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President Jan Lemaire's Message: Well, we have started a new camping season, and the Parker's Landing muster was so much fun! Fun fact: That's where Mississippi Magnolias Chapter was born 19 years ago! My first time there and though we had a smaller meeting room, we DID have a meeting room and were quite comfortable. We will celebrate 20 years at Parker's Landing next year. I didn't realize how much I missed all of you until I got there and saw all our campers. There were as many as I have ever seen at a Magnolia muster. I hope you will join us for our Christmas Muster Dec 3-8 at Sun Roamers! It is our free muster for MS Magnolias' members, so please register early for food purchasing and planning. Lots of good stuff going on! Come join us to hear about it all!

Jan Lemaire, President

Newsletter Editor Message: For those of you who did not make it to the Oct muster at Parker's Landing in Biloxi, MS, you missed a good time by all who did make it (about 35 people). I received many pictures from various members who documented our tours, meals, crafts, games, Halloween costumes, etc. There was a lot of laughter and comradery shared by all. Thanks to all who helped in making this newsletter. Hope to see y'all at our traditional Christmas Muster at Sun Roamers RV Park in Picayune, MS.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Anita James reported at the business meeting that the chapter treasury had a current balance as of September 2023 of **\$1528.23** and the Fisher House reserve is **\$439** of that balance. During the October Muster **\$145** was collected during the 50/50 Raffle for Fisher House with **\$145** won by Anita James. The Silent Auction for Fisher House collected \$240.50 plus \$20 donation from two members which totaled **\$260.50**. A total of **\$405.50** will be added to our Fisher House donations to combine with the \$439 we already had.

Anita also began collecting the chapter dues of \$20 for the chapter membership renewal of 2024 at this muster. All members' dues should be paid by Jan 1, 2024. By Feb 1, all unpaid membership dues are considered delinquent and on Mar 1, unpaid members will be deleted from the Magnolia's roster. So, get it done early!

Health and Wellness Update of MS Magnolia Members

John and Nancy Arce were expecting their Motorhome to being repaired and returned in the next week or so while at the muster. It has been a long time since May when the lightning strike damaged their RV.

Francis and Lynette Arceneaux plan to come to the Christmas muster and have reserved a cabin.

Joe and Shelly Battaglia have their Class C RV up for sale. Shelly's upcoming surgeries will not allow her to be able to RV for about a year.

Ken and Kitty Buckner had to cancel out on coming to the muster because Kitty needed some recuperation time from a surgical procedure.

Elaine and Bob Comeaux's woes with their RV have continued and now they are waiting for their slide to be repaired after it stopped working while they were camping almost two months ago.

Ron and Patsy Erieg produced a great dinner of Taco Soup and its sides for our muster and then also made three cakes that were delicious.

Bill Esterly joined us at the muster, but Sara did not feel well enough to join us this time.

Mary Ferguson has plans to do a bus tour to Nashville, TN before she comes to join us at the Christmas muster in Picayune. Since we have last seen her in May, she has traveled to Rome and back and then went to Galveston, TX and caught some Bull Redfish almost as long as she is tall!

Lee and Irene Fontenot live in an assisted living home that is about a mile from their original home. They still have their RV but will be giving it to Irene's daughter. If they can drive in and visit for the day at a muster, they will continue to be members. I saw them last Friday at the SMART Cajuns luncheon in Baton Rouge/Denham Springs area that has been weekly for many years.

Warren Kelly and Kathryn plan to attend the Christmas muster before they will travel to winter in Florida at the campground where he once lived.

Pauline Krenkel is wearing a surgical boot, but is continuing to improve.

Bob and Juanita Glazier worked hard on this muster. They also provided lodging for some of the attendees to the muster because their RVs were not working.

Jesse and Anita James will have to make a trip to Red Bay to repair their RV after a pole got in Jesse's way and did some damage to the side of their RV.

As usual, Charley LeBlanc volunteered his time every morning leading other members (Zeller, Battaglia, Coates, Glazier, Olvany, etc) to cook four breakfasts during the muster. He got to go golfing twice with others during this muster because of the beautiful weather.

Jan and Dave Lemaire's home is finally being raised several feet into the air; paid by a government grant to prevent their home from being flooded again. It is a long slow process but it has finally started and will take weeks if not months before completion.

Jim Martin joined the Magnolias at the Biloxi muster after doing the Cruising the Coast during the first week of October. He plans to join us at the Christmas muster.

Denny and Ann Olvany, who are chapter charter members, volunteered to make a chicken and sausage gumbo with its sides during the muster. We also celebrated Ann's birthday during the muster.

Judy Theriot was attending a quilting conference during the muster time, but Bob did drive in to golf with some of the Magnolia golfers. They will be hosting the Christmas muster.

Diane Thompson was able to do some day visits at the muster. She is still recovering and doing P/T after her hip replacement surgery.

Though I have not heard from Nita Taylor lately, she attended the last muster for the Arkansas Hogs a few weeks ago. A few pictures were on the SMART Facebook page.

I hope everyone else is doing well. Hopefully, some of you will send updates after receiving this newsletter.

Welcome to new MS Magnolia Members!! Jim and Terri Bowes from east TN, Reese and Diane Burke, also from TN joined us at this muster. Bob Zeller who has been a guest at a few past musters has finally join us as a member!!

Left: Kathy and Jack Van Devender (Center) Jim and Terri Bowes (Right) Reese and Diane Burke



Hope to see all of our members at the next muster in December in Picayune, MS.

Musters of the MS Magnolias

Dec 3-7, 2023 with departure on Dec 8. Christmas Muster at Sun Roamers RV Park and Resort, Picayune, MS: Hosts are Bob and Judy Theriot with cohosts Jan and Dave Lemaire for this Christmas Muster. This is a free muster for all MS Magnolia members. Guests must pay \$20 per person. We will have our Dirty Santa Game as usual. Check out the website for more info and registration forms.

Feb or Mar, 2024 Muster TBA. Muster Master Joe Battaglia will be contacting various campgrounds to determine where and when the muster will occur and then he will announce the future plans.

Apr 8-12, 2024 at Hollywood Casino RV Park in Bay St. Louis, MS. It is a no-host and no-muster fees muster. We cannot make the reservations until six months before the muster because of the Casino Management policy, so the muster's dates could possibly change.

May 5-10, 2024 at Anchors Aweigh RV Resort in Foley, AL. Hosts TBD. We may be in a joint muster with the Florida White Sands Panhandlers Chapter.

Oct 2024 (TBD) at Parker's Landing RV Park on Woolmarket exit, MS.(Biloxi) to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of MS Magnolias Chapter.

Winners of Games and 50/50 Raffle

Hand and Foot Tournament: (1) Bob Zeller (2) Linda Coates. (Booby) Ann Olvany

Skipbo Tournament: Team of Lou Finkle and Bob Glazier

Cornhole Tournament: (1) Team of Jim Bowes and Nancy Arce (2) Team of Jan Lemaire and Bob Glazier

Costume Contest: (Best Dressed) Frank and Linda Coates (Original) Bill Esterly and (Most Patriotic) Pauline Krenkel

50/50 Raffle Ticket Winner: Anita James (\$145) Fisher House donation was also \$145.

Left: Shelly Battaglia, winner Anita James, and Dave Lemaire (Center) Bob Glazier and Jim Bowes (Right) Jan Lemaire and Nancy Arce)



Anita and Jesse on phones while Pauline waits for game; Lou and Nancy; Guys watching games.



Left : Some of the MS Magnolias in front of TrainTastic that we toured (Center)Magnolias who toured the MS Research Center in Ocean Springs (Right) Bob Z., Jan, Jesse, and Dave Lemaire



The three pictures above and below are from Train Museum. The sphere is MS Research Center





Y'all, there were so many pictures I wanted to put into this newsletter, but it was just too many to fit in. However, if you want to see more pictures of this muster and you are a follower of the SMART facebook page, I put a many more pictures on there that you can see and download. This muster was so much fun and had so many pictures to choose from!!!



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