



Welcome to the Suites Owners International Travel Club, Inc.

November 2006 Newsletter

Wishing everyone Safe and Happy Travels during this Holiday Season!!!!

A message from Wayne Rothwell, SOITC President

Hello Fellow Suites Club Members and Future Members.

Since corresponding with you last month, we have now grown to 96 suites units with 192 members on the Club roles.

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

IRS Application Status

We have been notified by the IRS that they need conformance documents from the Indiana Secretary of States office where we registered and incorporated the SOITC organization. We are coordinating with the Indiana Secretary of State for those documents and shall be submitting them to the IRS system for their review. With this submission, hopefully, the IRS will finish processing our application and issue the approval as an IRS recognized non-profit organization. Stay tuned more news to follow.

Club Insurance Coverage

As previously reported last month we have received the formal quote response from the independent insurance agency. We have now also received the liability terms and conditions for our 2009 rally location at Goshen, IN. We have submitted this document to the potential insurance agency and requested their review compared to the coverage narrative that they were to provide to the Board. At present we are awaiting a response from the potential insurance representative so the Board can ensure we and our members have adequate and effective coverage for any potential liability concerns. More news to follow. Last minute update—the board has reviewed the proposed insurance and voted to go with Directors and Officers Insurance with St. Paul Travelers through Consolidated Insurance in Indianapolis.

2007 Rally Branson, MO (48 Coaches and Climbing)

Our registration listing continues to grow. We now have more suites owners 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. If you're thinking about attending please go to our club web site, <http://www.mobilesuitesrvclub.com> and view the information provided about our **2007 SUITE OWNERS INTERNATIONAL RALLY**

RALLY SPONSORS

Wheels Motor and RV, in AR, just 45 minutes drive from Branson has agreed to perform the week prior to the rally and the week immediately following any warranty and or repair work needed for Suites owners attending the Branson Rally (Registration will be required, more information will be announced shortly). Wheels Motor and RV owners have also donated two (2) \$250 prizes for award at the rally and also a \$250 check to the SOITC organization to pay for operational costs. They will also have a Doubletree factory rep as well as a display of six Suites 2007 units at the 2007 Rally. The plan is to have two models of each of the Select, Mobile and Elite product lines.

Trail Air President and an Elite Suite owner, Dale Fenton has donated \$750 to the SOITC organization to cover operational expenses. He will also be attending the Branson rally and be available to discuss any topics associated with the Trail Air product line.

New Rally Sponsor-- Mr. Harrison Bankston of Huntsville, Alabama. (<http://www.bankstonmotorhomes.com>). He is the owner of **Bankston Motor Homes** Incorporated in Huntsville, Alabama. He has 3 Mobile Suites locations that are in Montgomery Alabama, Jonesboro, Georgia and Nashville, Tennessee. Mr. Bankston has agreed to promote S.O.I.T.C by giving a free membership to every customer that buys an Elite, Mobile or a Select Suites from any of his 3 locations. The Title Clerk, Teresa Harris, will obtain membership forms from our website for each new Suites owner and mail it the SOITC secretary, Vicki McMaster along with the first year's membership dues. Last year Bankston's three locations sold over 32 Mobile Suites. This kind of promotion will support our continued growth. We want to thank Mr. Bankston for this generous contribution to our organization.

BROCHURE UPDATE

Betty Johnston and Bonnie Fogg have worked diligently to complete a club brochure. The brochure is being printed and will be available to use to give to new Suites owners by dealerships and for current members to use in their travels as they meet new Suites owners, especially those who are unaware of the club. Please stay tuned to the SOITC forum for more information on availability.

REGIONAL UPDATES

Central Region – By Bonnie Fogg

The leaves have fallen and some regions have already had their first snowfall, our full timers are heading south for the winter while other members are closing up their suites until spring.

The Central region wrapped up the last of its fall rallies the last weekend of October. Our state coordinators in Texas, Indiana and Illinois planned three very successful rallies. We were delighted to learn that members traveled from neighboring states attended the rallies. At the Indiana and Illinois rallies, SOITC members attended from five different states. The goal for next year is to increase the number of state rallies.

The fall outings were very casual with most owners arriving on Friday afternoon. A potluck dinner is usually held on Saturday night. The Illinois rally had a "husbands cook" Sunday breakfast and the ladies enjoyed a walk-through the suites where we shared ideas for packing, decorating, or "how-to" make the suites even more comfortable. Suggestions to tie rally weekend activities to a local festival to draw more interest have been made.

Our state rallies are open to all SOITC members and non-members may attend as a guest. It is easy for a coordinator to set up a local rally. Select your date and let the national board know, we will post your dates on the calendar and SOITC will help promote the event.

The Central region has events planned for 2007 please be sure to check the SOITC website's Event Calendar for more details.

Eastern Region by Jim Bray

The Eastern Region had a campout at one of our members-Don & Donna Bentley's place just north of Fayetteville NC. Unfortunately some people had to cancel, so only 4 units attended. It rained on arrival day but that was our planned day to eat out so the rain did not hamper activities. We spent most of the time socializing, had a cookout Saturday and bag omelets Sunday morning.

At a short meeting at the get together we looked at a map showing the location of each of our 24 members and decided to form 3 chapters within the East Region: North, Central & South. This will make easier to have more group campouts. The areas in the Eastern region will be North to include Pennsylvania, Maryland and north, Central to include Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina and South Carolina, and South to include Florida. Mississippi and Alabama members will need to decide which area they want to belong to in the Eastern Region Coordinators for each area will need to be determined. Contact Jim at eastern@mobilesuitesrvclub.com before Branson or at the Branson Rally.

Western Region

Please contact the new Western Region Director to help organize SOITC activities in the west. You can contact Ralph Johnston, Western Region Director at western@mobilesuitesrvclub.com

FORUM UPDATE by Forum Administrators

Welcome to the SOITC Travel forum www.suitesowners.com

The members of SOITC welcome you to the new "fully functional" Suites Owners International Travel Club Forum. We welcome anyone with an interest in the Suites line of Doubletree RV's. Non-SOITC members will have access to the majority of information on the forum. S.O.I.T.C members will have further access to topics that relate specifically to Doubletree Suites RV's.

The SuiteOwners.com forum has two sections – a public section where registered users may post messages (another word commonly used is 'thread'). There is also a section just for SOITC members where information and discussions about the club are posted. Only members are able to view this section.

We encourage owners to post information on both the good and bad points of their experiences and those seeking information feel free to ask questions. We expect all users to respect the opinions of others. Our goal as Administrators and Moderators is to never have to intervene in a thread. We welcome all users' suggestions for improving the forum.

We ask when you register please use your 'handle' from the other forum(s) so others can recognize you. If you are a MS owner please include the last 4 numbers of your VIN and model in your signature to help others with build sensitive issues or options.

Forum, and Club policy prohibits selling/giving email addresses or other personal information to anyone other than SOITC members, protects users email addresses and removes 'cookies' when exiting the forum.

SOITC members administer and moderate the forum, so you know we have your best interests at heart.

So come on over and give us a test drive at <http://www.suitesowners.com>

SIDE BAR

Are you unable to see the club sections?

To have access the club section of the forum is actually a two-step process.

Step one, you must go to our forum website and register as a user. Registering means completing the questions, and providing your membership number (last 4 digits of your VIN). At the end of the registration process an email notification is sent to our administrator.

Step two of this registration is the administrator must activate your account, providing you with access to the private sections of the forum. This activation is typically done within 24 hours.

Once your activation is complete you will have access to the club members section every time you log in.

Are you already registered but cannot see the Club Members section? Simply send an email to forum@mobilesuitesrvclub.com we will make sure that you're taken care of immediately.

New Newsletter editor

Cherri Strohofer has volunteered to act as the editor of the SOITC newsletter. Here is a little background information on Cherri:

The hardest thing about writing about yourself is getting started. My name is Cherri Strohofer. Bob and I have been married for 25 years. We live in southeast Indiana and still work full time. I am an accounting clerk in the fiscal services department at a hospital and Bob is a self-employed contractor who likes to tear things down and build new things. We went from a 28ft travel trailer which we had for 14 years to our new 38ft Mobile Suites (our retirement home) in February of 2006. The rally at Goshen opened a whole new chapter for us. We had never belonged to a group like this and we had no idea what to expect. We went with the idea that it was only a long weekend and we didn't have to get involved with anything if we chose not to, but here we are involved. The other MS owners we met at the rally were really nice regular people that shared the same interests. We have made new friends and are anxious to make even more. We are looking forward to Branson in May and any other outings that we can make fit our schedules. We spent most of August in our suite while we traveled from Indiana to California. That trip confirmed that we made the right choice with our Mobile Suites. In the future we plan to sell the house and travel through the United States. So if you know anyone looking for a house in southeast Indiana let us know.

Stories/Information Needed

Have you had an interesting experience traveling with your Suite? A great design idea? Suite customization project? Funny story regarding your Suite? Helpful hints? Safety information? Please send to secretary@mobilesuitesrvclub.com

(This newsletter is a compilation of information supplied by the members of the board of SOITC.)