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So is SMART's National Muster



DANCING TO CHARLESTON

To all SMART members, especially those not affiliated with a chapter:

As the Assistant National Muster Master, I would like to personally invite you to the SMART National Muster to be held in Charleston, S.C. from 16 through 20 September 2024. The earliest arrival date is Noon **11 September** with all departures on **21 September**. Registration forms are on the SMART National website where you can register and pay fees electronically. Registration fees are \$100 per person plus \$50 per rig per night camping fee.

This year promises to be the best Muster since COVID with tours starting 12 September, entertainment, and vendors. From members selling handmade products to RV repairs and cleaning to seminars on a variety of topics, there will be something for everybody to enjoy. See the SMART website for details at SMARTRVing.org.

The National Muster is also an ideal opportunity to meet fellow members, check out a variety of chapters (all chapters will be represented) and decide if you wish to visit or join another chapter. If you live too far away from a chapter to join and attend musters, it only takes 5 members to form a local chapter.

If you have already registered for the National, thank you. If you are planning to attend but have not yet registered, I urge you to register soon as the earlier we get a headcount, the better we can plan services and activities.

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DON'T MISS THE SILENT AUCTION

- Bring new or used items to donate to SMART
- Items should be in new or like-new condition and in clean, good working order
- Each item will have a bid sheet in front of it
- Folks write the amount they are willing to bid for the item
- If someone likes it better, they can write a higher bid
- The silent auction will start on Tuesday at 1600 and end on Friday at noon
- Highest bidder wins and settles with SMART on Friday

500000 many activities

SEMINARS & CLASSES

- ◆ Using the RV Microwave Class
 - ◆ Clean Tank Seminar
 - ◆ Craft Classes
 - ◆ Tire Safety & Weighing by My RV School
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- The image shows a woman standing at a podium on a stage, addressing an audience. Behind her is a large projection screen displaying a slide titled 'Key Words'. The slide lists several terms: 'Classic', 'In the study of performance', 'Lookouts', 'Compass', 'VHS', 'manipulate', 'Rover', 'Klein', 'Provision', 'Meadow', 'Laney', 'Mangled', 'Algebra', 'N...', 'Equipment', 'and...', 'Senses', 'to reach', 'the', 'ending'. The audience is seated in rows of chairs, facing the stage.
- ◆ Motivating Volunteers with Dr. Lou Finkle
 - ◆ Using the SMART Website with Webmaster Jack Fritz
 - ◆ Full Time Rving Panel Discussion
 - ◆ Medical Classes
 - ◆ How to use Induction Cooking in an RV
 - ◆ Review of 2025's exciting caravan offerings
 - ◆ Brown Bag Auction with 2nd VP Dave Weis
 - ◆ Using the RV Washer & Dryer Class
 - ◆ Wagon Master & Tail Gunner Training Class with National Travel Program Director Jon Katin
 - ◆ Survivor Assistance Program seminar with Director Mike Schmitz
 - ◆ RD and Chapter President Training Class with 1st VP Melody Thomas
 - ◆ SC Police Department vehicle weigh ins
 - ◆ General Membership Meeting
 - ◆ Chapter Fair



DON'T FORGET ABOUT THE PHOTO CONTEST!!

Dust off your favorite 8x10 matte pictures (no glossy pics) taken during your travels around this great country and enter them in the contest. Categories are landscapes, pets, wildlife, your favorite grandchild, and folks having fun at a SMART activity.

ENTRY FEE IS \$1 PER PICTURE

Bring them to the information desk when you register.

**The grand winner's picture will be featured on the front of SMART's
"The Traveler" magazine.**



The Welcome Station will be open:

- **Sunday, September 15 from 0900 to 1600**
- **Monday, September 16 from 0900 to 1200**

When you arrive and after you are parked by our very able parking crew, come to the Welcome Station in the Blue Building to complete a locator card.

- **Drop off at various stations:**

- ⇒ **Register for various games including the Hand & Foot Tournament**
- ⇒ **Photos for contest with entry fee (\$1 per picture)**
- ⇒ **Food Donations**
- ⇒ **School Supplies Donations**
- ⇒ **Nursing Home Donations**
- ⇒ **ONE Brown Bag per rig for Auction**
- ⇒ **Turn in individual and Chapter baskets, gift cards, etc. donations for Door Prizes (don't forget to include a post card for thank you)**
- ⇒ **Items for yard sale and book/DVD/CD sales**

**REGISTER BY MAY 1st TO BE INCLUDED
IN THE EARLY BIRD DRAWING —
WIN THE REGISTRATION FEE FOR
THE NATIONAL MUSTER**

\$100 per person

- ⇒ **Nightly camping fee will be \$50 per night payable to SMART; sites will be assigned by registration staff**
- ⇒ **Earliest allowable arrival date is Wednesday, September 11th at 12:00 noon**
- ⇒ **Tours begin Thursday, September 12th**
- ⇒ **September 18th is reserved all day for tours only**
- ⇒ **National Muster begins September 16th**
- ⇒ **Muster departure date will be no later than noon on Saturday, September 21st**
- ⇒ **Those who want to park together must arrive together**