

SOITC Monthly News Update

As of August 4, 2006

Welcome to the Suites Owners International Travel Club

Hello Fellow Suites Club Members and Future Members.

Since corresponding with you last month, we have now grown to 79 suites units with 158 members on the Club roles.

Listed below are the major actions that have been accomplished since the last report. They are;

IRS Documentation

- We have completed our IRS application for recognition as a non-profit activity. With its submission for review and approval by the IRS pending. We won't know for 120 days or less as to its approval. More news to follow.

SOITC "Incorporation" Documentation

- Our Club Secretary has volunteered, to be our designated agent and principle representative for SOITC filing application processes. We shall exist as a stand alone Incorporation in the state of Indiana. The incorporation documents have been submitted to the Business Services office, of the Indiana Secretary of State activity. We are awaiting their approval response which takes approximately 2 – 4 weeks for processing. Once this approval is received the SOITC Board will post an addendum that SOITC member's approve for our SOITC Charter and By-Laws.

Tax EIN application

- Our Club financial bank account now has a tax EIN assigned and in place for all club financial transactions.

Club Liability Insurance Coverage

- Because of the efforts of our Club Secretary, Vickie, we now have an Insurance Brokerage agency that has taken our request for Directors, Operators and Membership liability coverage requirements and is coordinating with several independent insurance companies for quotes and terms of coverage. Once the Brokerage agency has the data, the Board, will review the responses and either seek further clarification and or make a decision for payment and SOITC coverage terms.

SOITC Members Secure Website

- Our webmaster, Bonnie, working with a new SOITC member, Jeff, has developed and implemented a Suite owners Forum, secure members only web site. In the future they shall be making modifications to the Forum based on feedback from the Board as well as your comments that are submitted. In the future they will also be developing and posting a website capability for voting on Board positions, as they come open for election, and voting capabilities for Charter and By-law adds, changes or deletions decisions. When we approved our Charter and By-laws at our first rally when the club formed, we all agreed that whenever possible, in today's day and age, we would utilize electronic processes as much as possible. Bonnie and Jeff's efforts are assisting us as a Club in accomplishing that process

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Club Web-Home Page Cookbook Link

- On another note for all you Chef's out there, have you clicked on the "Cookbook" hyperlink located underneath the SOITC title line. If not, take a look, you will find excellent recipes for a variety of servings and several of the recipes were actually served at our first gathering in Goshen IN and were quite excellent on the taste buds. If any one has additional recipes please send them to our webmaster, Bonnie, for posting. Just e-mail her at the mail forwarding address listed under the "Board Members" tab.

2008 & 2009 Rally Info

- About the third week of August, there shall be a submission to your Board on recommended Rally locations and sites for our 2008 & 2009 events. In researching and visiting the recommended locations they are booking now for as much as three years out with other established RV organizations. More news to follow once the Board has made a go – no go decision.
- Since the planning, for the 07 rally, is better than 80% complete the Board is going to need help for the 08 and 09 rally activities. We shall need volunteers for the following committees; Parking, Registration, Entertainment, Decorations, Daily news bulletin on activity changes, a roving reporter for interviews and ideas, Food coordinators and Entertainment coordinators. If we can have 4 – 6 volunteers, per committee, working with the principle Board member it shall allow for better planning, implementation and hosting of each years rally activities. There will be more discussion of this in future monthly news bulletins as well as at the 07 rally meeting.

Club Sponsorship Program

- Thank you, to all the Club members who are seeking sponsorships for either regional or international support.
- In some cases dealers are considering paying for one year's dues when a couple purchases a Suites model or Dealers have contact me through member's efforts and are agreeing to a multi-year sponsorship of the SOITC organization. Now coordinating with our webmaster to post a 2007 Rally Sponsor's site that provides a short narrative about each of 07 sponsors and possibly a link to their website if they have one.
- To date we now have commitments from nine (9) dealers and two (2) RV product suppliers. Currently the Board is reviewing a proposed sponsorship program and when the final format is decided, there shall be more info posted on the SOITC Web home page. Once this program is approved it shall provide all SOITC members a common narrative, financial tier structure objective and the benefits the donor receives for supporting the SOITC vision, goals and objectives.

2007 Branson Rally update

- Our 2007 Rally registration is moving along well with about 18 members registered. We are going to have excellent entertainment and meals for our attendees. Our seminars subjects is still in the coordination phase and we are awaiting responses from activities, that our Club VP has contacted.
- ABC management has been outstanding to work with and once you arrive they shall be our guides, mentors and question answers for any of our club needs. We are also working with Doubletree and Wheels RV Inc located in Springdale AR, for a maintenance contact team to possibly be at the rally and perform minor repairs on Suites owners units.

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- We have confirmed that Stacy and Gail Franks are planning to attend the rally and they shall be able to weigh your units upon arrival, while their, or upon your departure. At the, Goshen IN, rally several members took advantage of this weigh-in opportunity and found it very beneficial for information they provided about units weight distribution and tire specifications. As for the 06 rally there is a nominal fee charge.

In closing I would like to say “thank you” to the Board and all the Club Members who are coordinating Dealer support and the Chapter formation and expansion of the SOITC organization.

Well that’s all the news and events for now. May your travels be safe, May you have good health, May your spirits be exceptional and until we meet again enjoy your Suites RV traveling events.

Respectfully submitted,

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