

SOITC SUITE TALK

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Lazy River, Sun RV Resort, Pigeon Forge, Tennessee



VOLUNTEER!

SOITC is a group run by volunteers – there is no paid staff. Rallies, websites, newsletters, forum, Facebook Group, management, and anything else done in SOITC's name is done by volunteers. We are looking for volunteers for nomination to the Board of Directors. The election will be at the Sevierville Rally Annual SOITC Business Meeting.

This year we will elect a President, Treasurer, and Eastern Regional Director. Your name could be on the ballot. It is not a lot of work and the rewards are great.

You will meet fun people; you will have a chance to steer the direction of SOITC to make it the type of club in which you want to be a member.

Best of all regional directors get to pick where the next rally will be and the activities at the rally. Got a favorite spot? Go there!

If any of this is appealing to you, speak to one of the current board members who will make sure that your name is on the ballot. It is a great opportunity to give back to the SOITC community and direct the organization.

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DRV ROUND TABLE

Paul McClellan (VP) reports:

On Wednesday, February 24th DRV hosted the second Round Table Zoom meeting. Present on the Zoom call were DOG members Anita Kirby and Kathy Newell. DRV Society administrator Alicia Tenny. Representing DRV were Shawn James, Kyle Miller and William Miller and myself from SOITC. The meeting was positive with everyone sharing their ideas. A summary of the ideas is:

A national DRV Rally to be hosted by DRV in the Goshen or Elkhart Indiana area. After some discussion, the consensus of the group was to have the Rally sooner than later. Noting that DOG and SOITC already have Rallies scheduled for 2021, DRV will begin looking for dates April and June 2022. It was mentioned that SOITC has our 2022 International Rally already planned, hopefully the rallies will not compete for attendance.

DRV is planning to have a new website where a library of videos on a variety of subjects will be available. DRV is planning to have a new welcome center at the Howe factory with hopes of beginning factory tours again.

The group discussed a variety of topics encouraging DRV to include more information about safety, maintenance, and quality control of our DRV units in future videos. Each of the DRV owners on the call gave examples of issues with their units that could have or did result in being broken down on the side of the road. Some examples were fires, brakes, bearings. William Miller has a meeting at MORryde planned.

Alicia was asked about her campground in Elk City, OK. It is coming along and the convention center in Elk City is relocating on property next to Alicia's.

DRV was encouraged to reach out to subject matter experts for video content. For example:

Dan's Hitch in Elkhart IN, where many RV transport drivers go for installation of wiring, hitches etc. Dan's hitch could be helpful for owners to understand the LED light and brake control complexities. RV Safety and Education Foundation (RVSEF) <https://rvsafety.com>.

Their website is full of information relating to RV safety and the RV lifestyle. As many of our SOITC members are aware RVSEF has participated in several of our Rallies providing seminars, weighing our rigs, and having individual discussions with members pro and con on what we they are doing with our DRV units.

In summary, the Zoom call was highly informative and productive. We need to translate discussions into goals that have been accomplished. This will take time. Our friends at DRV need to be commended for their leadership and enthusiasm.

We at SOITC are looking forward to participating in future discussions.

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SEVIERVILLE RALLY ATTENDEES

Confirm your campsite reservations! Several people have reported that during the conversion from the reservation system to the new Sun RV Resort reservation system the site reservations for the rally have been messed up. We encourage you to contact Sun Country to confirm your reservation for the Rally is as you expect. Their phone number is: **(800) 758-5267**



The "Smoky Mountain Reunion" in the Great Smoky Mountains of Tennessee is May 10-14. 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.

Check out earlier issues of [Suite Talk](#) to find things to do before and after the rally. They are available on the SOITC Website.

2021 SOUTH CENTRAL SPRING RALLY

April 6, 2021 - April 10, 2021
Grand Ecore RV Park
Natchitoches, Louisiana

This year's spring rally we will be exploring the sites around Louisiana's oldest parish, Natchitoches. The history in the area goes back a couple of centuries and when walking downtown, you will feel like you have stepped back in time.

The rally will be at Grand Ecore RV Park. This campground has full hook up sites with concrete pads and plenty of room between sites. It is away from city noises which makes for a peaceful stay. We have thirty sites reserved, some of them are pull-through and some back-in.

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.

REGISTER FOR THESE RALLIES NOW AT SUITESOWNERS.COM!

