfasts. Costs will be $10.00 each for non Great Lakes members. Jerry Brandon, SMART 9024. 231-258-2734, 2JAYBIRDS55YRS@GMAIL.COM

North Country Voyageurs

We were able to see more Vistas Unseen on Roads Not Traveled as “We Are Seeing the Country We Defend”, Between events we stayed at Camp Ripley’s DeParq Woods Campground. We were so impressed that we nominated this beautiful campground for SMART’s small RV campground award. They were selected and our President is coordinating with Camp Ripley for the presentation of the plaque sometime in June of 2020. Anyone wanting to stop by while visiting/traveling through MN should consider visiting this hidden gem of a campground.

We had two musters. The Johnsons hosted their muster at the Veterans Rest
Camp which was attended by Glen and Shirley Foust of Warba, MN and Tom Paulson of Montevideo, MN. A lunch cruise on the St. Croix River out of Stillwater, MN was the highlight of our muster. Our 2nd Annual Fall Colors muster was hosted by the Donais’s at Embarrass, MN which was attended by Terry & Mary Johnson. Our weather was not the best, but we did manage a cookout by the river. All of us were huddled around the campfire trying to keep warm because of the cold.

Safe travels, Terry Johnson – President North Country Voyageurs

Capital Campers

The Fort Belvoir Officers Club was once again the location for the Capital Campers December muster. Joining us in enjoying the fabulous Sunday Brunch were members of the SMART Cats. As always, the food and companionship were excellent. Brunch was followed by the election of new officers and a brief business meeting. Planning has begun for our first muster of 2020 to be held April 30th through May 4th at Solomon's Island Navy Recreation Center. Our Muster will be held in conjunction with the Solomon’s Maritime Festival so it’s shaping up to be a great start to 2020. If you're near eastern Maryland in early May, join us!
As this year is coming to an end and the new one is beginning, we need to look back and see where we can improve on growing the SMART membership. Our current BOD is proactive in growing the SMART membership. We need all the help we can get. We have created Recruiting Kits to be given to each chapter. Each chapter will get 5 kits. In the Kits will be a Traveler, SMART Pamphlet, pen in a bag with the SMART logo on them. Each chapter can add whatever chapter information they want to put in them.

Funds have been provided to the FamCamp Committee to get the word out about SMART through their publications.

Increasing membership is our goal but retention is most important. Retention is everybody’s job. Some areas where chapters can retain their members are increase activities, more musters, change muster location, involve ALL members in chapter functions, get involved with other chapters, make the musters more enticing. Offer the member who is thinking about dropping their membership to become a Social Member. They can still enjoy the camaraderie without the long travels.

Connecting SMART with related commercial activities is a way to increase out membership. Ask an RV dealership to distribute SMART literature, Tri-Fold, to Veterans who buy an RV. Every new SMART member will indicate where he/she learned about SMART and that dealership just got free publicity.

Promote membership in the STAR Chapter. The STAR Chapter (Smart Tops At Recruiting) is a critical component of SMART membership Recruiting and Retention. SMART members who recruit five or more are eligible to join the STAR Chapter.

So put your best foot forward and find that new member for SMART

Richard Palmer Recruiting & Retention Coordinator

National Spouse Advisory Committee
I want to extend a huge thank you to everyone for their time and donations at the 2019 National Muster in Urbanna, Virginia. We collected approximately $700 in school supplies which we delivered to Middlesex Elementary School. About 125 pounds of non-perishable food was donated to Hands Across Middlesex which is an interfaith community outreach program that provides food, household goods, home repairs and other assistance to those in need. We were really excited to have collected 40 lap robes and 15 skull caps which we delivered to the Veteran’s Hospital in Hampton, Virginia. This year SMART chapters donated enough squares to make two lap quilts and a quilted table runner. They were assembled by Diane Collier, quilted by Nancy Kindness, with the binding completed by Cheryl Schmitz. A total of $273 was raised from the quilt raffle which was donated to Fisher House. The winners of this year’s quilts were Cathy Cherney, Kathy Pate and Jan Hohn.

Again, I thank everyone for their generosity. If anyone has any concerns, comments or questions please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Gwen Hopper, Chairperson
National Spouse Advisory Committee
SPECIAL PERSON OF THE MONTH...

Tribute to a GREAT Man, Recently we lost one of our Great SMART Presidents - Christian Eck Jr. of Calico Rock, Arkansas. Christian went on to meet his maker on Dec 20th, 2019. Christian has been member of SMART since 2001. Honored with the Life Membership in SMART back in 2016 at the SMART National in Amana, IA., Christian has been in the forefront though most of his time in SMART. He served as National President of SMART in 2010-2011. He was the Chairman of our Family Assistance program from its creation in 2012. He also served as SC Regional Director and Chapter President of the Arkansas Hog’s. He has been a mentor to a lot of our members, and a dear friend to us all. Christian was a retired Marine, serving in the Marine Corps for 23 and a half years, and raised 3 great men. He was strong but yet very compassionate about everyone and everything.

(a few quotes from our members)

Christian was a dear friend of mine and Carol’s and mentor who brought me up through the SMART RD and presidential chain. Without his encouragement I would be just another pretty face in the SMART crowd.
Chuck Kazma

“Christian was the first president I served under, I’m so blessed that our paths crossed. He was such a kind gentle soul. A good Christian man and I am proud to have called him my friend”. Melissa Wade

‘The Marines’ lost a brother and the Cajuns lost an outstanding friend when Christian Eck departed for another duty station and leadership assignment. Christian was an outstanding leader within the SMART Organization. He helped SMART surviving members with his assistance program which informed them of their earned veteran’s benefits. The Cajuns will toll a bell in his honor at all our “Missing Man Table” We’ll miss you Christian. Douglas Barksdale

I am honored to have known such a fine gentleman who I called my friend. David Weis

What a loss to SMART. Christian was my stereotype of a marines Marine the most difficult time apart with Christian was getting him to get into a buffet line, he refused to eat until you answered affirmatively to the question asked by Robert E Lee at Appomattox before he would eat have the troops been fed ? If you didn’t say yes he would not get in the line. Doug Blaha

SMART Vehicle Donation Program

Do you, your friends, or relatives have a vehicle you don’t need? If so, you don’t have to deal with advertising, or selling, and receive a 100% tax deduction as a bonus! (depending on your filing status). Your Board of Directors approved an agreement earlier this year with a national company who specializes in managing vehicle donations for veterans organizations National Charity Services, (NCS). https://www.ncsvehicledonations.com/  
Just about any type of vehicle can be donated including the following:

All RVs to include Fifth Wheels, Trailers, Class C’s, B’s and etc., Autos, Trucks, Boats, Motorcycles/Motorbikes, Golf Carts, Motorized Wheelchairs, Riding Lawn Mowers, Shuttles, Snowmobiles, Antique/Historic Vehicles, ATVs/OTVs, Bloodmobiles, Bookmobiles, Business/Marketing Vehicles, Catastrophe-Response Vehicles, Classic Cars, Emergency-Response Vehicles, Farm Equipment, Mobile Command Centers, Mobile Medical, Mobile Offices, Mobile Command Centers, Mobile Medical, Mobile Offices, or Trolley Trams. The easiest way to donate is from the SMART website by clicking the donate logo : If you have any questions, please contact SMART HQ or Past President John Steinbauer, Program Coordinator at jfs9840@gmail.com

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# Campground Directory

These campgrounds advertise with SMART please use them when possible. (most give a discount to SMART members).

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# Application for Membership

## Applicant Information

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## Name Badge Info

**Instructions:** On the first line, enter your preferred first & last name. The second line is optional and may contain what you want others to know about you, e.g., city, state or branch of service or chapter names you belong too.

**Note:** A member badge comes with the New Member Packet, and your co-member's badge may be purchased for $8.50.

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## Membership Fees

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Veteran: Active, retired, or honorably discharged from US Military Service, or as a commissioned officer of NOAA or USPHS; or military service of Canada, NATO/SEATO member nation.

Circle all that apply to the member:
- Active
- Retired
- Recipient of Medal of Honor
- Canadian Veteran
- NOAA
- Reserve/Guard
- USPHS
- Honorary Discharged Veteran
- NATO/SEATO

Annual dues: $65 (plus one time $15 new member packet) $80.00

### Spouse/Companion

With privileges of membership for spouse $30:  
(Spouse/Companion)

If Spouse is also a Veteran, please fill in information about Spouse below:
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Your Spouse or Companion will want to join with you to have National voting rights, the ability to hold the position up to Regional director, and become eligible to win door prize drawings.

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On the Front Cover....Several of our members enjoyed a wonderful Fall Colors Caravan starting in Florida, New York traveling thru Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine and Connecticut.

Wagon Masters David & Jackie Weis and Steve & Sarah Colt took us on the back roads of America where we saw beautiful Covered Bridges and Fall Leaves at the peak of the season. We rode a Cog Train up a mountain and traveled the Scenic Railway in an elegant dining car. We visited with a man who was a model for Norman Rockwell, we saw how Maple Syrup was made, and even went to West Point. We Road on a Vintage Carousel, and went aboard the Ticonderoga, and even ate lobster in Maine! We had a great time and made new friendships and enjoyed sitting by the campfires at night to talk about our day.

Thank you David and Jackie, Steve and Sarah for a wonderful and unforgettable trip.

(front cover photo taken by Sandi Anderson)