



FEBRUARY 2024 NEWSLETTER

Arizona Tumbleweed 2024 Muster Schedule:

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Feb 4-7 (3 nights)	Casino del Sol RV Park 5655 W. Valencia Rd, Tucson
Mar 25-28 (3 nights)	Western Region Muster @ Encore Fiesta Grande RV E. Florence Blvd, Casa Grande
Apr 28-May 1	Desert Cypress RV Resort Wickenburg <i>If there is an interest</i>

Words from our President, Rich Caruso

Dear S*M*A*R*T Arizona Tumbleweeds
Members:

I hope everyone who came to our
January combined muster with the
Arizona Roadrunners in Ehrenberg on
the Colorado River had as much fun as
Holly and I did. This year, we changed
it up and went to a fantastic
campground called River Sands RV
Resort. Of course, our first day there, it

was cold and we got rained on but no problem because we had a nice warm clubhouse to have our happy hours, meetings and potlucks.

We played Left/Right/Center and Farkle, at our happy hour/heavy hors d'oeuvre night and everybody had a fun time. The next morning was our breakfast potluck and chapter meetings. We had Sally and Pat Kavanaugh come join us and welcomed Smart member, Robin Babcock visiting from Quartzite. After our meetings we all decided to go to lunch at the Garcia's Restaurant in Blythe, California. Then some went exploring the surrounding areas. We were so full from lunch that we didn't have dinner that evening so we sat around and talked and played Trivial Pursuit Questions.

Friday was a whole day of exploring at Quartzite, Blythe Intaglios and Palo Verde Ecological Reserve. That night was our potluck and Patrick Ship, a Navy Vet from Minnesota who joined us and had a great time. Maybe he will join SMART now.

I want to give kudos to the chefs who cooked all those delicious meals and brought all those great deserts for our breakfast and potluck dinner. We had 7 rigs come to this muster. From the Tumbleweeds were Holly and I, Bill and Rhoda Barr, Jim and Peggy Merchant, Julio Nieves, Joe Padberg and Diane Pepperell. From the Roadrunners were Erwin and Jeannie Greven and Ed and Sharon Fickes.

At the meeting we had a discussion about our future musters and the Western Regional in March. Because both clubs have had musters with fewer rigs than what we have had in the past. Like our October Muster in Wickenburg, we only had 3 rigs. So, we decided to put together a camping survey questionnaire. Please answer the survey and send it back to me via email so I can get your feedback.

I hope to see you all in February for 3 nights in Casino Del Sol RV Resort, Feb. 4 - 7, in Tucson which the Roadrunners will be hosting. The Western Regional is back on and will be March 25-28 in Casa Grande at the Encore Fiesta RV Resort. The April Muster is at Desert Cypress RV Park April 28-May 1, if we have enough interest.

Please go to the SMART website on our musters, to get all the information before you call and make reservations.

Safe travels,
everyone.
Rich Caruso - President

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Western Regional Muster

MARCH 25-28 (3 NIGHTS)
Encore Fiesta Grande RV Resort
1511 East Florence Blvd
Casa Grande, AZ
Phone 520-426-7000. Let the campground know that you are with the SMART Group. The military rate is \$168.90 for Full Hookups.

Erwin Greven, Roadrunner President has set up an optional event. So that the people coming out of Mexico on the 25th do not have to look for a grocery store for the usual 30 heavy appetizers, the RV Resort has a music concert with a lasagna meal for \$30 per person. The concert is a Everly Brothers tribute band. The meal is at 5:45 pm and the concert start at 7:00pm. If you do not want the meal and just want to go to the music, the fee is \$25 per person, We can have a 5:00pm happy hour if everyone is set up. There will be a \$25 muster fee.

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Feb 4 – 7th (three nights)
 CASINO DEL SOL RV RESORT
 5655 West Valencia Rd, Tucson
 Call 855-765-7829 to register
 The military rate is \$65.58 which includes Full HU, cable TV and taxes. The resort has enough open sites but would not hold any. So, call as soon as you can. The agenda will all be weather dependent since we do not have access to a room. We do have access to an outside picnic area. We can adjust things as necessary,

- Feb 4 4 pm happy hour.
 5 pm heavy appetizers
- Feb 5 10 am meetings
 Explore and lunch on your own
 4 pm happy hour
 5pm pot luck
- Feb 6 Explore on your own
 4 pm happy hour
 5 pm Dinner at Casino del Sol Restaurant TBD

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SIGN UP FOR ALL MUSTERS ON THE SMART WEBSITE: smartrving.org
SMART CARAVANS 2024

Grand Canyon
 April 11 – May 5, 2024

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

Veterans Unite in Branson
 Nov 6-15, 2024

SMART Caribbean Cruise
 Feb 8 – 17, 2025

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DUES ARE DUE!

Yes, it is that time of year. Annual dues of \$15.00 are due by January 31st. Checks maybe made out to SMART Arizona Tumbleweeds and mailed to Joe Edstrom, 111 S. Greenfield Rd., Lot 106, Mesa, AZ 85206.

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**HAPPY
 VALENTINE'S DAY
 TO ONE AND ALL!!!**