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WIFM AT A RALLY?

A former colleague used to tell me that WIFM (What's In it For Me) is everyone's favorite radio Station!

WIFM at a rally is people! It is making new friends, meeting the DRV family, and reacquainting with friends from other rallies. It's visiting fun places! It's a chance to learn about RVing and specifically your DRV rig.

Your SOITC Board of Directors has been working diligently to provide a series of exciting rallies this summer from the Atlantic to the Rocky Mountains.

We have the details on page 3, but for now we are inviting you to attend one or more of the terrific events we are planning.

Every rally is centered around meals. Not only because we like to eat, but because these meals are great opportunities to share our experiences. Whether meals are in a restaurant, catered (as at the International Rally), potluck, or Bring Your Own Meat, you can learn, teach, or commiserate with the person sitting next to you!

For more info or to Register for any SOITC Rally go to our website: www.suitesowners.com.

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INTERNATIONAL RALLY UPDATE

Planning for the International Rally in Fort Collins, Colorado, continues at a furious pace. We are working hard to make sure that those who attend are rewarded with experiences that make the price of diesel seem appropriate, if not trivial!

Don't forget to order your <u>shirts</u> and <u>name badges</u> – Order information is on Page 4!

Catering for SOITC provided meals has been arranged. We have booked entertainment for a great dinner on Friday evening. We are encouraging you to find great recipes for the potluck meals! Vendors and speakers are being booked.

Plans for a "car-pooled" trip up to Rocky Mountain National Park are proceeding. Those of you with "All Agency Passes" may enter the park at no charge. They cover everyone in your vehicle.

The park instituted a new procedure last year to alleviate long entrance lines to the park. It is a timed entry system that will require drivers to purchase a \$2 pass on www.recreation.gov. Reservations will become available on July 1, at 10 a.m. (MDT) for reservations to enter the park during the month of August. Click here for more information.

We are also following covid policy at the breweries. Currently tours are not being conducted. However, we hope this will change by the end of July.

The Rockies are on the road that week, so we won't be organizing that road trip.

We will publish and distribute a complete itinerary near the end of June to remind and inform everyone of the details of these activities.

Don't forget the business meeting. We will be electing a new Secretary and Western Regional Director.

In the meantime, you can plan activities surrounding the rally that fit your interests. The Cheyenne Rodeo, golf, whitewater rafting and world class fishing, as well as visits to Boulder and Denver are all possibilities.

Looking forward to seeing you in Colorado!

WEB, FACEBOOK, FORUM, AND EMAIL

SOITC maintains an active electronic presence. Check out the:

- The website (www.suitesowners.com)
- Our membership maintenance site which is the source for periodic SOITC emails
- The Facebook Groups
 - o DRV Community / SOITC
 - o DRV Buy/Sell/Trade
- The **Suite Talk** newsletter
- The SOITC Forum
 (https://suitesownersinternationaltravelclub.vb ulletin.net/)

Our website is the oldest and most stable source for SOITC information. You can find:

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





Our Facebook presence is growing rapidly. We just reached 600 members in the Buy/Sell/Trade Group and 1,800 members in our main Group. That makes us similar in size to DOGs and only 30% smaller than DRV Luxury RV Owners. We are the <u>only</u> group hosted by a non-profit incorporated organization.

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.

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INTERNATIONAL RALLY 2022 - FORT COLLINS

In 2022 the <u>SOITC International Rally</u> 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 car-pool 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.



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 <u>2022 South Central Rally</u> 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. For those going to the 2022 International Rally this would be great way to get the party started.

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 <u>2022 Eastern rally in historic Colonial</u> <u>Williamsburg area</u>. 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 \$50 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. 30 sites have been reserved. Cutoff date is 8 weeks prior to rally so reduced rates may not be available. LOGO GEAR PAGE 4

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 forms are under Rallies on the website, under 2022 Int'l Rally Shirts or new style Name Badges. 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.



Polo Shirt





New Style Name Badges



LUNCHEON REPORT



SOITC Snowbirds have enjoyed great luncheons in Florida, Alabama, and Arizona.

The Arizona luncheon had 40 SOITC members, including 4 charter members and 3 current board members. Lots of great door prizes were provided by **SOITC**, **Stitches on the Road** and **Whiskey River RVs**. Similar attendance was reported at the other locations. It was hosted by Ardis and Joe Shenk with assistance from Ken and Sharen Robinsons.

Next year, if you happen to be near one of these luncheons, don't miss it!

All the pictures are available on our website under Galleries.

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