

SOITC SUITE TALK

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Main Street, Natchitoches
April 6-10, 2021

SOUTH CENTRAL RALLY PLANS

Now that there is a vaccine for Covid, and large numbers of us will likely receive it this spring, you need to make plans to be at SOITC rallies!

There is still time to get to the South-Central Spring Rally in Louisiana's oldest parish, Natchitoches.

Natchitoches, Louisiana is the oldest parish in the state of Louisiana. The Cane River runs from the National Historic District with restaurants and shops, then flows south into National Park lands, passing old plantations along the way.

We will kick off the rally with a continental breakfast and a presentation by the Cane River National Heritage Area organization. They will talk about what to see and do while enjoying your stay at the Grand Ecore RV Park.

Dive into the area's history with us. We have two plantation tours scheduled and a carriage ride through the historic district. Then a guided tour of Fort St. Jean Baptiste State Historic Site.

Go to www.Suitesowners.com to start the process now!

SOUTH CENTRAL RALLY!

The place to be this Spring

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NATCHITOCHESES

It is the place to be in April!

SOITC's South Central Rally is scheduled for April 6-10.

Natchitoches, (Nack-a-tish) the original French colony in Louisiana, is the oldest settlement in the Louisiana Purchase. With its picturesque location on the banks of the 36-mile-long Cane River Lake. Natchitoches retains its European flavor through its architecture, heritage, and lifestyle. It was established in 1714.

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For more great ideas, go to:

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Download this adventure guide!

Download the Visitors Guide for Natchitoches:

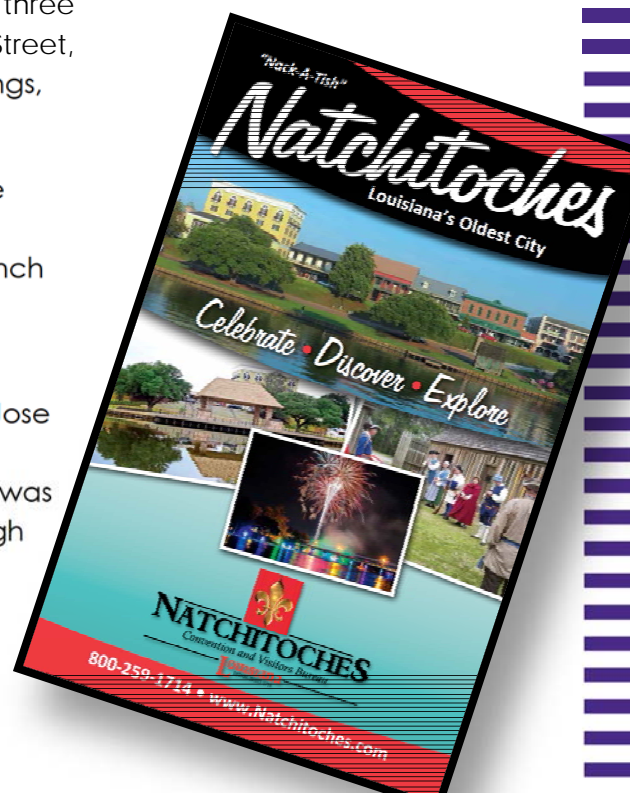
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Today, Creole townhouses and other centuries-old buildings comprise Natchitoches' 33-block National Historic Landmark District, one of only three such districts in the state of Louisiana. The district is anchored by Front Street, paved with weathered brick, and lined with wrought-iron-laced buildings, stately live oaks, magnolia trees, shops, and restaurants.

The City's Historic District is located within Cane River National Heritage Area, a region known for historic landscapes, Creole architecture, and multi-cultural legacy. Historically, this region lay at the boundary of French and Spanish realms in the New World.

"The word "Natchitoches" is generally supposed to be derived from "nashitosh," the native word for pawpaw, but an early Spanish writer, Jose Antonio Pichardo, was told that it was from a native word "nacicit" signifying "a place where the soil is the color of red ochre," and that it was applied originally to a small creek in their neighborhood running through red soil."



If you have never been to a rally, you have not appreciated your membership in SOITC! It is the perfect opportunity to make friends, share experiences, and learn about how to get more out of your RV investment.

With seminars by other DRV owners, component manufacturers and suppliers, you will learn some tricks of the trade.

And do not forget to ask questions not only of these experts, but also the guy camping next to you. There is a lot of tribal knowledge on using and caring for these suites. We find that there are few new problems and frequently someone already solved the old ones!

More
Natchitoches
Pictures



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RALLIES GO TO:**

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2021 SOITC INTERNATIONAL RALLY

May 10-14, 2021
River Plantation RV Resort
Sevierville, TN

Join us for a "Smoky Mountain Reunion" in the Great Smoky Mountains of Tennessee. Located just down the road from Cades Cove and just outside Sevierville, Tennessee, River Plantation RV Resort is located on the quiet banks of the Little Pigeon River with lots of big rig sites and has been a favorite location for SOITC rallies in the past. We have blocked off 150 sites. The rally fee includes activities, entertainment, seminars, six onsite continental breakfasts and three catered onsite dinners. Fees do not include camping fees.

2022 SOITC INTERNATIONAL RALLY

August 2-8, 2022
KOA Lakeside Resort
Fort Collins, Colorado

Join us for a "Rocky Mountain Reunion" in the gateway to the Rockies. Activities will include visits to breweries and to Rocky Mountain National Park. The Rally is the week following the Cheyenne Frontier Days so you can have the complete western experience in a single trip. Fees will include three catered dinners and six continental breakfasts. Stay tuned for more information and pricing.

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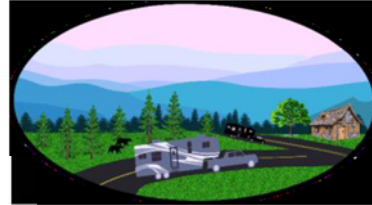
Stitches on the Road is the primary supplier for SOITC and DRV Gear. Recently Kevin and Tonya Hollis have become full-time RVers. Thus, they have a new mailing address and other contact information.

They also have new merchandise to announce, including **Shirts for the 2021 SOITC INTERNATIONAL RALLY** in Sevierville, Tennessee. Both T-shirts and Polo shirts are available. The order form for these shirts is the the third tab down under Rallies on the website, under [2021 Int'l Rally Shirts](#). This is a fillable pdf form so you can now enter your order information directly on your computer and email it to Stitches on the Road. No Scanning!



Polo Shirt

Back of shirt



Sleeve of shirt

SOITC FORUM

Social media has come to be defined as Facebook and Twitter along with smaller competitors like Instagram and Parler. Long before those online gathering places, there were forums. Some of you may never have visited an on-line forum.

The experience is quite different. It is a conversation between the members, with little emphasis on likes, pictures, and timelines. Threads tie the conversations together. They are highly searchable. Thus, problems do not need to be rediscussed every three weeks. Simply search for a key word and you may find someone solved the problem years ago and the solutions are well discussed.

Join the forum activity from www.suitesowners.com. Just click on the **Forum** tab.

MANUALS AND BROCHURES

We have added a new page to the website. The fourth line down under the "Home" tab is now a link to a page with more than 175 manuals, brochures and links to manufacturers who supply components for DRV 5th wheels and accessories.

Much of the service required on our rigs is not on DRV manufactured components but on components from subcontractors. Locating those manuals can be difficult for the DIY repairmen. This helps!

<https://suitesowners.com/manuals-and-brochures/>

Suite Talk is a monthly publication of SOITC. We are always looking for contributions and ideas for content. Send them to me at: Western@suitesowners.com.