

## Upcoming Events 2015

Scenic Sumter Meeting  
3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday each Month 11 a.m.  
Various Locations around the County

### September

- 12 Discover Sumter Bass Tourney.
- 15 CME Meeting-Webster Community Center.

### October

- 17 Bushnell Fall Fest.
- 20 CME Meeting-Dade Battlefield.

### November

- 14 Antique Appraisal Fair-Lake Panasoffkee Rec Center.
- 17 CME Meeting-Bushnell City Hall.
- 21 Farm City Week at Paddock Square.

### December

- 8 CME Meeting-UF/IFAS Extension. At the fairgrounds. Holiday Potluck.

### SSHB Directors

Dan McCormic, Explore Sumter  
Dawn Cary, Great Lakes Carpet  
Jim Veal, Sr., Pana Vista Lodge  
Jackey Jackson, Sumter Co. Public Works  
Judie Mueller, USPS  
Paul Remis, Dade Battlefield  
Steve Rinck, Dade Battlefield  
Connie Mahan, Connie Mahan Real Estate  
Martin Steele, Private Citizen



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## Byway Partner/ Destination Spotlight

**Wild Cow Cemetery** A small historical gem sits off the southwestern loop of the Scenic Sumter Heritage Byway.

Nestled under a canopy of oak trees, the Wild Cow Prairie Cemetery is the final resting place for several early area residents.

The dozen or so headstones bear the names of early Sumter County families: Weeks, Branch, Smith, Mobley, Benton

and Pemberton. Its occupants lived most of their lives in the late 1800's.

Less than a mile to the southwest, a town bearing the name of Pemberton was established in the late 19th century, but no apparent traces remain.

The cemetery is of historical interest as it holds the graves of two Indian Wars veterans and at least one Civil War veteran. *See more on next page.*



## Website is Up!

Check out our new website at [www.sumterbyway.com](http://www.sumterbyway.com). Maps, newsletters, forms, and destinations as well as our sponsors and photos along the byway. Let us know your thoughts!

## ANTIQUE Appraisal Fair

### Byway Antique Appraisal Fair

Our second Antique Appraisal Fair will be held on Saturday, November 14, 2015 and will be at the Lake Panasoffkee Recreational Center on 471. The cost will be \$5.00/item with a limit of 5 items per entry. Chris Dudley with Dudley Antiques in Floral City, along with her team of appraisers will be on hand to give you a fair market value of your treasures. Come out and join us that day, as there will also be a car show on the property, along with food and a bake sale!

## Coast to Coast South Sumter Connector Trail Update

The Florida Department of Transportation District Five recently completed the second phase of the Corridor Planning Study. The team is currently gearing up for the third and final phase where viable trail alternatives will be evaluated and refined. Once done an Alternatives Development Workshop will be held, which is planned for January 2016., where results will be presented for public comments. In the upcoming few months, the Project Team will be presenting an update to area MPO's. Presentation to Lake Sumter MPO is scheduled for September 23 at 2 p.m. in Leesburg. You can also go to [www.cflroads.com](http://www.cflroads.com) and search "South Sumter Connector Trail" for more info.

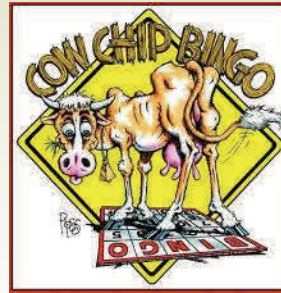
**Adopt--A-Highway clean up** is scheduled for Saturday, September 19, 2015 at the Florida National Cemetery at 9:00 A.M. This is a great opportunity for community service hours for High School students and Citizens. Please wear appropriate clothing and go to our website in order to view the Safety Video if you wish to join us.

**Wild Cow Cemetery *continued***...Its date of origin is unknown, but its name comes from a sprawling wetland and marsh that lies almost immediately south of the cemetery.

This site is located in the southeastern quarter of the intersection of Interstate 75 and County Road 476-B. The cemetery's western edge is about 30 feet from the I-75 right-of-way. And, it's about a mile east of the Florida National Cemetery Bushnell. At the beginning of the eastern approach to the I-75 overpass, a sign marks a small gravel road running about 850 feet to the site. It's now owned by Sumter County.

### **Abraham's Town Historical Marker Update**

The byway is working in partnership with the Sumter County Historical Society, Dade Battlefield Society, Seminole Wars Foundation, Historic Hernando Preservation Society and Explore Sumter to place a state historical marker at this site between Center Hill and Webster. Funds have been raised and application to the state is underway!



**Cow Chip Bingo** spots available for the Bushnell Fall Fest. Only \$10 each with chance to win \$500! Call (352) 267-8801 to get your tickets today!

### **Garry Balogh Retires**

District 5 Scenic Byway Coordinator, Garry Balogh retired this past June and is seen receiving an award of appreciation from President, Dan McCormic for his outstanding work, support and contributions to our Byway.



### **County Way-Finding Sign Project**

Sumter County is in the latter stages of the erection of Way-finding Signage through-out the County. The BOCC approved a contract to implement a Way-finding Signage program (consisting of 31 signs) in order to provide motorist direction to Sumter County's unique features like Lake Okahumpka and the Fairgrounds as well as a sense of place to Sumter County's unique features. The signs are of varying sizes as determined by their function as a primary, secondary destination feature sign or a gateway feature. The signs feature Sumter's natural beauty as they have an umber background and showcase ducks among cat tails. Please note, for example, the signs along SR 441 as you enter Sumter County. The signs should all be up by the end of August.