

# SOITC SUITE TALK

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## SUMMER TRAVELS

As we are already halfway through Summer 2021 it has been fun to watch Americans as we rediscover the excitement of America. With international travel stymied by the pandemic and having been housebound for the past 16 months, American adventures are especially attractive.

National Parks are reporting guests at higher rates than ever, with a higher percentage of the guests being citizens of the United States. Most reports suggest that RV campgrounds are busier than ever, and the RV industry remains healthy.

Reports on our Facebook pages of new Houstons, Fullhouses, and Santa Fes being delivered to new owners suggest an exciting future for the DRV family. Others are spiffing up their older rigs to look better than new!

Be sure to add your story to the SOITC Facebook Community. Tell us where you traveled, solutions to issues, where to get good service, great campgrounds, DIY projects and any other tidbit you think other DRV owners may be interested in. It is also a great place to ask for help.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/DRVOWNERSCLUBSOITC>

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# FROM THE PRESIDENT'S ROLLING DRV DESK

Hi, everyone,

In our first three months of full-timing, one of our joys is waving at other DRVs on the road. We hope all of you are enjoying quality DRV travel time across America. Mid-September brings our NorthCentral Rally in Ohio. Hosts Ken Robinson and Paul McClellan have a full schedule of great places to see. SOITC's 2022 rallies in Williamsburg, Kansas and Colorado already list exciting excursions. I hope you are planning to join us.

We also appreciate your use of SOITC's Forum community. Many of you tell us how valuable answers to your forum questions are from other owners. Just as peak rig performance is important for you, we would like our website to be optimal as well. Let any of our board members know what you need to maximize your SOITC online experience. Until our next edition, safe travels. We will be waving to you.

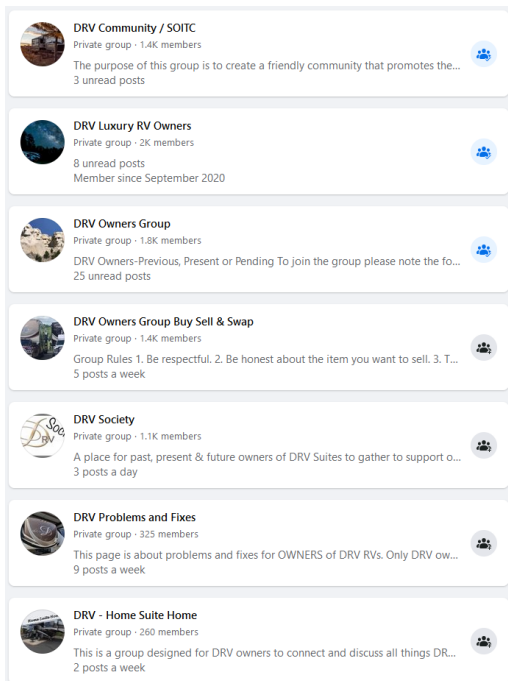
Lowell Briggs  
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 SOITC

## WHO'S WHO ON FACEBOOK

Facebook has become the public meeting place for many Americans including DRV owners. At last count there were seven Facebook Groups dedicated to all things DRV. You should know that the only official SOITC Facebook group is **DRV Community / SOITC**.

Although one of the last groups to be formed, we are the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest and growing quickly. We grew nearly 50% this past year and are proud of the nearly 1500 members. It is the only group with a formal organization behind it, including bylaws, Board of Directors, treasury, newsletter, forum, and liability insurance at rallies. We have been an IRS 501 (C) organization since 2006. All SOITC members are DRV owners, so we not only talk the talk, but we also walk the walk. We also have a long and beneficial relationship with the DRV Factory.

Thank you for your continued support at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/DRVOWNERSCLUBSOITC/>



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## INTERNATIONAL RALLY 2022 – FORT COLLINS,



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.

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](http://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.

## SOUTH CENTRAL RALLY – JULY 12-17, 2022



It is time to put on those ruby red slippers and follow the yellow brick road to the 2022 South Central Rally in Mayetta, Kansas.

Our rally ambassadors this year are Doug and Denise Fundis and with their guidance we are bound to have good ole time.

This year's location is Prairie Band Casino & RV Resort. We have 30 RV spots reserved from July 11-18, 2022. The rally will officially begin July 12 and end the 17th. Once the itinerary is completed, it will be posted. For those going to the 2022 International Rally this would be great way to get the party started.

To make a reservation with the resort you must call 785-966-7742 and tell them you are with the rally. Do not call the number on the website. You will not be assigned a specific spot; upon arrival you will pick your spot and you will let them know what site you are in.

### 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

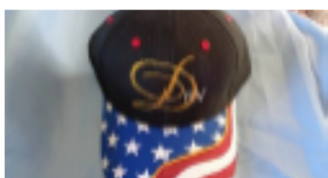
**Stitches on the Road** is the primary supplier for SOITC and DRV Gear. Recently Kevin and Tonya Hollis have become full-time RVers. Thus, they have a new mailing address and other contact information.

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 screenshot of a "SOITC Apparel & Swag Order Form". The form includes fields for Name, Address, City, State, Zip, Phone, and Comments. It also features a grid for selecting items, with columns for "Qty", "Color", and "Price". The items listed include various caps (e.g., "Cap W/ SOITC Logo", "Cap W/ DRV Logo") and mugs. A small image of a yellow RV is in the top left corner of the form. The form is tilted slightly to the right.

## SOITC FORUM

Long before Facebook, there were forums. Some of you have never 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 will find someone solved the problem years ago and the solutions are well documented.

Join the forum activity from [www.suitesowners.com](http://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](http://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](mailto:Western@suitesowners.com).