

Greetings all,

Just wanted to say HI and see how everyone is doing. Currently there are 27 Members of the chapter and anyone in the chapter can go to our website off of the HQ site and see the roster. We had 3 new members join this summer: Bill and LeRae Barley of Murray, KY; Doug Foster and Miriam Georg of Middletown, KY; and Kevin and Pam Myers of Pierceton, IN. Welcome to SMART and the Ohio Valley Chapter.

The SMART National is coming up in a few weeks and it looks like there will be about a half dozen from the chapter present. Some are joining along our rolling caravan and a others are going directly. So we will try to gather and visit and talk about next year. Hopefully we can come up with some great plans. To help with that, please let me know of any suggestions you have on where you'd like to see us gather and when. What kind of stuff would you like to do? Is it better to have scheduled tours and activities or a list of options where you can go on your own? Also let me know if there are any bad times so we can avoid them. For me I have my first grandchild graduating from High School on 11 May in Albuquerque and I plan to attend the GLAMARAMA again near Dayton, OH the first week of June. Hopefully we can combine the feedback into a plan.

I also plan to learn more about SMART's future. Terry Johnson from the Minnesota Voyageurs chapter will be sitting in the SMART Board of Directors meetings for Wayne who continues to have health problems. Wayne was so happy to get his rig running like a top when back, shoulder, and now hip problems have him grounded. Anyway, if you have any questions or suggestions for SMART, let me know and I can pass them to Terry. The Voyageurs are the only other chapter in the North Central Region. The HQ website has links to the published E-news and Travelers which are done on alternating months. These contain much news about SMART activities. The E-News published in August has information on donating non-perishables to the pantry supporting communities around Amana. More importantly it has details on the Brown Bag Auction to be conducted during the National Muster. They did one at the South Central Regional and it was very entertaining. It also has information on SMART Caravans scheduled in 2024 which are always much less expensive than the commercial tours.

If any of you travel south for the winter, look at the HQ page and scroll down to see the "All SMART Events" tab. It will link you to a variety of SMART musters along the Gulf Coast and in Florida. They love to see members of SMART from other chapters and they do most of their camping during the winter.

That's about it for now. Let me know your thoughts on next year and concerns and ideas you have to keep SMART going.

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