



Arizona Roadrunners Chapter

November & December 2023 Newsletter

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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE:

Hello AZ Roadrunners.
I hope you all had a great summer. It has been a while since I put out a newsletter. Jeannie and I just got back from a summer full of RV trips and a cruise.
We started out in May with Overland Expo in Flagstaff, AZ, then up to Oregon to visit relatives and attend the Chiloquin Train Mountain Rally and we rode the live steamers. Then on to Verdi, NV in June to attend the Golden Gate Chapter muster. While there, we rode the Virginia & Truckee Railroad.

It was a very good muster in an area that we are not familiar with. Then we went on to Ely, NV and rode the Northern Nevada Railway. As you may have noticed, we are train buffs. In July and August we went on a Holland America cruise to Greenland and Iceland.
In September, we went to the National muster at the Amana Colonies, IA. At the National Muster, our chapter received an outstanding chapter of the year award for 2023. From there we worked our way to Helen, Georgia to the start of the SMART “Autumn in the Appalachians” Caravan. The caravan ended in Luray, VA. Luray is only 90 miles from Washington DC. Then we worked our way 2300 miles back home.
The Appalachian caravan was wonderful; we saw great fall colors and did some great activities. If SMART runs it again, I would highly recommend it.

SMART has some really good caravans for 2024. Some news from nationals that I found out about from the Traveler newsletter: SMART has consolidated all regions into 5 regions. East, Central, Midwest and West regions with an at-large region for the 5 nationwide chapters. Our Western region lost New Mexico, which used to come under our chapter; we have 4 members in New Mexico that belong to the AZ Roadrunners. They can still belong to our chapter but now they will be counted in the Midwest region. For those who don't know, all SMART members can join any chapter in the country.

2023 to 2024 Muster Schedule

Holiday Christmas lunch
December 13th 11:30am
Little Anthony's Diner
7010 E Broadway Blvd
Tucson
Please RSVP to me ASAP, if you are coming, as I have to let them know by Dec 8th how many are coming. The reservations are for 12. I know it is short notice, but with us just getting back in town, it's about all I could find with all the other parties.

Jan 3-6th 3 nights
Riverside RV Resort
49960 Ehrenberg-Poston Hwy
Ehrenberg, AZ
Call 928-255-5208 for reservations.
Standard back in is \$72 per night. They accept Good Sam, Military, and Passport America discounts. We have 10 sites held until Dec 17th at 6pm. We have sites 1170-1174 and 1201-1204 set aside. Call ASAP, there is a 48hr cancellation policy.

Feb 4-7th 3 nights
Casino Del Sol RV Park
5655 W Valencia Rd
Tucson, AZ
Call 855-765-7829 for reservations
Military rate is \$65.58 includes tax, full hook ups including cable TV. They have enough open sites for us, but they would not hold any for us. So call as soon as you can.

Mar 25-28th TBD
Western Regional muster
Casa Grande, AZ
We are working on it.

April 28- May 1
Desert Cypress RV Park, Wickenburg
If there is interest.

Sign up for the musters on the SMART website smartrving.org

One thing you may have noticed is the price of RV sites has gone up tremendously. Rich Caruso and I have spent hours checking with RV parks all around AZ. Pricing has run from \$45 to well over \$100 per night, with most parks having no availability at all. We found one, Riversands RV Resort that would even set aside sites. No others would set aside sites, but said they have enough openings. So if you want to go to the musters, call sooner rather than later.

Dues are coming up: \$12

SMART Caravans 2024

Grand Canyon and Beyond
April 11 – May 5 2024

Whiskey and Water Experience
May 13 – June 12 2024

The Great Atlantic Canada Maritime Experience
June 15 – Aug 27 2024

Veterans Unite in Branson
Nov 6 – Nov 15 2024

SMART Caribbean Cruise
Feb 8 – 17 2025

Find all the information about the caravans at the SMART website
www.smartrving.org

Caravans help keep SMART afloat, so if any of these look interesting to you, please sign up.

Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and have a Happy New Year.

Erwin Greven
President, AZ Roadrunners

