

SOITC NEWSLETTER -4th Quarter 2007

**From the Presidents Corner
Wayne Rothwell:**

Amana Rally 2008 Update

In just over seven months Suites owners will gather for our 3rd Annual International club event. Where does the time go? We have now posted the Draft activities schedule on our club web site www.mobilesuitesrvclub.com for all to read. Please notice that all events and activities are entertaining and provide educational experiences for all who will be in attendance. We still have several RV sites remaining, our total is 120, and it would be great if we can fill them all. The facilities are excellent with full hook ups, as well as very good social and seminar meeting areas for the different events scheduled. For the first time we have scheduled informal social events if you plan to arrive before the May 7th start date. See our rally schedule, at our Club website, for details.

Linda & Dave Webb have organized our first SOITC golf tournament. Betty & Don Johnson are presenting a hands on Dutch oven cooking class. Betty & Larry Nance are organizing different craft displays as well as demonstrations. Jack & Judy Beem have arranged a John Deere factory tour. We have other club members seeking seminar presentations on other

RV related subjects. A “THANK YOU” to all our clubmembers who are actively contributing in our planning efforts for a very successful rally experience in Amana.

SOITCElections Committee

Can you believe it's that time for our members to select SOITC club members in good standing to fill three Board positions. As stated in our club approved By-Laws the President, Treasurer and Eastern Regional Directors position are up for election. The Board has approved that club members Betty Johnson, Dave Kropp, Ponch McDonal and Linda Webb are our first SOITC appointed Elections Committee. We thank them all for agreeing to serve in this assignment and effort. They will have two major goals to accomplish:

- 1) Develop the process that allows every SOITC club member in good standing to submit nomination(s) for the open Board positions to be elected and
- 2) Develop a process that allows all SOITC club members, in good standing, a process for casting a vote for the candidate(s) of their choice.

We will be using both our SOITC club forum, the club members only section, as well as e-mailings to all members who have electronic addresses. For members who don't have e-mail capability, the USPS system will be used. All SOITC members in good standing shall be able to vote for nominees to the President and Treasurer positions, only Eastern Region members shall be able to vote for nominees for the Eastern Regional Director Board position.

More news to follow in the future.

2010 SOITC Rally Announcement

“Suites Rocky Mountain High in Colorado” Yes we will be in Colorado Springs, CO. We are in the last stages of finalizing a formal rally agreement, submitting our Club deposit, and finalizing fixed RV site costs for your Suites to stay at Garden of the Gods RV Resort. The dates are, arrival May 17th and depart May 22, 2010. The Garden of the Gods management will offer a discounted RV site fee for the five days directly before and after the formal SOITC rally dates.

The Colorado Springs will provide all suites owners an opportunity to experience many great attractions all within a 30 to 90 minute drive of the resort. These include the Royal Gorge, Pikes Peak by cog rail or you can drive up in your own vehicle, Garden of the Gods park with natural rock formations and an excellent flower garden, the US Air Force Academy, many golf courses, lots of good shopping locations and restaurants for your enjoyment.

Thank you, to Dave & Lois Kropp (CO) and George & Connie Yandell (CA) for visiting the resort and providing us with resort information and observations for our 2010 location.

Please notice that the dates allow you to have both weekends to travel. During the actual rally dates, there will be two and half days dedicated to “Free Time” so you can visit in the Colorado Springs area. As we work with the Resort manager and approach the rally dates, we will be providing more information regarding activities and events in the Colorado Springs area.

Sponsors Support SOITC

Please use our sponsors services and let's not take them for granted. Without their supplemental financial support through either cash or material donations, SOITC would not be able to offer the excellent annual rally events.

Their participation as sponsors allows SOITC members to have reasonable rally registration fees and reduces event expenses. Additional examples of sponsor support are listed below. As you travel, please visit our club website at:

<http://www.mobilesuitesrvclub.com/sponsors.htm> if you have a need for RV services. When visiting them let them know you were referred from the SOITC sponsors page. Examples of SOITC support follows:

Doubletree RV Mfg. 2008 Brochure & Membership Support

The SOITC Board and its club members say "Thank You" to Doubletree Management, VP of Marketing and Sales, Dan Tauer, for assisting our club efforts concerning new membership growth. SOITC now receives, monthly, names of new "Suites" owners throughout the United States and Canada. After sorting regionally, the listing is sent to our Regional Directors who contact each of the individuals with a mailing about the SOITC organization, planned activities and regional events. To date several hundred of these mailings have occurred for all three regions.

In addition to the membership assistance we are receiving from Doubletree, the last page of their 2008 Suites brochure

shows an aerial view of our 2007 rally held at the ABC campground in Branson, MO. If you have the opportunity to stop by your local Doubletree dealer, ask them to point out the SOITC information when they distribute the brochure to potential new Suites owners. Please consider picking up a couple of issues to hand out when individuals stop by your unit and want information on your suite. If interested individuals have internet access please direct them to the Doubletree dealership locator menu at: <http://www.doubletreevsuites.com/dealers/>. For suites owners who are traveling, this is also a good site to bookmark in case of warranty or maintenance service needs.

DoubletreeDealers SOITC Membership Support

It's very important that we recognize and thank the Doubletree dealers who have taken the initiative to support the SOITC membership growth. Without their support our growth rate would be much slower. The dealers who are committed to assisting SOITC are Bankston Motorhomes located in Montgomery, AL, Wheels Motors & RV located in Springdale, AR and Liberty RV located in Liberty, MO. These dealers cover the cost of SOITC dues for their new suites owners and they have been event and activity sponsors for both past and future annual rallies.

Please see the dealers listed on the website:

[Dealers](#)

SOITC Members "Roving Ambassadors" --Our Unsung Hero's

When you serve on our Board, many times a Club member will make suggestions or take the initiative to assist the SOITC organization by seeking material or supplemental financial sponsorship from RV product dealers and or after market product suppliers. These individuals don't want or expect to receive any recognition. They support our Clubs efforts as a normal part of their daily lives. To all of you who perform this informal volunteer activity you really are "Roving Ambassadors" for SOITC and on behalf of the Board "Thank You". As I hear about members who fall into this category, I shall make every effort to see that their efforts are acknowledged. Although we have no official club "Roving Ambassadors" program your unselfish efforts are vital for making the SOITC organization stronger in its efforts to serve its club members. Again "Thank You" very much for your support.

**SOITC Members Attend Bankston Motor Homes
Customer Appreciation Rally
By Betty Johnson, Vice President**

On September 27-29 our members Dave and Linda Webb, Rocky and Judy Hudson, and Don and Betty Johnson traveled to Decatur, Alabama where one of our sponsors, Bankston Motor Homes, was having a Customer Appreciation Rally at Point Mallard Campground. What a great event! Every day and night there was something to do. The campground featured a Water Park, Ice Skating Rink and a beautiful Golf Course. Each night they enjoyed a wonderful meal and great entertainment. Dave and Linda participated in a golf tournament in which Dave won one of the nice prizes. There

were vendors galore with all kinds of things to purchase. Seminars attended were 2 cooking classes, and Dan Tauer, from Doubletree, taught a class on RV Maintenance. The maintenance class was so well done that we have invited him to repeat this class at our Amana Rally. Judy learned to make some beautiful placemats at the crafts seminar. Hope next year more members will be able to attend this special rally in the Deep South. You will enjoy this one!

Dutch Oven Outdoor Cooking Class Offered at Amana Rally 2008

At the Amana Rally, Betty Johnson will be teaching a hands on Outdoor Dutch Oven Cooking Class sponsored by Bankston Motor Homes. For those of you not yet familiar with this type of outdoor cooking, here is a preview. Dutch Ovens can take your campfire fare to a new dimension, and you do not have to be a gourmet cook to pull it off. Anyone who can start a fire and follow a recipe can perform miracles with a Dutch oven.

Position your Dutch oven over a bed of briquettes, place more on the lid, and presto, it bakes like an actual oven. Baking at 350 F requires five to eight briquettes evenly distributed under the oven and 12 to 16 on the lid.

The class we will make delicious fresh made biscuits, fabulous main dishes with vegetables and wonderful deserts. This will be gourmet cooking at its very best in the beautiful outdoors. If you would like to attend, it will be necessary to register for this class. So look for the sign-up sheet during registration. We can only take 18 participants, other members are welcome to attend as observers.

Greetings from the Western Region
Ralph Johnston

Hope you all had a great summer of RV traveling and now I imagine most of you are looking for some warm and sunny skies.

Our region has recently had a number of new purchasers of DoubleTree products. Carol Rothwell, who is now our Western Region New Membership Coordinator, has been busy contacting these new owners, about 150+, and explaining the benefits of joining our club. We are rapidly reaching a point where we can have some mini-rallies in the Western Region. Our club's eastern regions have had very successful mini-rallies for the last several years, and the Western Region will soon follow the other regions lead.

Stacy & Gail Frank are planning a regional "Suites Owner" luncheon Jan 2008 in Casa Grande, AZ. Date to be announced. A Quartzite RV gathering, is also being planned during the yearly "Big Tent RV" aftermarket display that is normally conducted about the end of Jan. The Quartzite event is planned for Jan 19 – 27, 2008. We will be "boon docking" just south of the Tyson Well's corner on BLM land. We will have points of contact for black water dumping (or pump out) as well as fresh water refill so you won't have to move your RV. If you would like more detailed info please contact Carol or Wayne at e-mail: gthrower@frontiernet.net or mail to 1920 N. Thornton Rd. Sp.649, Casa Grande AZ 85222.

I'm sure most of you have heard stories of the "Quartzite saga"; - this would be a great opportunity to be there under the guidance of someone who "knows the ropes". Every Rv'er should experience it at least once.

David & Lois Kropp are our new Colorado SOITC coordinators and Wayne & Carol Rothwell have volunteered to help as the Arizona coordinator. We can use some additional help in all the remaining western US states and Canadian Provinces. The chief job for these folks is to help locate an easy accessible campground where we might have a 2 or 3 day get together and contact each state's Doubletree dealers about the SOITC activities in their area and their possible participation as sponsors of new owner's first year's membership in SOITC. Some dealers have offered to establish state or region chapters of suite owners located in their dealership territory

Any suggestions will be welcome. Thanks.

Eastern Region News

By Jim Brey

The Eastern Region held its fall rally at the River Plantation campground in Sevierville TN. All enjoyed a pancake and sausage breakfast (cooked over a woodfire), site seeing and shopping, a dinner show, a couple of games of bean bag baseball and sitting around enjoying each others company. Next years rally is being planned for the end of Oct. in Alabama, more info to follow when plans are finalized. We are looking to forming our first chapter in Florida this coming year with Bill Rossfeld as coordinator. Don

Bentley is the coordinator for the central states of our region.

Happy Holidays from the Central Region
By Linda Webb

Central Region is growing leaps and bounds! Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin already have chapters, so I am looking for other Central Region states to start their own chapters. If this sounds like something you'd like to do please e-mail me at: **centralregion@mobilesuitesrvclub.com**

I am pleased to announce that Central Region will have its own banner for state and central region rallies. Liberty RV has agreed to purchase one for us. A donation was taken for a banner at the Effingham rally in September (thank you to those who donated). Since we now have a sponsor to cover the banner, I will use the donated funds for the Central Region rally scheduled for September 18-20, 2008 in Hannibal, Missouri. Check out the details at <http://www.mobilesuitesrvclub.com/calendar.htm> on the SOITC website. I look forward to seeing you at the regional, state and international rallies in 2008. and I'll be happy to help you get one going!

Holiday Greetings

This news letter is our last publication until after the 1st of Jan. 2008. The Board wishes you all a joyous holiday season, may your travels be safe, and good health for you and your families.

Club Facts

SOITC members – **180**

Registrations received for Amana – **57**

2008 Annual Rally Dates – **May 7 – 11, 2008, Amana
Iowa**

RENEWAL NOTICES

For all memberships that expire in December of 2007,
watch for the renewal email or visit [RENEWAL
APPLICATION](#) Please send membership renewals in by
January 30, 2008!!!