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The Florida Buccaneers is a Chapter of the Special Military Active Recreational Travelers Club (SMART)

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CHAPTER PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BILL HASTINGS

Happy Thanksgiving to all. Remember "left over" calories don't count if you hold the frig door open. That's what I've been told.

Let's look back at the wonderful time we had at the Veterans Day Muster thanks to Jack and Roni Fritz, and Joe and Pam Faubion. Their skill and planning made for a wonderful weekend. I can't tell if the highlight of the weekend was the reenactment or the parade. In the parade we had banner carriers, riders on the float, and wing walkers keeping the kids away from our aircraft. Yes, aircraft -Joe Faubion designed and built two aircraft from PVC attached them to carts and off we went. Tom Barrett and I had the honor to fly them in the parade. The eyes on the kids (from 6 to 86) were to behold. We also enjoyed a potluck dinner with other campers from the park, honored the MIAs with the missing man table and collected toys for "Toys for Tots".

Also, during the weekend Jeff Stephens cleaned out his garage of years of SMART Buccaneers goodies and put it in the back of my truck. One of the items is the chapter's Keurig (K155 Commercial series) coffee maker. We have not used it in a number of years and to be honest my garage is full of my woodworking stuff, and I don't have room for it. We discussed it during the Chapter meeting and agreed to sell it. I'm taking offers from our chapter members for the coffee maker and over 50 k-cups (assorted coffees and coco) before I put it on "Market Place."

Thanks again, for a great Veterans Day Muster and all the best for the holiday season.

Bill Hastings

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Anniversaries

November 21st Bill & Joanne Hastings
November 11th Jeff & Nancy Stephens
November 20th Cordell & Sue Vickers

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Anniversaries (Continued)

December 19th Joe & Nancy Karwatka
December 30th Jack & Roni Fritz
January 31st Steve & Rita Bourque

Birthdays

December 18th Joan Sheet
December 21st George Young
January 20th Lee Harris
January 31st Steve Bourque

Muster Highlights

Here are some photos from our muster. More photos are available on [Facebook](#).



Final Assembly



Final Assembly (Cont.)



Test Pilot Seating



Flying High



SMART Banner carried smartly by Roni & Kathy



Float pulled by Jack



The Fighter Jets



The Feast

