



# February 2025 NEWSLETTER

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Chapter for 2020, 2021, 2022,  
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## Arizona Tumbleweed 2025 Muster Schedule:

February 23rd-26th-Muster  
Casino Del Sol  
5655 Valencia Road  
Tucson, AZ 855-765-7829

March 15th-18th Muster  
Encore Fiesta Grande RV  
Resort  
1511 E. Florence Blvd  
Casa Grande, AZ 877-392-7608

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## 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 at the River Sands RV Resort on the Colorado River had as much fun as Holly and I did. We had 11 rigs come to this muster and Don and Shari Minton rented a cabin there. From the Tumbleweeds were Holly and I, Larry and Jan De Zonia, John and Diane Ingianni, Jim and Peggy Merchant, Julio Nieves, Joe Padberg and Diane Pepperell and William and Barbara St. Bernard and Tom and Barbara Wentz and Ed and Sue Werner. From the Roadrunners were Erwin and Jeannie Greven and Don and Shari Minton. Our special guests were Melody Thomas, our SMART National President and her husband Paul.

Friday afternoon, we had our happy hour and heavy hors d' oeuvre outside because it was warm enough out and then sit around the camp fire. Saturday, some of us went to the

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Big RV Tent Show in Quartzite and played bean bag baseball in the afternoon. That night we had our potluck dinner at the campsite and sat around the camp fire afterwards. Sunday morning was our breakfast potluck and chapter meetings. Sally and Pat Kavanaugh drove up to join us.

My thanks to the chefs who cooked all those delicious meals and brought all those great deserts for our breakfast and potluck dinner. At the meeting we all decided to go to dinner at the Garcia's Restaurant in Blythe, California.

We also had a discussion about our future muster in March and the Western Regional in March. Most of us decided that we weren't going to California so we decided to have a March Muster for 3 nights at the Encore Fiesta RV Resort 1511 E. Florence Blvd in Casa Grande. The price will be \$52.00 a night plus tax for a total of \$177.06 for the 3 nights with our vet's discount. We have sites 503-510 on hold. **Make your reservations by calling Derby Sainval at 877-392-7608 and say you are part of the SMART Tumbleweeds/Roadrunners.**

On Monday night there is a concert with a singer who plays Toby Keith songs. These tickets must be purchased separately at the main desk of the resort. VIP tickets are \$30.00 and regular tickets are \$25.00. VIP tickets get you in early to get front row seats.

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.

**Remember those of you that haven't paid your dues for 2025, can pay by check the \$15.00 either by mail or at the February Muster. Please make the check out to SMART AZ Tumbleweeds and mail it to me, Rich Caruso at PO Box 26382 Prescott Valley, AZ 86312.**

Safe Travels,  
Rich

**Remember To Sign Up For All National and Chapter Musters On The S\*M\*A\*R\*T Website [smartrving.org](http://smartrving.org)**

## **2025 Western Regional Muster Golden Gate Chapter**

April 2nd – 5<sup>th</sup>

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 2025**

### **SMART Caribbean Cruise**

Feb 8 – 17

### **Louisiana Food and Music**

March 25 – April 25<sup>th</sup>

### **Venice of America**

May 23 – 30<sup>th</sup>

### **Planes, Trains, Automobiles and Ships**

June 16<sup>th</sup> - July 31<sup>st</sup>

### **Alaska Bound Caravan**

July 1 – Sept 2<sup>nd</sup>

### **SMART Nationals 2025**

Sept 15-19 Mineola, TX

### **Touring Texas Together**

Sept 20 – Oct 15<sup>th</sup>

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

[www.smartrving.org](http://www.smartrving.org)

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