



November 2024 NEWSLETTER

Outstanding Chapter for
2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024

Arizona Tumbleweed 2024 Muster Schedule:

Arizona Tumbleweeds Officers and Committee
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Nov 13th-16th Picacho KOA
18428 S. Picacho Hwy
Picacho, AZ 520-466-2966

December 9th Holiday Luncheon
The Links Neighborhood Grill
18823 Country Club Pkwy
Peoria, AZ 623-561-1681

January 17th-20th River Sands RV Resort
49960 Ehrenberg Poston Hwy
Ehrenberg, AZ 928-255-5208

Words from our President,

Rich Caruso

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

Dear S*M*A*R*T* Arizona Tumbleweeds Chapter
members, we have just finished our first Fall
combined muster with the Arizona Roadrunners at
the Double Adobe Campground and Shotgun Sports
in McNeal for 5 nights. After this past week of
record breaking, temperatures it was much cooler
down there. Attendees were Bill and Rhoda Barr,
Ward and Melodie Fogelsanger, Erwin and Jeannie
Greven, Jim and Peggy Merchant, Julio Nieves, Joe
Padberg and Diane Pepperell and Holly and I. The
first night was Heavy Appetizers. The next
morning, some of us went exploring in Bisbee. In

the afternoon, everyone played a fun game of Beanbag Baseball. The women against the men and the women played so much better than the men, that the score was 26 to 10. Our dinner was a Chili Dump, were everybody brought a can of chili and sides and toppings to go with it. On Tuesday we had our potluck breakfast and afterwards had our chapter meetings, went exploring in Bisbee and had a baked potato bar with lots of toppings for dinner. Wednesday, was lunch at the Hotel Gadson in Douglas and everyone had a great meal. That evening we had an ice cream social where the two chapters supplied the ice cream and whipped cream and everybody brought toppings. Thursday everyone went to dinner at the Thirsty Lizard where two surprise guests came down from Tombstone. They were Jim and Sandy Anderson. Since it was so much cooler in the evening, we were able to sit out every night and stargaze at the comet in the sky and eat lots of candy.

I want to give a big thanks to Bill and Rhoda who went to the S*MA*R*T* National Muster in South Carolina and brought back our 2024 Outstanding Chapter Award. This is our 5th Outstanding Chapter Award for the AZ Tumbleweeds Chapter. Congratulations for everybody's hard work to make this happen.

Our November combined Friendsgiving Muster with the Roadrunners will be at the Picacho KOA. The dates are the 13th thru the 15th and depart on the 16th. Look for an email later in November for further details. Please call the KOA and make your reservations and then go on the SMART website and register.

Our Holiday Luncheon will be on Monday the 9th of December at 11:00, at the Links Neighborhood Grill in Peoria. We will have a special Lunch Menu with 5 choices to choose from ranging from \$11.00-\$15.00 and does not include your drink. Please go on the SMART website and register.

Elections: It is time to think about elections, every position is open. If you would like to nominate yourself for President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Wagon Master or Newsletter these are 2 year terms.

Safe travels, everyone.
Rich Caruso – President

SIGN UP FOR ALL NATIONAL and Chapter MUSTERS ON THE SMART WEBSITE
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2025 Western Regional Golden Gate Chapter

April 2nd – 5th

Orange Grove RV Park
Bakersfield, CA

Hosted by the Golden Gate chapter

This is from Vicki Utt:

I have made tentative reservations for the 2025 Western Regional at the Orange Grove RV park in Bakersfield, starting Wed 4/2 and departing Sun 4/6. That gives those departing Mexico 2 & 1/2 days as we depart Puerto Penasco on Monday 3/31.

I can only take 20 reservations and all of those will need to pay me the 1st night deposit along with contact and rig info. I have to pay the park the deposits by March 1st - no refunds after that. Anyone wanting to reserve after I have 20, or after 3/1, will have to make their own reservation and pay the non-discounted nightly fee.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Vicki Utt, 661-203-1965

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SMART Caravans 2024/2025

SMART Caribbean Cruise

Feb 8 – 17, 2025

Louisiana Food and Music

March 25 – April 25, 2025

Venice of America

May 23 – 30 2025

Planes, Trains, Automobiles and Ships

June 16th-July 31st 2025

Alaska Bound Caravan

July 1 – Sept 2nd 2025

SMART Nationals 2025

Sept 15-19 Mineola, TX

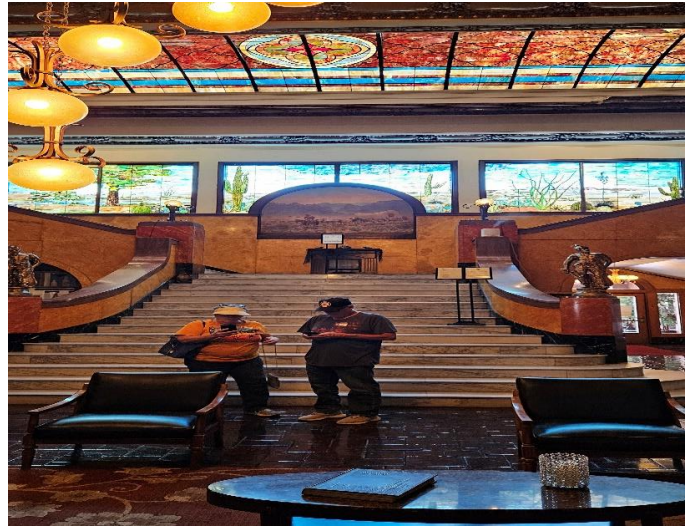
Touring Texas Together

Sept 20 – Oct 15th 2025

Find all the information about musters and caravans at the SMART website:

www.smartrving.org

Western Region



Big congratulations to Tom Wentz and Barbara Byler. They got married on October 19th in Surprise. Again, congratulations to the Happily Married couple!!





Happiness Is a Craft Project

People who did arts and crafts projects—even occasionally—reported greater happiness and life satisfaction than others, according to a study in the United Kingdom. About one-third had done wood-working, knitting, photography, or other projects at least once in the previous year. These kinds of activities may boost self-esteem and can also be very absorbing.

Source: *Frontiers in Public Health*, Aug. 16, 2024.

