



December 2024 NEWSLETTER

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

Arizona Tumbleweed 2024-2025 Muster Schedule:

Arizona Tumbleweeds Officers and Committee
Chairpersons for 2024-2025 term:

President, Rich Caruso
Vice President/Membership, Bill Barr
Secretary, Peggy Merchant
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December 9th-Holiday Luncheon
The Links Neighborhood Grill
18823 Country Club Pkwy
Peoria, AZ 623-561-1681

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

Words from our President,

Rich Caruso

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

All of us have had a very busy year. As we approach the end of 2024, I hope you are all doing well and looking forward to a happy, healthy Holiday Season. I want to thank you, the members for winning our 5th Outstanding Chapter Award.

We just finished another great combined Muster with the Arizona Roadrunners at the Picacho KOA with 7 RVs. Attendees were Bill and Rhoda Barr, Ed Fickes, Erwin and Jeannie Greven, Jim and Peggy Merchant, Julio Nieves, Joe Padberg and Diane Pepperell and Holly and I. The first night was Happy Hour/Heavy Appetizers. Then Thursday

morning, we held our Chapter meeting where we nominated and elected our officers for 2025. Later that afternoon, we had our "Friendsgiving" dinner potluck with great food and lots of left overs. Friday after our potluck breakfast, some of us went to the Dwarf Car Museum, Rooster Cogburn's Ostrich Farm or took a drive out to see the Petroglyphs. That evening we all went out to dinner at La Paloma Mexican Restaurant in Eloy and had 2 surprise guests meet us there. They were Don and Shari Minton, who drove up from Tucson. Everybody agreed that the food was delicious and the owner gave us all free deserts. On Saturday, we all went home after having a fun time at this Muster.

The Thursday election results are as follows: I am staying on as your President for another year. Bill Barr is our Vice President again, Peggy Merchant is our Secretary, Rhoda Barr is our Sunshine Lady and William St. Bernard will be taking over the Treasurer job from Joe Edstrom. Joe has done an outstanding job for a number of years but he said it was time for him to step aside. Sally Kavanaugh says it is time for her to step aside and have someone else do our newsletter. She has done an outstanding job for a very long time and we want to thank her. If anybody is interested in doing this, please let me know. I want thank everyone who is staying on with me as your Chapter Officers for 2025.

Holly and I are looking forward to seeing everyone at our annual Holiday Luncheon on Monday, at 11:00AM, December 9th at the Links Neighborhood Grill, 18823 Country Club Parkway in Peoria.

Remember those of you that haven't paid your dues for 2025, can pay the \$15.00 at the luncheon or by mail. Since Joe is no longer our treasurer. Please mail your money to me at PO Box 26382 Prescott Valley, AZ 86312. Holly and I want to wish everyone Happy Holidays and Happy New Year.

Safe travels, everyone.
Rich Caruso – President

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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.

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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

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