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Hello Fellow Suites Club Members and Future Members.

Since corresponding with you last month, we have now grown to 89 suites units with 178 members on the Club roles.

Many significant actions and events have occurred since the last newsletter publication. Those events are:

Board Changes

In September, this year, Dave Mohr our Vice President and Mike Barr our Western Regional Director resigned effective the beginning of October. Both individuals will be missed because they provided leadership and excellent business insight, especially while the Board was formulating the basic processes and operational requirements for the Club.

We wish Dave and Mike the best of success in the future and as a Club we say "Thank You" for stepping up prior, during and after the 2006 rally while the Club was coming together. Since they are both travel a lot, in their Mobile Suites, I know we shall see them at future SOITC activities and or along the road in our travels.

New Board Member Appointments

Per our Club By-laws, the Board contacted and appointed two volunteers to the vacated positions. Our new Board Vice President is Betty Johnson and the new Western Regional Director is Ralph Johnston. Both new Board members assumed their duties and functions the beginning of Oct. To learn more about them they agreed to submit a biographical outline about them selves and below "in their own words" (I am not a believer in trying to speak for someone or express their thoughts) is summary information of who they are. Both Betty and Ralph have taken the time to explain besides whom they are why they joined the Club and how being a member is beneficial to them.

Betty Johnson – Vice President

I am Betty Johnson, married to Donald Johnson and we live in a log home in Dadeville Alabama very close to beautiful Lake Martin. I have 4 grown children, Don has 2 and between the two of us we have 7 grandchildren. I am employed with the Alabama Department of Revenue as a Web Designer and I also do computer support. Don and I love to travel so we purchased our Mobile Suites TK3 in March 2006. We hope to retire very soon. We have plans to travel full time.

We like to Dutch oven cook and because we like it so much we planned and organized the Alabama Camellia Dutch Oven Cooking Society. This club's membership has more than tripled in one year. We meet several times a year at an Alabama campground to cook and socialize. Our motto is fun and fellowship. For the last 6 years I have taught Dutch Oven Cooking for the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources' Becoming an Outdoors Woman program.

After purchasing our Mobile Suites we found out about the rally to be held in Indiana. We signed up right away and could hardly wait for this new adventure. It was our first trip to Indiana and our first rally ever. When we arrived it was so exciting to see all of the Suites lined up and looking good. Not knowing what to expect we were pleasantly surprised to find that all of the other Suites owners were so friendly.

We made lots of new friends and look forward to seeing them again in Branson for our 2nd rally. Meeting people of common interests is what SOITC is all about. Pulling these Suites safely requires a lot of knowledge and we found that the seminars presented in Goshen helped us to know what our rig weighed and got our stereo fine tuned to our needs. We learned much more through our conversations with the group and the RV dealers and factory representatives. It was exciting to be on the ground floor and witness the formation of our Suites Owner's International Travel Club. After spending a few days there was no doubt in our mind that we definitely wanted to join. We want to grow in our knowledge of RVing and SOITC provides that.

I see SOITC growing in the future as more and more units are sold and I see SOITC as a training ground for new and old RV owners and a place for people to meet share common interests and trade information. I cannot forget the Mobile

Suites Forums. Whatever problem you have there are answers on these forums and it is so comforting to know that whatever happens there is help near by from our new found friends.

Ralph Johnston – Western Regional Director

Jackie and I retired in the year 2000, had one big garage sale, selling everything including the garage and began full timing. We had been RV'ers since the late 70's, introducing our children to many of our Nation's scenic wonders, so it wasn't too big a jump for us to start right out full timing. Our kids are raising their families in three corners of the U.S., so in addition to traveling to our scenic spots and visiting with family we literally wore out our first fiver, learning a lot about fivers and what they should be made of in the process. After a lot of research, the Mobile Suites rang the bell, and we traded up.

One interesting facet of our type of lifestyle concerns friendships. As you leave the old homestead behind, you maintain ties with your old neighbors and friends for a while, but if you really travel like we do, gradually those ties begin to fade and disappear. Now, new friends suddenly appear every time you pull into a new campground. As every one knows, as soon as you are comfortably in your new site our camping fraternity will instantly make you a member as long as you're in that park. But when we leave and head out, those quick friendships will also quickly disappear in the rear view mirror. However the friendships that will blossom and stay are connections with folks who have a common bond with you and with whom you can easily stay in touch with.

Common bonds almost instantly make friendships and for a variety of reasons. Anybody who makes a major decision or a major purchase likes to be reassured that they made the right one and who better to get that reassurance from but from someone else who made the same decision. Who better to share plans and perhaps travel with and share a campfire now and then but that same friend?

Hence the RV club, or in our case the SOITC our new club, provides that forum for finding those friendships, for finding those folks who have the same interests as you. Be it a round table forum at the National Rally or the forum on the internet website, common interests are always reassuring.

I believe most of us RV'ers are pretty independent people who like to go our own way - most of the time. However, we still like to see that friendly face, share that "issue" we had a while back, hear about a 5 star campground over in the next town for \$ 12 /night, and probably most importantly, have an opportunity to gain knowledge about a variety of subjects that are all common to us.

We joined because of these reasons and hope that all new owners of Suites do likewise. It's nice to have the opportunity to contribute as much as you like and to take away as much as you like but the important part is to have the opportunity.

IRS Application Status

We have been notified by the IRS that they have received our application into their system and it was presently under going their review process for consideration. Stay tuned more news to follow.

Club Insurance Coverage

We have received the formal quote response from the independent insurance agency but the Board is still waiting for the narrative as to the specifics as to what the policy coverage is or isn't. We hopefully shall have this management narrative info some time this week and the Board can proceed with the review, question clarification concerns and then issue a go or no – go decision.

Eastern Region Update - By Jim Brey

The eastern region has a outing planned for Oct 27 -30 in N.C., we will divide into area chapters at that time so as to make it easier to have campouts with less travel.

If you are interested in holding a weekend outing please send me an email: eastern@mobilesuitesrvclub, I will be happy to share some ideas and thoughts. The good news, this type of event doesn't take a lot of work and the National board will help to get the emails and information out to our members and the suite owners.

Central Region Update – By Bonnie Fogg

Greetings from the Central Region. The autumn leaves are already starting to turn and many of our suite owners are preparing to head south for the winter. Before the snow starts to fall, plans are already underway for more local outings throughout the central region. If the success of our most recent get together's is an indication of the future, then 2007 will be a very busy year!

Starting with our Indiana suites owners. They had their first outing just a couple of weeks ago and had 13 suites in attendance and already have started the ball rolling for starting their club. Plans are well underway for two outings next year in June and in the fall.

Within the next two weekends the Michigan FunNSun #1 will have their club outing in Frankenmuth Michigan, and the Illinois and Texas regions will be having their outings, both will be informal.

The 2007 season is well underway; Leeann Goods has plans underway for a Wisconsin outing in August 2007. Our goal with the informal outings is simply to get suite owners together, to share stories and simply enjoy their suite, this is happening because some many people attended our first rally.

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On the home front, and actually more for the guys, Lex had the suspension on our F450 redone. He had a Link air ride installed, which has drastically improved the daily ride and now makes pulling the suite a dream. The Link system is a relatively new configuration for the F450-F550, and was designed after the same system used by the ambulances and other MDT. I can now say that Lex is one happy camper!

Indiana Suite Owners Outing – By Cherri Strohofer

Nashville, Indiana was the site of the beginning of the Indiana Chapter of the SOITC. The weekend of September 15th and 16th fourteen suites owners got together at the Westward Ho Campground for fun, relaxation and to see if there was interest in starting a chapter in Indiana. It was decided that there was interest and eight Indiana suites owners, one Mississippi suites owner and an owner from Ohio joined together to form what is now Chapter #3 of the SOITC. Interim officers were selected. Dannie Barrett agreed to act as president, Dick Culy agreed to be vice president and Cherri Strohofer agreed to act as Secretary/Treasurer.

Annual dues will be \$10.00 per unit and the dues paid in 2006 will cover through December 2007. Future rallies were discussed and target dates picked. Our next outing is planned for June 2007 in Northern Indiana and a fall rally sometime in September 2007 in Southern Indiana. Thanks to the group of Michigan owners who joined us and offered their advice, support and encouragement as we began the process of forming our own chapter in Indiana.

Special thanks go to Ginny and Larry Eads for organizing the get together. They picked a very nice location for the first Indiana Rally. There was a golf course close by and lots of shopping options including the winery across the road! Evenings were spent around the campfire trading stories and RV/camping experiences. On Saturday night a pitch-in dinner was held in the hall at the campground. As usual with any pitch-in dinner there was a huge variety of food and lots of talking and laughter.

Since the rally another couple called about membership and it looks like the chapter will be growing. We hope to keep spreading the word about our chapter and the SOITC. We are looking forward to seeing some familiar faces and new

faces at the next Chapter #3 rally. Come and enjoy some Hoosier Hospitality! See you in Branson.

Western Regional Update – By Wayne Rothwell

Will be working with our newly appointed Director, Ralph Johnston, on events and actions that have been ongoing in the western region. If any western region members have ideas or recommendations please contact Ralph or myself at our club e-mail address: western@mobilesuitesrvclub.com or president@mobilesuitesrvclub.com.

2008 & 2009 SOITC Rally Locations

2008 – Amana Colonies FG & Agriculture Center, Located Amana IA just South of Cedar Rapids IA.

- Available May, actual Rally dates in- May 7th and depart May 11th 2008. Advance party can go in May 5th for setup.
- Central geographical location for suites members and non-members to travel too.
- Site Management requires no deposit only a contract in place ASAP, must provide a copy of Club Liability Insurance confirmation for \$1M dollar coverage
- Facility can accommodate up to 476 rv units, draw back only 76 site w/full hook-ups , rest all have water and electric which is both 30/50 amp service, all under ground utilities, all site are level, and security lighting is present,
- Have two enclosed Bldgs, one accommodates 300 seating capacity and the other can accommodate 1200 seating capacity.
- Bldgs are included in our site price and no additional charge, also they have table and chairs to accommodate our needs, also restrooms are available in both Bldgs as well as separate bathhouses for our use and they are handicap accessible.
- Both Bldgs are climate controlled (heat and air)
- The main office has RV Park / Outdoor Convention Facility office that we can use.
- Facility has a Laundromat, open 7/24 while we are there.
- Public phones as well as local Wi-Fi (no-charge) is available inside park
- 4 vehicle dump stations as well as paved and gravel roads

2009 – Elkhart County Fairgrounds, located in Goshen IN, and near the Doubletree Manufacturing facility June 3 – 8, 2009 (Actual Rally Date) Set up in ECCC beginning on June 2, 2009

- Full hooks are available and the electric is 50 Amp service
- After our initial 2006 Rally several Club members comments, all positive, recommended that the Club should consider returning to a location near the DT factory for obvious reasons. The Fairgrounds was already booked for the 2008 timeframe
- It is available for the early June dates provided by their management. Please note this shall require a \$600 – \$750 deposit to hold the facility for the SOITC activities in the referenced 09 timeframe
- Early arrives and late departures can stay for the reduced rate being offered by the Fairgrounds management
- Prices in the contract for use of the facility are negotiable based on how much of the facility is used.
- The site prices are based on having at least 100 plus rigs for the 09 Rally. Since we (the Board) have all been to this Facility we know its layout and attributes
- In discussion with them, if their renovation plans are on schedule, there may be an additional 100 + sites in what was the enclosed fenced area as well as a new modern large Laundromat for our Club usage.

2007 Rally Branson, MO

Our registration listing continues to grow. We now have 28 units formally signed up and more suites owners are learning about the Club and our future rally activities. Thank you to all the members who are spreading the word and we now are receiving inquiries and club membership applications as the word spreads.

In closing I would like to say “thank you” to the Board and all the Club Members who are continue to coordinate 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,

Wayne Rothwell #2780
SOITC, President