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Where's Kic Wheeler "Addressing the Troops"?



And Where's This Beautiful Autumn Scene?



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Upcoming Events

28 Mar - 1 Apr 2011

Oaklawn Park Racing

Cloud Nine RV Park

Hot Springs, AR.

Hosts: Bill & Susan Hards

w/Jim & Susan Franks

8 - 13 Apr 2011

S-C Regional Muster

Ward Agri-Center

Lebanon, TN

11 - 14 May 2011

JOINT MUSTER WITH

Arkansas DIAMONDS

Coachlight RV Park

Carthage, MO

Hosts: Tom & Sandy Percy

20 - 26 Sep 2011

SMART National

Shawnee, OK

11 - 15 Oct 2011

Lake Charles State Park

Black Rock, AR

Hosts: Ralph & Edye Jungels

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President's Corner

Hello SMART Hogs,

Spring's just around the corner, and that means our 2011 camping season is about to start!! It's hard to believe that we are nearly through the first quarter of the new year. Time does fly. We have our new slate of Officers and happily, this year, our **Muster Master Ralph Jungels** has scheduled a full slate of musters. His column in this newsletter gives a lot of the details. Be sure to check the newsletters and our web site for Muster dates and information. This is how we keep everyone informed on any changes that might occur.

How about the February snow fall - in my area we got 10.2 inches. Some got more, some got less, and some escaped to the south and had fun N the sun.

It is getting close to our 1st muster in 2011 in Hot Springs, AR. It's really great that two of our newer couples are hosting this event, the Hards and Franks. Be sure and get your reservations in.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the March Muster. Drive safely.

Ann Lowry

Hal Boster

Our friend, Hal Boster died 17 February 2011, one day short of his 80th birthday. He was born in Kentucky and shortly after high school he joined the U. S. Air Force where he retired as a Master Sergeant after 20 years of service. He was a lifetime member of SMART, the American Legion Post 88, and the V.F.W. Post 49. He was also a Mason at the lodge in Clay, KY, and an avid fan of NASCAR.

Hal and his wife Faye were familiar "fixtures" at regional and national musters, where they volunteered in many capacities, particularly fund raising activities like book sales and 50-50's. His quiet nature, quick humor and helpful attitude helped Hal make many friends, including many in the Hogs chapter.

We will miss Hal and we offer our condolences and best wishes to Faye and to the Boster family.

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Muster Master Comments

Now that the holidays are behind us, we can start thinking about musters and always about recruiting.

First the musters.

Bill and Charolette Hards, assisted by **Jim and Susan Franks**, will be hosting our first muster 28 March - 1 April at Cloud Nine RV Park in Hot Springs, AR. One highlight of the muster will be visiting Garvin Gardens. It is a 210 acre botanical garden on a wooded peninsula on Lake Hamilton and will be in its full Spring colors in time for our muster. On Thursday, March 31, we will be going to the Oaklawn Park Race Track for a Day at the Races. This will be a muster first for us. Be ready to chow down on their very famous corned beef sandwiches for lunch. If you have never been to the horse races, this will be an excellent opportunity to attend with a group. *Do SMART people have a betting advantage??* The registration form is attached to this newsletter or can be downloaded from our website. Please get it to **Bill Hards** ASAP if you plan to attend.

The South Central Regional Muster will be held at the Ward Agricultural Center in Lebanon, TN, 8 - 13 April. There are more than 50 units attending, so this will be a great opportunity to see your old friends, swap campfire tales (sea/war stories) play some table games and attend some seminars. The registration form for the Regional is also attached for your use if you can make the trip. This, too, needs

to be submitted ASAP.

The May muster on the 11th-14th is a joint muster with the Diamonds at Carthage, Mo, with hosts **Tom & Sandy Percy** and **Ann Lowry**. The muster agenda and registration form will be available as we get closer to the date. Later in the year, we'll have the SMART National muster 21 - 26 September in Shawnee, OK. The forms for that muster are in the *Traveler*. Then, 10 - 14 October will find us at Lake Charles State Park Black Rock, AR, with hosts **Edye & Ralph Jungels**. Our Veterans Day muster will be held at the Riverside RV Park in North Little Rock, 8 - 11 November. Our hosts will be **Kathie & Bill Corroum** and **Marion Spivey**. Now about RECRUITING: We need new members, so lets really try our best to find them. We should emphasize the new policy that opens SMART membership to ALL veterans with honorable discharges!

It has been suggested that we have a caravan to the SC Muster in Lebanon. A date, location to leave from, and time to meet has not been determined. **We will have a discussion about this at our business meeting at Hot Springs.**

That's about it for now. See you in Hot Springs!

Ralph Jungels
Muster Master

Special Cell Phone Numbers

by Ronald E. Jones

AboutRVing.com

There are several phone numbers that should be programmed into your cell phone especially when traveling for extended periods. While it is important to have these programmed in even if you are staying in one place for some period of time it is critical if you are constantly traveling to new places where you are a stranger.

It's easy to program these "special numbers" into your phone just like you did with your friends and family numbers. It's important, too. Your "special numbers" may be difficult to locate if you store or file the numbers away somewhere in your RV or even write them in your address book. Plus, you will want them handy especially in case of emergency.

People tend to have their cell phones with them whether just walking, shopping, driving, or riding. Therefore, if something happens—an accident, illness, whatever emergency—whenever they arrive at the scene, emergency response personnel often look for your cell phone, especially if you are incapacitated.

Saving Numbers

When saving these, or any numbers for use in your cell phone, make sure you save the numbers to the "SIM" card—that small, removable storage-card inside the phone (if you have an older phone you may not have a SIM card but they are common now). Ask your cell phone provider to show you how to do this or read your manual—the information is in there on how and where to save. Usually, you can save the phone numbers to the SIM card, directly to the phone, or both.

Saving numbers to the SIM card will allow you to easily transfer all those personal and special phone numbers to your next cell phone. This will save you reprogramming—a boring and tedious task. When you get a new phone, you just

move the SIM card to it and your programmed numbers are there, ready to use.

What Special Numbers

Below is a list of suggested phone numbers that should be programmed into your cell phone before any major trip. Of course, having these in your phone all the time is good, too. Note that these are not in any special order below. Your phone will alphabetize the list automatically. We have added a few suggestions about programming to take advantage of the alpha sorting but more on that later. Use these numbers at a minimum:

- Credit card Customer Assistance Numbers
(**NOT your credit card number**)
- Insurance company Claim Number
(Car, Truck, and RV)
- Emergency Road Service
- Emergency Medical Evacuation Insurance
- Doctors
- Bank
- RV Tech Support (Mfg., dealer, or both)
- Family and friends, of course.
- ICE numbers

What Are "ICE" Numbers?

ICE (In Case of Emergency) numbers are used by law enforcement and emergency medical personnel if you are incapacitated in any emergency. Most of us carry a cell phone. Emergency medical personnel will look for a cell phone and check for any ICE numbers.

Program your ICE numbers into your phone. Put the letters "ICE" first so all these designated numbers will show up together on your phone number list. You can easily designate multiple ICE numbers in several ways. I suggest putting in your relationship to that person with the person's name.

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As an example, your ICE numbers could look like this:

- ICE Wife cell Linda
- ICE Wife Work Linda
- ICE Daughter dorm Sarah

One word of caution, the ICE number should put the caller in contact with a person who is familiar with your medical condition and who may be able to speak with some authority on your care. **Remember this... someone else is making the call because you are incapacitated.**

Other Categories

I like to program numbers into categories if possible. This works well for business-related contacts and ICE numbers but not so well for family and friends. So just enter your friends and family by easy-to-recall names. My categories are simple and help organize lots of numbers. Try this...

For all your medical and dental contacts, program all of those numbers so that they start with "Dr" (Note: I don't program in the period and am not trying to be grammatically correct in my phone.). The group of numbers will all show up together alphabetized under the letter "D." I recommend including what type of medical care

they offer. For example:

- Dr Smith Family
- Dr Brown Cardio
- Dr Wright Urology
- Dr Johnson Dentist

For your insurance companies (yes, you likely have several) you really don't need the name of the company programmed in. When you make the call, they will answer with the name of that particular company and you will instantly know. For example:

- Ins Car
- Ins RV
- Ins Emergency Road Service
- Ins Medical

If You Have An Accident

Even in an accident, if your cell phone should be damaged and unuseable, emergency personnel may be able to remove your SIM card from your phone and use the card containing the information in another cell phone. This could be a life-saving process.

Take a look right now and see how far your cell phone is setting away from you. In an accident, that phone—in the capable hands of someone else—may be critical to your well-being or members of your family. After all, it won't be used if you can tell the emergency responders what is wrong.

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Article by: Ronald E. Jones

Ed. Note:

Ron Jones is a friend of mine from the Monaco International travel club. He signs his posts on the "Monacoers" bulletin board as "Retired Military (Army) Retired Professor Retired Publisher Active Writer Serious Rver". He and his wife Sandy have been fulltiming for many years, so he has a ton of information to share. Highly recommend pulling up his website, AboutRVing.com, and learning from his many articles. - Bill

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The Binnacle List

There's good news on many fronts this month, while several of our members still really need our prayers. Please keep all of the following in your thoughts and prayers.

A. C. Autrey has recovered from gall bladder surgery, but reports he's still "not his old self". (Who is, AC?) Apparently, the gall bladder wasn't the real problem, so there is still work to be done. Still, AC's still his old optimistic self!

Bob Bogard has ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease) and now, the disease is progressing more quickly. He is experiencing a lot of problems with daily functions, but has a terrific attitude. Genise repeated that the VA Medical Center is still super in providing equipment and support for Bob.

Lew Dellinger had a stroke after the lung cancer diagnosis. Recently, he has responded extremely well to therapy on the lung tumor. That, along with his progress after the stroke led his doctor to say he'd never seen such a tremendous recovery by a man his age! Still a long way to go, but Lew is "working the problem".

Edye Jungels is still bothered by stiffness and soreness as a result of her shoulder surgery. Her legs are stiff and sore, so she goes to PT for both issues. She reports that she's managing well in spite of it all.

Andy Maglievaz has really been through the mill with leukemia and lymphoma. He is back in the hospital in Conway, too ill for the planned transfer to a nursing facility. The doctor says it's just a matter of time. Pray for Andy! And for his wife, Pat!

Ralph McClure is slowly recovering from the effects of a stroke. He had cataract surgery on both eyes in December, with some infection problems in one eye. They have done some corrective surgery and he seems to be improving.

Marion Spivey had a heart pacemaker implanted and is feeling quite a bit better. She needs a bit of adjustment from time to time, but Marion's now looking for a red Jag convertible. Anybody got one for this "new 29-year-old"?

Remember...

*Life is short and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts
of those who make this earthly pilgrimage with us.*

So, be swift to love,

And make haste to do Kindness, always. -Anonymous

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Email Safety
Free Computer Help - Worldstart.com
WorldStart Tips And Store

The WorldStart newsletter is delivered via email, and replies to it arrive in one of several inboxes that I monitor each day. When a response is called for, I reply, in an often vain attempt to answer readers' questions. Some of the replies to the newsletter are, to say the least, interesting, some a little disturbing, but most are just straightforward questions. Some, however, contain more personal information than they probably should. For example, one from a reader interested in making a purchase from WorldStart, included the reader's full name, along with his credit card number, and its expiration date.

A recent message that I found particularly alarming was an announcement that the individual who sent the email, was about to go on vacation. He included the date of his return and contact information for a surrogate, as he would be unavailable to answer his own email. Since there was no apparent reason for WorldStart to be aware of his plans, I assume this was a blanket email sent to everyone in his address book. When this arrived, I happened to have a little time on my hands and decided to spend a few minutes trying to learn more about the sender. Armed with only his email address, in roughly ten minutes, I was able to discover his full name, his wife's name, their home address, and some basic personal information. Given more time, this could have been cross-checked and verified, and more information could easily have been obtained.

So now, I had this gentleman's name, his home address, his wife's name, and their vacation plans. And I was a complete stranger. It should also be noted that I'm someone with limited computer skills. Someone more skilled and with more malicious intent, might have pursued this in depth, and used it as an opportunity to take advantage of the situation. What I did was reply to his message, informing him of the hazards of sending this kind of information by email.

The risk of personal exposure on the internet, through Facebook or other social media is frequently discussed (and just as frequently ignored). It was in fact, a news story on that subject I'd seen the night before I received this email that probably heightened my own awareness. However, probably because email is a more selective method of communication, many who would never consider posting personal information on the web, are often less careful in email.

The bottom line is, before hitting the Send button, make sure that the recipients you've selected are the ones to which you actually want your message delivered. And this doesn't just apply to security issues, as anyone can confirm, who has inadvertently sent something embarrassing to a boss, coworker, or family member.

~Kevin
Ed Note

I'd add "Don't put any personal info on an unsecured link - email or browser!"

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The Recipe File

From the Huddlestons: Sonny found this recipe in a RV magazine & I made it and it was really good and very easy. Try it, Joella

Quick & Easy Beer Bread

- Ingredients:
 - ◆ 2 Cups Self-rising flour
 - ◆ ¼ Cup Sugar
 - ◆ 1 (12oz.) can of room temperature beer (Bud Lite works)
(I used Yuengling Traditional Lager & it was good)
 - ◆ 2 teaspoons Vanilla

- Directions
 - ◆ Preheat oven to 350°, spray a not-stick 4½ X 8½ loaf pan with cooking spray.
 - ◆ Combine flour & sugar mix. Add beer & vanilla. Mix until all is combined & pour batter into loaf pan.
 - ◆ Bake for 45 minutes.
 - ◆ When done, brush top with melted butter. Enjoy

Taken from an RV magazine provided by Larry & Wandella Williams

COMEDY CORNER

From the Classroom

SYLVIA: Dad, can you write in the dark?

FATHER: I think so. What do you want me to write?

SYLVIA: Your name on this report card.

TEACHER: Ellen, give me a sentence starting with "I". ELLEN: I is...

TEACHER: No, Ellen. Always say, "I am."

ELLEN: All right... "I am the ninth letter of the alphabet."

TEACHER: If I had seven oranges in one hand and eight oranges in the other, what would I have?

LITTLE JOHNNY: Big hands!

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Answer to, “Where’s Kic?”

Kic is shown at the Garvin Woodlands Gardens, explaining details to the Hogs who attended a muster that Kic and Eileen Wheeler hosted. The beautiful bridge is a feature at Garvin Gardens as is the outdoor train layout shown below:



At the upcoming Spring Muster, we expect many flowers will welcome us to the End of Winter!

We’ll be camping at the Cloud Nine RV Park, where the Wheelers made the arrangements for earlier musters. Here’s a shot that shows a few of the Hogs’ units with the cozy, well-equipped club room with our chapter banner in the background:



Another highlight that the Hards and the Spring Muster will be a day at the races at Oaklawn Park. This is first-class racing, with a number of the thoroughbreds who do well heading on to run in the Kentucky Derby! I’ve put a couple of shots of the track at Oaklawn below:



They’re OFF!

See you at Hot Springs!

...and Then-



And DOWN the stretch they come!

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RESERVATION FORM
Arkansas Hogs Muster, 27 - 1 April 2011
Cloud Nine RV Park, Hot Springs, AR
136 Cloud Nine Drive, Hot Springs, AR 71901
(501) 262-1996 cloudninerpark@aol.com

Name _____ SMART# _____

We plan to attend the March muster. The fee is \$7.50 per person, \$15 a couple.
Please submit as soon as possible but no later than 13 Mar 2011 to:

Bill & Charolette Hards
9 Amable Lane (501) 922-3121 (h) (501) 204-9118 (c)
Hot Springs, AR 71909 clhards@aol.com

ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST SIGN THE FOLLOWING:

In consideration of the undersigned person(s) participating in the above muster, the undersigned hereby releases and agrees to indemnify and hold harmless SMART, its officers, directors, employees, agents, successors and assigns from any and all liabilities, claims, losses, damages, injuries, and reasonable attorney fees which arise, result from, or relate to, any of SMART or ARKANSAS SMART HOGS activities, or the negligence, omissions, lack of care of its officers, directors, employees or agents.

SIGNATURES: (All attendees must sign, please.)

1. _____ DATE _____

2. _____ DATE _____

3. _____ DATE _____

NOTE TO ATTENDEES: You are responsible for making your own reservations and deposits at: Cloud Nine RV Park. Be sure to mention your reservations are for The SMART MUSTER.

SMART 2011 SC Region Muster – 8-12 April (depart 13 April)

James E Ward Agri-Center, 945 E. Baddour Pkwy., Lebanon, TN

http://www.wilsoncountyttn.com/ag_center_facilities.htm

MUSTER REGISTRATION and PARKING FORM

Reservation Deadline is 1 March 2011

Registration and Parking Fees may be combined into a single check payable to: SMART SC Region Muster

MAIL this form and check to: Glen Thomas, 51 Hickory Hollow Circle, Crossville, TN 38555

CONTACT: SC Muster Masters –Glen & Marlene Thomas, 931 787-4247 / 931 510-6251, herbnquilt@glenmar.us

SC Muster Chairman – Chuck Kuzma, 850 803-8761, ckuzma16@cox.net

Name Last _____ First _____ Spouse _____

Address _____ City _____ State/Prov. _____ ZIP _____

HomePhone _____ Cell _____ Email _____

SMART# _____ Spouse SMART

_____ Chapter(s) _____

1st Ever Muster _____ 1st Time at a Regional Muster _____ # of Guests in Rig _____

Name(s) _____

Arrival: Staff - April 7 __, Regular - April 8 __, Other _____; Departure: Regular - April 13 __, Early - April __,

Other _____

Number of nights (5 maximum, 6 nights for Muster Staff) _____ Handicap parking _____ Non Camping _____

Interested in: Golf Tournament: _____ Craft/White Elephant Sales: _____ Book Sales: _____

Muster Information: There is ample room for table games, seminars, displays, and other activities. Catered breakfasts and

dinners are planned and will be finalized as the muster date approaches. Additional information, such as schedule (agenda), meals, activities (games, etc.), seminars and updates will be provided by email to those registered and Chapter Presidents.

Registration Fees: \$80 for 2 persons/Rig, \$40.00 for 1 person/rig, \$40.00 each additional person. No registration fees will be refunded after 1 March 2011 without a verifiable emergency. **Registration fee must be paid in full** when this form is mailed.

The registration fee includes one Muster Swinger (hangs from SMART name tag) per person. Additional swingers may be ordered. Additional swinger ordering information will be provided following receipt of registration.

Parking Fees: \$20 per night with maximum stay of 5 nights (6 nights for Muster Staff). **A \$20 parking deposit is required**

when this form is mailed, with balance paid upon arrival, or parking fee may be paid in full when this form is mailed.

Parking and Registration fee may be combined in a single check and enclosed with this completed form.

Campground Information: The Agri-Center has Water/ 30 Amp Electric sites (paved, gravel or grass), 4 dump stations, and 2 handicap accessible shower houses – 1 where a wheelchair can be rolled into shower itself. Buildings have concrete floors, A/C, sound system, handicap restrooms and kitchen facilities with ample dining space for banquet style setups.

Each rig should bring extra water hoses, electrical cords and water “Y’s”

Directions: Lebanon is East of Nashville on I-40. If traveling East on I-40 take Exit 239B (US Hwy 70 North. If traveling West on I-40 take Exit 239 (US Hwy 70 North. Follow US Hwy 70 North approximately 1 to 1 ½ miles.

Local Area Information: There is a Prime Outlet Mall nearby along with other sights and shopping experiences. Visit <http://www.lebanontn.org/default.aspx> for information on Lebanon, TN.

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ALL SMART Members & non-SMART members must sign below in order to participate – Please read: For services

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Signature: _____ Date: _____

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