

## **Third Quarter Newsletter**

### **Branson Recap**

Here is what you missed if you were not able to make it to Branson in May 2007.

The ABC campground and staff were great. The staff of ABC is very focused on the satisfaction of their guests. We saw a number of shows that were very entertaining. We discovered there are celebrities among us as in Elvis Presley (Lee Benfield), Barry McMaster as the chicken and the "Hillbillies" within our group.

We had coffee and donuts, an ice cream social, pizza, wine and cheese, and a pancake breakfast courtesy of some very generous sponsors. The sponsors also provided numerous door prizes such as a GPS, sliding cargo drawer, quad steps, TV's and lots more! Doubletree surprised us with an entire trailer load of items.

There were many raffle items and donations for the members from our sponsors. Our appreciation goes out to all the members and sponsors that donated items and made the 2<sup>nd</sup> SOITC rally a huge success. We have our first aerial photos of a rally and they are great. Special thanks to the pilot (and ABC campground owner) for being willing to take a couple of members skyward to get some fantastic shots. Hats off to Bob Strohofer and Dave Kropp for the pictures. Also, applause goes to Betty Nance for her work on the scrapbook. There is a reason she is called the "Scrapbook Diva". Also, thanks to Betty for the write up she did on the Branson rally. This recap contains a lot of her own words.

We need to keep in mind that none of this would have happened without the tremendous amount of time and effort put in by our board and the many volunteers.

This is a very short synopsis of a great time with great people. If you couldn't make the 2007 rally don't miss out on the 2008 rally in Amana, Iowa!

### **Only 9 more months!!!**

Do you know where you will be in 9 months? Many of your fellow SOITC members know where they will be. We have received over 40 reservations for the Amana, Iowa rally. Don't forget to make your reservations. The application is on the website. Lots of people are counting on seeing you again in May 2008. Mark your calendars! Only nine more months until the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual SOITC national rally.

### **Doubletree Participates**

Doubletree is now including the SOITC brochure with each unit shipped. Our regional directors are receiving names and addresses of new owners and are sending special invitation letters. Almost 400 letters have been sent. This should increase our membership over the next year. We are already seeing an increase in the membership applications from the brochure.

### **Central Region News**

The Central Region has had a number of state rallies. So far rallies this year have been held in Shipshewana, Indiana, Ontario, Canada and Lake Delton, Wisconsin.

From September 21-24, Illinois and Indiana are having a shared state rally to be held in Effingham, Illinois. Effingham is sure to be great as there is a lot going on around town that weekend along with the rally. You can check out Camp Lakewood at [www.camplakewoodcampground.com](http://www.camplakewoodcampground.com) , cut off date for rally reservations is September 1st. For more information call 217-691-3152. Tom and Cheryl Brockman are the coordinators for this rally.

Hats off to all of our members for their hard work coordinating these state rallies. Great food, great fun and great times were had by all!

A Central Region Rally is being planned for September 2008. It is in the early planning stages so keep checking the "upcoming events" on the SOITC web site for information. Please do not hesitate to contact Linda Webb if you have any suggestions at [centralregion@mobilesuitesrvclub.com](mailto:centralregion@mobilesuitesrvclub.com)

Remember that any SOITC member can attend any SOITC event. Join other suite owners even on the other side of the country for an event. You know you will have a good time!

### **Eastern Region News**

The Eastern Region has a rally scheduled for Sept. 20-22 at the River Plantation campground in Sevierville TN. River Plantation phone number is 1 800 758 5267. The Eastern Region is very large and has named coordinators for their areas within the region. Bill Rossfeld is the coordinator for the southern area and Don Bentley is the coordinator for the Central part of the Region. For information on Eastern Region Activities contact Jim Brey at [eastern@mobilesuitesrvclub.com](mailto:eastern@mobilesuitesrvclub.com).

### **What are your winter plans**

Hard to believe that it is that time of year to make cold weather plans for our Suites. Some will have to actually winterize their units and not be able to use them again until warmer weather returns, others have made their plans to head south to warmer climates, perhaps to places they have gone numerous times in the past or maybe somewhere new because they have made new friendships with other suite owners and with that have also found new places to drop their jacks, still others may be able to keep their suites ] ready for any opportunity that comes along to allow them to enjoy the comfort of their mobile home. What ever category you fall into remember to watch for other suites on the road and always travel safe.

### **Articles Needed**

Please send any articles for publication in the SOITC Newsletter to [secretary@mobilesuitesrvclub.com](mailto:secretary@mobilesuitesrvclub.com).

### **SOITC FORUM**

The SOITC Forum is in place for all members. If you have not joined, stop by [www.suitesowners.com](http://www.suitesowners.com) and register. Don't forget to regularly stop by and check out all the new information that is being shared by those on the forum.