

OK SMARTS NEWSLETTER

August 2009



OFFICERS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

From the Prez

It is hotter than a well digger's.....

On the serious side. It was great to see everyone at the Norman Muster. We could use some expertise from those NOAA guys to bring us a little cooler weather. There will be a national organization vote on the issue of the veterans and for the election of a 2nd vice president. The ballots are in the Traveler and on the SMART website. It is of utmost importance that every take a minute to read and cast your vote. The future of SMART depends on the involvement of every member. Voting is your right as a member and you need to exercise that right.

Danny will be sending out information by "snail mail" on the Weatherford day trip muster. It should be very interesting.

Remember we need volunteers for September 2011. You know – the National Muster at Shawnee, Oklahoma. Mark your calendars now so other activities won't interfere. We have a lot of work to do between now and September 2011.

Holy cow – I need to get inside and drink some iced tea to cool down. Stay safe!

W.B. Smith



PAST MUSTERS

Norman, OK 2-5 June 2009

This was an excellent muster organized by WB Smith. There were 11 rigs present including Smith, McGee, King, Daniel, Baker, Wilson, Robbins, Ireton, Foster, Blevins and Hayes. Tours were offered of The Fred Jones Museum of Art, The Sam Noble Museum of Natural History and The National Weather Center. A chapter meeting was held on 4 June. WB Smith advised that the former vote on changing the SMART membership eligibility was suspended and a new vote will be taken and ballots must be postmarked by 6 Sept. The chapter voted to donate \$250 to the Fort Chadbourne Foundation in memory of Bob Lederer and to donate \$250 to the Concho Valley Archeological Society for the Callan Clark Scholarship. The new SMR Regional Director is TJ Russell and the Assistant Director is WB Smith.

IN MEMORY

We were all saddened to learn of the death this summer of Bob Lederer, one of our most active members and a leader in every activity of OK SMART for many years. He was our past president and the leader of the Fort Chadbourne project.



SMART MEMBERSHIP VOTE

Due to the continued decline in SMART membership the Board of Directors has been forced to consider ways to fund the National Office, the insurance for musters and the Traveler. They increased the national dues this year to \$45/year and have submitted a proposal for all members to vote on a **change to the Bylaws to allow all honorably discharged veterans to join SMART as Associate Members.** The 2nd VP will also be elected on this ballot. The ballot is in the Jul-Aug Traveler and is attached to this newsletter. Mailed ballots must be postmarked by 6 Sept 09 and you can also vote by E-mail or in person at the National Muster in WA. A 2/3 approval vote is required for passage.

FUTURE MUSTERS

2009 SMART National Muster: 16-21 Sept 09

The Washington Land Yacht Harbor, Lacy, Washington will be site of this year's national muster. It is near Tacoma, WA, Ft. Lewis and McChord AFB. Four OK SMART rigs are going. See www.washingtonunitwbcci.org. www.smartrving.net

Stafford/Franks Museums, Weatherford & Hobart, OK Day Trip: 0945, 22 Oct 2009

We will meet at the Stafford Museum at the Weatherford, OK Airport. After touring the museum we will have lunch at a Lucille's Roadhouse and then proceed to the General Tommy Franks Museum at 507 S. Main St., Hobart, OK. Reservation form and detailed instructions are attached.

See: www.staffordspacecenter.com, www.tommyfranksmuseum.org.

Jake's Rib Luncheon, Chickasha, OK: 1400, Jan 26, 2010

TJ Russell is planning

Fort Chadbourne Muster: 12-27, Mar 2010

Roger Meyer is planning

SMR Muster: April 28 to May 2, 2010:

Hacienda RV Park, Los Cruces, NM

SMART National Muster, 8-15 Sept 2010:

Center County Grange Fairgrounds, State College, PA.

SMART National Muster: 20-26 Sept 2011, Shawnee, OK

SMR is the host. If you can volunteer contact TJ Russell.

SECRETARY COMMENTS

Please send me items for the Newsletter or changes to your E-mail address. If you want a snail mail copy let me know. My address is jimbaker1398@yahoo.com Phone: (224)-361-6640

Jim Baker

Treasurer News

The balance in our Chapter treasury is \$1,401.57 as of 1 Jul 09.

E-Mail Address Changes

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South Midwest Regional Web site:

["www.smwregion-smart.org"](http://www.smwregion-smart.org)

National SMART Web site:

www.smartrving.net

SPECIAL MUSTER FOR VISIT
TO THE STAFFORD AIR MUSEUM

3000 E.Logan Rd. Weatherford, OK

It is scheduled for Thursday Oct.22nd. A guided tour starting at 10:00. Everyone must be at the museum N/L/T 09:45.

If going West on I-40, take exit 84. Go on service road for about 1/2 mile and turn right by the F-104 airplane.

If going East, on I-40 take exit 82. Take the first right at light then another immediate right on to service road. At stop sign turn right then left at the F-104 airplane. The charge will be *\$4.00 each. Pay at the counter.*

**After the museum tour we will go as a group to eat at Lucille's Roadhouse.
(Dutch Treat)**

**For a second tour, if any one wants to go to Hobart, OK to the Gen. Tommy Franks museum, we will convoy there. This is free but they take donations. It is very nice.
(50 miles)**

R.V. Parks. There is a small park 1/4 mile west of Stafford museum. Tinsley's " Old 66 Hwy" R.V. Same exits as the museum. If you want to stay there call about one week ahead. Cost \$23.00 (Good Sam \$20.00) Full hook-ups 580-772-2902.

In Hobart : Lions Club R.V. park . It is one block past the Franks museum. Cost \$10.00 Water, Elec. 30amp. No reservation needed

Motels: Available in Weatherford, OK Close to Museum

RESERVATION REQUIRED N/L/T OCT. 15TH

NAME(S) _____
STAFFORD MUSEUM _____ YES _____ NO
LUCILLE'S ROAD HOUSE ____ YES ____ NO
TOMMY FRANKS MUSEUM ____ YES ____ NO

**PLEASE SEND THIS TO ME N/L/T OCT 15TH
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