

SOITC SUITE TALK

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Homolovi State Park, Winslow, AZ

THANK YOU, RICK BINNS

It is with great regret that we say goodbye to our President, Rick Binns. Rick has been an active member of SOITC for many years. He is successfully battling cancer, but has decided to change his lifestyle by selling his Mobile Suite. As such he is no longer allowed to be a member of SOITC. Thus he has resigned his official duties.

We have invited Rick to join us in Sevierville next May so many of us will be able to say our goodbyes and Thank You's in person.

Rick said, "Janice and I look forward to our chance to still travel and enjoy life... We have formed many strong friendships and great acquaintances through SOITC that we will always cherish and consider the most important value of being club members. We will always cherish our time in the SOITC and hope to still see many of you from time to time in the future. Thank you all for your vote of confidence in me as your president."

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CHANGES TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors of SOITC has had several changes during the past few months. Here they are:

As Rick Binns has resigned as President, he will be temporarily replaced by Kirk Inskeep who had served as VP. A new President will be elected at the May 2021 rally and Kirk will return to his role as VP for the duration of his term.

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All SOITC Board members agreed to add a year to their terms to support SOITC during the Covid-19 Pandemic. Rallies were also delayed 12 months. It's like 2020 never happened!

Paul McClellan will step in to help out Kirk as temporary VP and 2021 rally coordinator through the elections in May.

The Eastern Regional Director is now Franz Petersen. Again personal issues required AG Calwell to resign earlier this year. Franz will fill out their terms.

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Rick Binns took on many responsibilities as president. They included coordinator with Wild Apricot for membership management, website coordination and executive rally coordination to mention a few. Those responsibilities will now be handled by other Board members. Jody Codwise, Secretary, and David Brown, Treasurer, will work with Wild Apricot. Bill Schripsema, Western Regional Director, will manage the website. Paul McClellan, Acting VP, will be responsible for Rally Coordination. As other tasks become known, we will find volunteers!



Volunteer cooking at the 2019 Moab Rally

Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, all planned 2020 and 2021 rallies were delayed by one year. As those dates are reset, keep an eye on the schedule. We are hoping for Regional Spring rallies in Oregon and Louisiana and elsewhere later in the year.

The 2021 International Rally will be held in Tennessee and plans are underway to hold a 2022 International Rally in Fort Collins, Colorado.

Luncheons will resume in the spring.

We hope to be on a regular schedule again soon!

2021 SOUTH CENTRAL SPRING RALLY

April 6, 2021 - April 10, 2021

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 decades 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 well away from city noises which makes for a peaceful stay. We have 30 sites reserved, some pull through and some back in.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON SOITC
RALLIES GO TO:**

[HTTPS://WWW.SUITESOWNERS.COM](https://www.suitesowners.com)



2020 SOITC NORTH CENTRAL REGION RALLY

September 9-12, 2020

Sunnybrook RV Resort
68300 CR 388 (Phoenix St.)
South Haven, MI

Please join us in beautiful western Michigan, just minutes from the shores of pristine waters of Lake Michigan. We will rally together at the Sunnybrook RV Resort, a 10-10-10 Woodall's and Good Sam rated park with wide concrete pads that are nicely spaced. As with most regional rallies, this will be a casual campout setting with plenty of time to explore the area and also socialize with fellow DRV owners and club members.

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, TN, 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 only includes activities, entertainment, seminars, 6 onsite continental breakfasts and 3 catered onsite dinners. Fees do not include camping fees.

REGISTER FOR THESE RALLIES NOW AT [SUITESOWNERS.COM](https://www.suitesowners.com)!

With shifting responsibilities on the Board of Directors, you'll see some new looks on our Online face. Bill Schripsema had a career in sales and marketing and is excited to announce updates our electronic presence.

There are four primary elements; Website, Facebook, Brochures, and now a monthly Newsletter.

Facebook is your opportunity to share so it's up to you to make changes there!

Take a few minutes check out these assets.

BROCHURE

Our updated brochure is downloadable from couple different tabs on the menu. It is now a 2-sided, tri-fold brochure highlighting the benefits activities of SOITC. Print a few of these to hand to friends, DRV owners in your RV park and people you meet along the road!



WEBSITE

SUITESOWNERS.com has a new look!

We've updated the website with several changes. If you don't see them, click on the circular arrow in your browser to get the latest version of each page.

Primary goals for the update include:

1. Common look and feel between the primary website and the Wild Apricot site.
2. Easy back and forth between the two sites
3. Simplify menus to a single menu instead of multiple menus on each page.
4. Update the Gallery pages for large views of each image after a clicked. Depending on the browser, there is also a slideshow mode.

NEWSLETTER – SUITE TALK

This is the first newsletter for the club! If you like it, let me (Bill Schripsema) know! My intent is to create it monthly, although there are other things in my life that may delay some issues.

The intent is to create a monthly reminder for each of us about all the good things that come as a result of our SOITC membership.

We will be looking for contributions and ideas for content. Send them to me at: Western@suitesowners.com.

