

SMART Hogs Newsletter

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Our May Muster at Woolly Hollow started out great!. The Engels were our hosts and had hor d'oeuvres for us. We feasted on grapes, cheeses, dips, assorted chips, cookies and other foods. We were so full we didn't even think about dinner or smores. On Tuesday we had lunch at the Market Place Restaurant in Conway. From there some of us went back for naps and resting in the shade while others went to try out a new adventure. We participated in the Mystery Escape room in Conway. We were given clues to help us break into a safe in the bank. Sadly, we did not finish the task, thus proving that we were not destined to be bank robbers. We had a lot of laughs and lots of fun. When we got back there were Hot dogs of all types and chips waiting for us. Thanks to Hollis Kinder and Ann Lowry. Bob is trying to upload pictures to our Facebook page. Later we all met for S'Mores and stories at the Engels site.

Wednesday morning we were on our own until that afternoon. A lot of us shopped and enjoyed the day. Later we met and went into Conway to Paint and Sip. We each got to choose what we wanted to paint and had a blast. We have a lot of talented folks in our group. Some members had to leave a little early due to scheduling conflicts so we scheduled our meeting in conjunction with breakfast Thursday morning. The minutes are on the S.M.A.R.T.S. page already. JoElla and Sonny made breakfast for us all. We had sausage and gravy, biscuits, egg dishes, fruit and juices and a lot of stuff. We dodged the rain off and on as the meeting was being held. It made for an interesting morning. That night we had a potluck at the Eck's site. We had lots and lots of food and probably ate to much. It was all so good though! It was a good muster, minus a few scrapes and incidents.

Meeting Highlights and upcoming events We need to recruit new members whenever possible, keeping in mind that some still work. We will need to have Muster's that cover the weekend dates so we have a wider array of people to recruit from. We did have an opportunity to talk to several couples while at the state park. Our **June** luncheon is being hosted by Hollis Kinder. It will be held at the Verona Italian Restaurant, 1220 S. 7th Street, Heber Springs, AR on Wednesday the 13th of June at 11:30. Call 501.365.7004 if you have menu questions. **July** luncheon is still open. Mary Engel has stated she will tentatively do it, depending on how things are going with her father and his health. However, if someone wants to volunteer she is ok with that. **August** is being planned for Eureka Springs. This is the time of year they have the Volkswagen parades and car shows. Should be a lot of fun. More to come. **September Muster** will be in Mineola, Texas. If you plan to go on the tours or golfing you need to arrive early. The Duckworths plan to leave a couple days early and stay

overnight in Texarkana. This should have us driving two or three hours a day. The Mineola Muster is being hosted by past presidents. Christian Eck is on that committee. We have been requested to do a five minute skit. Carolyn will be in charge of this. She has a great idea, that should be hilarious. Let's all help with that. Also, Eileen Wheeler is in charge of the Rummage sale. Please bring any items, in good shape, that you would like to donate. Also, bring any books you wish to donate (feel free to buy some also), since I will be in charge of the book sale. Proceeds go to Fisher House's all over. These places assist all our veterans and their families. We have also been asked to submit a basket of Arkansas made products. **November Muster** will be held at Cloud Nine in Hot Springs. The VFW and the Patriot Guard should be in Hot Springs along with a lot of other organizations. We are looking at several activities to help support our fellow Veterans while there. Also, please continue to bring coffee to each meeting. We donate the coffee to the Veterans Home and Veterans Hospice. Last but not least is our annual Christmas party. It will be held at Red Lobster in North Little Rock at 11:30 on 12 December. Please bring 1-2 dozen cookies or baked goods. These are distributed to our service men and women on base. Additionally, we are looking to sponsor a family in need, this Christmas.

Thanks again to our hosts the Engels. Also, to everyone for the meals, friendship and fellowship. Please keep our members with health issues in your prayers. Looking forward to seeing you all in June. Please let JoElla Huddleston know if you plan to be there.

Respectively Submitted
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Secretary.