

SOITC SUITE TALK

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SOITC members solving the world's problems!



AFTER THE EPIDEMIC!

The first post-epidemic rally is in the record books, and by all accounts was a huge success!

There was lots of fun! Thanks to the hard work of all the people who contributed to its success.

Now we are planning activities for the last half of 2021 and 2022. Already scheduled are a North Central rally in Amish Country in Ohio, a rally near Colonial Williamsburg, Virginia as well as the next International Rally in Colorado.

Rumors of a summer rally in Kansas have been started!

Come winter, we look forward to renewing the luncheons and other regional events.

We also have personal trips planned. Need advice? Make sure you check out the Facebook Group and the Forum for advice on where to stay and what to do!

One bit of advice we hear often is to make your campsite reservations early. Last year was huge for the RV industry and that means campgrounds will be full and travel will be a challenge.

We think that 2021 and 2022 will be great years for SOITC and RV'ers!

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NEW DIRECTORS, AMENDED BYLAWS

One of the important events of the International Rally is the business meeting: It brings new officers and directors and changes in bylaws and financial reports. Maybe not a reason to travel across the country, but important for the future of SOITC!

We have elected a new President, Lowell Briggs. Although new to the SOITC Board, his experience as Division Coordinator, Mass Communications & PR for the Department of Communications and The Arts at York College of Pennsylvania will serve him well in his new role! He has recently retired and he and his wife Marsha are going full-time on the road. We welcome him to the world of nomads their new 2021 RSSA 38! He has been a member of SOITC since June 2016.

Kirk Inskeep will serve out the rest of his term as Vice President.

Cindy Bellis was elected as the Eastern Regional Director and already has a Rally planned for May of next year. Cindy and her husband Frederick reside in Baxter, Tennessee. They have a 2020 Houston. They have been members of SOITC since April 2013.

David Brown was re-elected as treasurer and gave a report on the financial status of the club. The club is an Indiana Corporation and nonprofit as a 501.C7 (Nonprofit/Membership). The club is a cash organization so that monies received and expended are recorded upon receipt and expenditure. Insurance for the club is paid annually in December of each year.

Bylaws for SOITC have evolved as the organization has grown. There were numerous minor changes that included:

1. Article V, Number 11: Should a member dispose of and no longer possess a qualifying RV, membership in SOITC shall terminate and thus no longer be entitled to hold office (if in office). Former members who no longer own a qualifying RV shall be honorary guests welcome to participate in club activities.
2. Article VII, Number 5: A quorum shall consist of 20% of those SOITC members in good standing, attending the international rally, and present at the duly called business meeting of the club.
3. Addition of a new Board position, Electronic Assets Manager. This position will be responsible for maintaining the website, electronic communications, forum and Facebook group.

A complete copy of the new bylaws with other minor changes is on the club website. It can be found under the "About SOITC" tab in the Newsletters and Doc section.

There were regional meetings and plans for other rallies and events that will drive SOITC in the coming years!

SOITC Board of Directors	
<p>President Lowell Briggs president@suitesowners.com</p>	<p>Eastern Regional Director Cindy Bellis eastern@suitesowners.com</p>
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INTERNATIONAL RALLY 2022 – FORT COLLINS, COLORADO

In 2022 the SOITC International Rally returns to the west! Fort Collins, Colorado, gateway to Rocky Mountain National Park has been selected. The KOA Lakeside campground is our venue. We are planning to begin the festivities on Monday, August 1, and will continue all week.



The highlight of the week will be a trip into Rocky Mountain National Park. We will also plan brewery tours of both New Belgium Brewery (Fat Tire) and Budweiser Brewery right in Fort Collins. On one of the free days, plan a trip to Boulder and Golden and check out the Coors Brewery, NCAR Mesa Laboratory and the Colorado Railroad Museum.

Depending on the schedule, a Colorado Rockies Baseball game may be possible. There is no end of outdoor activities in the area – white water rafting, fishing, sightseeing, hiking – just to name a few.

On your way to the Rally, you may plan to spend some time at the Cheyenne Frontier Days the week before. It is one of the biggest rodeos in the world!

Registration is open, and the campground is filling up fast.

- Register online for the rally: <https://ssoitc.wildapricot.org/event-4311610>
- Reserve your campsite at KOA Lakeside and identify yourself as part of the SOITC Rally: (970) 484-9880

See you there! REGISTER FOR THESE RALLIES NOW AT www.SUITESOWNERS.COM

NORTHCENTRAL RALLY - 2021

September 13-18, 2021
Scenic Hills RV Park
Millersburg, OH



This year's Fall Rally will be held in Amish Country, Ohio. We have several day trips lined up for you to enjoy, including trips to the Warther Museum, Ohio State Reformatory, and Lehman's Hardware. For details, see the itinerary. There are also great dinners on the agenda.

Please make your own camping reservations by contacting the RV park directly. The McClellan's and the Robinson's will be located on sites 63 & 64, which is where our HQ Tent will be located. Make your reservations as soon as possible and be sure to tell them you are with the SOITC/DRV group.

EASTERN RALLY - 2022

May 16-22, 2022
American Heritage RV Resort
Williamsburg, VA



Join us for the 2022 Eastern rally in historic Colonial Williamsburg area. We are planning visits to Colonial Williamsburg and Busch Gardens. The complete itinerary will be released as we get closer to the rally. Rally events (not including Colonial Williamsburg and Busch Gardens) will be \$40 per couple. We plan to have enough guests to qualify for group rates at both Colonial Williamsburg and Busch Gardens.

Please make your camping reservations at American Heritage RV Resort by phone. Identify that you are with the SOITC Rally to get our rates of \$49.50 per night. 30 sites have been reserved. Cutoff date is 8 weeks prior to rally.

DRV AND SOITC MERCHANDISE

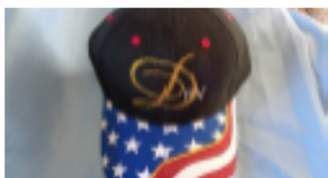
Stitches on the Road is the primary supplier for SOITC and DRV Gear. Recently Kevin and Tonya Hollis have become full-time RVers. Thus, they have a new mailing address and other contact information.

They also have new merchandise to announce, including **the newly designed name badge**.

There are also hats, shirts and decals for your rig.



Download the catalog and order form from the SOITC website. It is the second item under the "About SOITC" tab.

A "SOITC Apparel & Swag Order Form" with a grid for ordering items. The form includes fields for Name, Address, City, State, Zip, Phone, and E-mail. It also features a "This is a 60-day pull form" notice and a "Thank you for your order" message. The grid lists various items such as "Cap W/ SOITC Logo", "Cap W/ DRV Logo", and "Mug" with columns for quantity and price.

SOITC FORUM

Long before Facebook, there were forums. Some of you may never have visited an on-line forum.

The Forum experience is quite different from Facebook. 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 documented.

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

MANUALS AND BROCHURES

If you are a Do-It-Yourselfer or want to see the DRV brochure for your rig, you may enjoy the manuals and brochures page on the website.

I have found that most of the issues with my rig have been failures of components and the documentation from component manufacturers is sometimes hard to find. We are building a library on our website of components frequently used by DRV,

It can be found at www.suitesowners.com under the first tab.

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