



MARCH 2017



This was the setting for the March Muster beautiful flowering dogwoods and a lake that was just jumping with fish (I think). The surrounding area was beautiful and I think was enjoyed by all. Our hosts the Leggetts, Letsingers, and Deblieux kept us well fed and content. They did a wonderful job with the planning and executing of various tours to Chenault Air and Military museum and Biederharn Museum and Gardens. The Biederharn Museum was built by the family that first bottled Coca Cola in the area. It features a lot of Coca Cola and other period memorabilia. The Chenault Air Museum celebrates local aviation feats. Monroe was a training base for WWII pilots and the home of Delta Airlines. Duck Dynasty headquarters are also located in the area. There is a store to buy duck dynasty stuff and perhaps meet some of the cast members. They donated several items that were given away as door prizes after the business meeting.

Of course, several of the ladies got together to do shopping and touring of the antique areas. The men were actually able to do their planned golf outing despite the rain from the previous day. I believe that everyone had something to meet their needs and enjoyed the fellowship of the muster.

Thanks gain to our hosts Johnny and Linda Leggett, Kathy and Doug Letsinger, and Karen and Bo Deblieux.

Future Musters

April 24-27, 2017

Poche's Fish-n-Camp

Breaux Bridge, LA

Hosts: Francis and Lynette Arceneaux

The RV Park is full contact Francis to be on a waiting list
In case someone drops out.

November 5-12, 2017

Branson Lakeside RV Park

Branson, MO

Hosts: Doug and Janet Barksdale

The RV Park is full. Doug will start a waiting
List in case someone drops out.

National Muster
October 25-29, 2017
Rayne Civic Center
Rayne, LA

Information and registration forms can be found on the National Website.

Member News

Lois Maurer is still trying to get her home remodeled after the 6 month anniversary of the August flooding that hit so many places and homes in Louisiana. She still has to deal with contractors trying to get things done. She is coming to the Y'all come and sharing a hotel room with Bernadette Marino.

John and Gloria went to a luncheon at Drucillas in Baton Rouge and had a great lunch with Lee and Irene Fontenot, Doug and Janet Barksdale, Jim and Kathy McCurry, Lois Maurer, Bernadette Marino and Jimmie Faye Sullivan.

Vernon Clark is still recuperating from his ladder fall, but he is now home. Physical therapy is still a part of his life for at least a couple of more weeks. He hopes to get back on the road in a few months.

Gerald Durbin had laser surgery on his eye that has been so blurred lately. The diagnosis is that his vision will be no better than 20/70 and it will probably still be too blurred to be able to read with. Phyllis is having difficulty with her chemo treatments and Gerald says she is eating very little because of a lack of appetite. She has lost a lot of weight and is very weak.

The Comeaux's had good doctor reports. Joe is getting the LP monitor for the RV replaced before getting on the road again. They had to cancel the Ruston muster due to rear RV lights not working.

Kathy and Godfrey Boudreaux have been doing well and traveling in their RV for the past several weeks.

The Ciardellos will be traveling to Europe the first week in April.

Carol Vardell has breast cancer found several weeks ago. She is seeing a surgeon on 3/28 @ 2p.m. to schedule surgery. Don is requesting prayers for her.

The Krieger's had to cancel the Ruston muster because Tracey's health problems.

John Cross had a recent doctor's appointment to exam his skin graft to his ear. The doctor was pleased and soon John may be able to use his hearing aid. They visited with John's daughter's family after the muster. John is seeing a doctor this week to follow up on a chest x-ray that showed a spot in the lower part of his right lung. A CT scan of John's lung proved to be negative. Gloria and John thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers.

Juanita Glazier reported that Bob had a successful outcome on his knee surgery. He is up and walking with a walker. He has now progressed to a cane. Juanita says they are a 2 cane family.

Walt Padgett had a stroke on February 9th. He has a left sided weakness but no other issues. He is working hard in physical therapy to regain strength and endurance. His bigger issue is the fatigue that comes with having to work hard and concentrate to do all his usual activities.

Irene Fontenot had a severe case of laryngitis at the beginning of the muster but Lee took her to a doctor and by the end of the muster was feeling and sounding better. They also went to visit Bert and Alonna Richard at their lake camp. Bert does not leave his home very much now and we could not get them to join us at the muster.

Linda Leggett had knee replacement and is doing very well. She is already home at this time.

Herb Whitfield (a former Cajun member) says his wife is now preparing for liver surgery. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers.

Lynette Arceneaux had knee surgery on 4/3 to replace a part of the knee that was damaged when she fell in October. This was on a knee that had been previously replaced. She should be home by now resting comfortably.

Jimmie Faye Sullivan asks for good thoughts and prayers as she goes through neck surgery scheduled for 4/4. Hopefully she is home now resting comfortably.

Larry Pousson also is having some medical issues concerning his carotid and other arteries. They are blocked and treatment plans have yet to be determined so please keep him in your thoughts.

Chuck and Frieda Trenched are getting ready to leave for their co-hosts job in a Corp of Engineers RV park in Pennsylvania.

CONDELENCES TO THE FOLLOWING SMART CAJUN FAMILY MEMBERS:

Janell Henson on the loss of her husband James "Jim" Henson on February 11th.

Kathy and Jim McCurry on the loss of her father Gus.

Ann and Denny Olvany on the loss of her brother Jimmy DeGeneres.

Geri and Bill Blansfield on the loss of Geri's son Danny Christian on February 27.

Please keep all of these members in your in prayers as they go through these difficult times.

Charley LeBlanc is asking for Volunteers for the National Muster in October. Please see him at the Y'all come or email or call him. There is also information in the latest SMART HQ e-news with regard to the Muster.

New Members



New members Marty and Sue McMahon both are retired Army. They are from North Las Vegas, Nevada

If anyone has suggestions for changes or additions to the news letter please direct those to Walt Padgett. Thanks for your help.

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