

# SOITC SUITE TALK

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## SOITC International Rally Ft. Collins, Colorado August 1-7



### 2022 RALLIES!

Time to make plans for 2022 and it should include one or more SOITC Rallies! We'll have the details on the following pages, but for now we are inviting you to attend one or more of the terrific events we are planning.

Begin the year in the Eastern Region, with an exciting event near **Williamsburg, Virginia**, from May 16 to May 22. Busch Gardens and Colonial Williamsburg are on the itinerary.

Following that is the DRV sponsored **Gathering of the Suites** in Elkhart, Indiana. Although not an SOITC activity, we encourage all members to join us!

Then comes the South Central Rally at Prairie Band Casino & RV Resort in **Mayetta, Kansas**. That is a great stop on the way to Colorado.

The **SOITC International Rally goes to Ft. Collins, Colorado**, this summer. It is the gateway to Rocky Mountain National Park. We have lots of great activities planned. This runs from August 1-7

Check out the **Amana Colonies** at the North Central Rally from August 15-20 at Amana RV Park and Event Center.

For more info or to Register for any SOITC Rally go to our website: [www.suitesowners.com](http://www.suitesowners.com).

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## WEB, FACEBOOK, FORUM AND EMAIL

SOITC maintains an active electronic presence. Recognizing the importance of electronic communications, this past summer we added the position of Electronic Assets Manager (EAM) to the Board of Directors. The role of the EAM is to monitor and keep current the information on:

- The website ([www.suitesowners.com](http://www.suitesowners.com))
- Our membership maintenance site which is the source for periodic SOITC emails
- The Facebook Groups (DRV Community / SOITC and DRV Buy/Sell/Trade)
- The **Suite Talk** newsletter
- The SOITC Forum (<https://suitesownersinternationaltravelclub.vbulletin.net/>)

As RVer's, electronic communication is critical to staying in touch with the rest of the world. Our lifestyle would be much more difficult were it not for the flexibility provided by technology. Bills, checks, magazines, shopping, face-to-face meetings via zoom and letters are all instantaneously transmitted to wherever we happen to be. It's a miracle!

We recently reached 1,700 members on our DRV Community / SOITC Facebook Group. We are growing quickly at more than 2% monthly and will soon be the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest group, only behind DRV Luxury RV Owners. Many of us are members of all the groups and enjoy sharing our experiences with other DRV Owners and enthusiasts.

In August, we started the DRV Buy/Sell/Trade by SOITC Facebook Group. Already with 300 members, it opens an active marketplace for anyone buying or selling DRVs or accessories. Total membership grew 30% in December!

There is a web far beyond Facebook. Facebook is a great place to share, but the content can often be difficult to find, and does not lend itself to being a permanent reference. Our website is the oldest and most stable source for SOITC information. You can find:

- DRV Brochures
- Component maintenance manuals
- Rally information and registration
- Manage your membership
- Club bylaws
- Club Financials
- Links to Facebook and Forum sites
- SOITC and DRV Logo gear
- Rally Gear
- Pictures from Luncheons and Rallies from previous years
- Back issues of Suite Talk
- And much more!

Although no one likes spam, make sure that [ssoitc@wildapricot.org](mailto:ssoitc@wildapricot.org) is an accepted sender to your inbox! You'll get regular updates on rallies, the newsletter, and your membership status. They only come a few times a month, so please read them all!

Finally, our Forum is an excellent source for technical assistance. Join to post your question or share your expertise. It is easy to search, and information goes back nearly 15 years.

Nearly all these sites are open to DRV owners and enthusiasts. Only club membership is required for some parts of the website. Joining SOITC is inexpensive and results in huge savings when you attend our rallies.

Electronic Communication is the future of SOITC, and we look forward to making it an even more important part in 2022!

## **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. (Subject to covid restrictions) 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. Identify yourself as part of the SOITC Rally: (970) 484-9880

## **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 at that time; upon arrival you will pick your spot and you will let them know your preference.

## **JUST ANNOUNCED!**

### **SOITC NORTH CENTRAL RALLY AUGUST 15-20**

The 2022 North Central SOITC Rally is in a great part of the country: Amana, Iowa. The Amana Colonies are a National Historic Landmark. These residents of these colonies are of German descent. After immigration, they located first in New York, then moved to Iowa in the mid 1800's where they formed seven villages, each one to two miles apart. This is approximately one week following our International Rally in Fort Collins.

We will be at the Amana RV Park and Event Center. They will accommodate us at their weekly rate of \$240.00 + tax. Our contact person is Jamie. We have reserved 30 sites from August 14th thru the 20th. Her phone number is 319-622-7616. Make sure to tell her you are with SOITC and to be placed near the "Pioneer Building."

We have planned a dinner for our first night, Monday, at 5:30 at the Ronneburg Restaurant in Amana. We will order off the menu and pay individually. Once the itinerary is completed it will be posted.

Freewill donations to cover donuts, drinks, fruit and "Hank's Franks" will be taken during the Rally and this will allow us to waive a Rally fee.

### **EASTERN RALLY – MAY 16-22, 2022**

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 is available online.

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 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.

**REGISTER FOR THESE RALLIES NOW AT [WWW.SUITESOWNERS.COM](http://WWW.SUITESOWNERS.COM) !**

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 2022 SOITC INTERNATIONAL RALLY** in Fort Collins, Colorado. Both T-shirts and Polo shirts are available. The order form for these shirts is the fourth tab down under Rallies on the website, under [2022 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!

Back of shirt



Polo Shirt



Sleeve of shirt

## GATHERING OF THE SUITES

For the first time DRV is hosting a rally, the Gathering of the Suites in Elkhart, Indiana. Although not an SOITC event, we encourage our members to add this to their 2022 itinerary.

DRV Luxury Suites invites you to the 2022 Gathering of the Suites National Rally.

Calling ALL DRV Luxury Suite Owners. We hope you'll join us and take advantage of the opportunities to make new friendships and renew existing ones; enjoy great meals, entertainment, and hospitality; learn about your RV and ways of enjoying and caring for it; experience informative tours of Amish area attractions; and much more. Register at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-gathering-of-the-suites-drv-national-rally-2022-registration-167344954263>



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