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**Welcome to the Continuation of the Birch Bark Blaze**

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## From Your Editor

Hello Everyone,

Our plan is to distribute a quarterly Newsletter to the North Country Voyageurs by email to keep everyone informed of our activities and plans. This is your Newsletter. We need input from you! Announcements, news, photos, tips and whatever might be of interest to others. The format is wide open...whatever you want. Share your experiences.

Terry and I just picked the name out of a hat. There are many dictionary definitions that seem to apply...: a trail marker, especially: a mark made on a tree by chipping off a piece of the bark,

: To lead in some direction or activity,

If you have a better one, let's hear it.

Doug Baha [dlblaha@cox.net](mailto:dlblaha@cox.net) - Editor

While Doug is recovering, your chapter president will attempt to fill his shoes as editor.

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## From Your President

**Hello from the North Country [North St. Paul, MN] where the foliage is currently at its peak.**

First, an update from **SMART's 40<sup>th</sup> National Muster** (September 2023) held in Amana, IA. Your president represented the NC Region as Asst. RD as the NCRD Wayne Ballard was unable to attend due to Health issues. This was true for our National President Gene-o Bennett (NCV member) also who suffered a heart attack the day before heading out for National. The Good Lord blessed him and he is now on the mend. At the BOD meeting, it was recommended that the National Travel Coordinator be made a voting member of the BOD as a director. Our next years budget was recommended for approval. These items were approved at the general membership meeting. Membership was again at the top of list of objectives to be handled by all members.

Our SMART website has pictures and a description of the fun and all that went with the event.

**With that being said, The North Country Voyageurs are in search of Vistas Unseen on Roads Not Traveled as we are "Seeing the Country We Defend"!**

**Terry Johnson - President  
North Country Voyageurs**

## **From Your Secretary/Treasurer**

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**FINANCE REPORT: The treasurer reports a balance of \$336,41**

**Carried forward from last report of December 31, 2022;**

<b>Balance:</b>	<b>\$386.24</b>
<b>Income:</b>	<b>\$50.19 Dues and interest</b>
<b>Debits:</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>
<b>Balance:</b>	<b>\$336.41</b>

**\*All dues are current.**

### **GOOD OF THE CHAPTER:**

**There is a very good article from Lou Finkle (On SMART Website) about volunteerism, which is the backbone of SMART! If it wasn't for our volunteers, we wouldn't have a club!**

**We have SMART patches, decals, pins and hats @ hdqtr's prices!  
Respectfully submitted,**

**Mary Johnson – Secretary/Treasurer  
North Country Voyageurs**