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Newsletter



Jan Schnoor, President
Rickey Hasley, Vice President
Art Schnoor, Secretary/Treasurer

Greetings everyone.

I would like to start off this newsletter with a special Thank You to the retiring Officers of the SMART Texans. Paul Rider has served the Texans as an officer in a number of positions since before I joined SMART while also serving as SMART's President. To Jim Bailey who served as Vice President and to Nell Dahl who served as Secretary/Treasurer. The Texans say Thank You!

In October the Texans held their Annual Business Meeting and Election of new officers in Mineola, Tx. Officers elected on Saturday night after dinner for next two year term are, Jan Schnoor, President, new member, Rickey Hasley, Vice President, and Art Schnoor as Treasurer, and Nell Dahl, Secretary. After the close of the Annual meeting, Nell Dahl submitted her resignation as Secretary due to medical reasons. The President, Jan Schnoor called an emergency meeting of the Executive Board on Sunday, October 26th to accept the resignation of Nell Dahl, Secretary and to appoint a new Secretary. Art Schnoor was appointed to fill the Secretary's position and will hold the Treasurer/ Secretary position for the next two years. Minutes of this meeting has been attached to the Meeting Minutes of the Business Meeting and are available to view online in the SMART website under the Texans tab.

There were seven rigs that attended the Muster in Mineola. Also, Joe Noonan and Margaret drove to Mineola for the Muster and to work on preliminary site planning for the 2025 National Muster in Mineola. A bonus to the muster was a Friday evening meal served by the Executive Chef that will be preparing the meals for the National Muster. The meal consisted of meatloaf, mashed potatoes, candied carrots, salad and rolls. It was absolutely delicious!

Saturday evening we went as a group to Paredes Family Restaurant and enjoyed a choice of their buffet or menu items. The 50/50 raffle was held at the restaurant with three winners splitting \$45 and \$45 being set aside for the Texans annual donation to Watkins Logans Veterans Home in Tyler, TX.

Dues notifications will begin being sent out to Texans members the first of December, who will owe dues for 2025. Dues remain at \$10 per rig.

After the Muster in Mineola, several Texans members hit the road for the SMART Branson Caravan. We saw a number of great shows, sailed on the Showboat Branson Bell riverboat and enjoyed a great show and meal, and attended the Dixie Stampede. All shows were celebrating the Christmas season. The highlight of the caravan was on Veterans Day when SMART participated in the Branson Veterans Day Parade. We were #31 in the parade and were cheered by all onlookers who were there watching the parade. We had 8 vehicles with banners and banner carriers ahead of our group as well as a fleet of SMART members walking handing out booklets and a membership application out to people along the parade route. A special thank you goes out who participated and the Texans were well represented. It was a great opportunity to put SMART on display and garner interest in membership.

We are in the planning stages of having a muster March 27-30, 2025 and another muster in early to midMay. We will notify you as soon as we are locked in with the locations and cost and post them on the SMART website.

In the upcoming new year we plan on working very hard to once again become an Outstanding Chapter of SMART. Each members participation is needed in attending Texans Musters, continuing to send news letters to our members regularly, continuing to donate to our charity, Watkins Logan Veterans Home in Tyler and to publishing articles in the SMART Traveler. The SMART Texans will also be promoting membership into the SMART Texans.

As we draw closer to the Holiday season, we wish all our members a wonderful Thanksgiving and Christmas and look forward to a more active and exciting New Year.

Art Schnoor
Secretary/Treasurer