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SOITC 3rd Quarter- Annual Rally Recap

Newsletter

July- August 2008

From the Presidents Corner

Annual 2008 Rally at Amana IA:

Our annual International Rally was very successful and well attended with 80 Suites RV units. We were fortunate that the weather co-operated with our rally events. The inclement weather was around us but we were spared!! A vast majority of the Suites owners arrived early and started exploring the Amana area, which had many attractions to see and visit.

At our opening ceremony the Rivoli Review gave an excellent rendition's of the United States and Canadian national anthems. The Rivoli Review had us laughing and singing during their two evening performances and a non-denominational worship service. Each event was well received by all owners in attendance.

There were many planned events. Each event was well attended. Many positive comments were received on the excellent Dutch Oven Cooking class with hands on demonstration presented by Betty & Don Johnson. The participants broke up into teams, made different recipes, and then cooked them and best of all, sampled all the dishes results. These first time "Dutch Oven Chef's" enjoyed their results with smiles and satisfying nods of approval for all the recipes. See the slide show at our Club website - www.suitesowners.com - with all the tasty results.

The Weights and Load safety seminar by Gail & Stacey Frank pointed out data that every Rv'er should know about their towing setup. Their slideshow presented many recommendations and tips. Many Suite owner "first timers " had their RV units weighed and received a documented copy of their weight results and a safety briefing at the end of the process. We thanked Stacey and Gail for their support. Following the safety seminar was the RV Drivers training class presented by Rick Andrew's. Rick is formally recognized by

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From Jim Brey Eastern Region Director

The Eastern Region fall rally is scheduled for Sept. 25-27 in Decatur AL. This will be a fun packed rally so check the club web site for all the details, we still have sites available. Hope to see many of you there.

AARP and several Insurance companies as a very creditable instructor for RV driving presentation. His slide show presented driving recommendations and several tips for both the ladies as well as their husbands. Rick did have some of the Suites owners involved with hands on driving classes and arranged future appointments for others. On our Club website more information is available for both seminars topics and how to get in contact with either of those services.

There were a number of other activities which included Alaska Trip lessons learned by Judy & Henry O'Neil, with tips about their experiences and travel planning. A field trip to the John Deere manufacturing facility was arranged by Jack & Judy Beem. The plant tour included product assembly lines for five different production models which were destined for delivery all over the world. "Thank you" to Judy and Henry O'Neil & Jack and Judy Beem for their involvement and planning coordination in making our rally a great success. Doubletree conducted a Maintenance seminar, with additional presentations by Trailair Service Center & Lippert, which allowed owners to ask questions and make recommendations for different situations that owners have experienced.

Our first ever Golf tournament was a success! We had 19 golfers signed up, which allowed us to have 5 teams. Teams enjoyed hole events, tee gifts and a complimentary lunch. First through 5th place teams were awarded prizes that evening. Plans are in the works to have a pre rally golf tournament in Goshen.

Thanks goes to Winegard for their support of Suites owners in solving existing issues as well as their Seminar presentation on future FCC mandated changes, Last but not least we thank all our Sponsors who donated financially, or with RV associated aftermarket products, or sponsorship of rally food events and Suites owners who donated raffle prizes.

On another note, at future rallies, special attention will be given to support members requiring diabetic & special food preparations. This was based on recommendations made from several owners in attendance. We will also be revising our opening "Safety" presentation which will include identifying members of the Rally emergency first responder team and where our new cardiac defibrillator will be located for emergency use. Thank you to all rally Suites owners who participated in the special 50 - 50 raffle and associated book sales. The club collected \$1150 for a new Defibrillator &

From Linda Webb Central Region Director

Greetings from the Central Region! Let me first say our hearts go out to our Central region members affected by the recent flooding and tornadoes throughout the mid west. A tornado took out my covered RV storage but we were lucky our Suite was in the driveway, getting loaded for the Amana rally, when it hit a few miles away. Other RV's were not as lucky and suffered extreme damage.

At the recent Amana rally, 11 new State Coordinators were appointed, making a total of 14. State Coordinators names and e-mail addresses have been added to the central region "Welcome Letter" to new suite owners, so new owners may contact someone in their state and discuss activities and more! States currently without Coordinators are Louisiana, North Dakota and Nebraska. If you live in one of those 3 states and would be interest in serving as a State Coordinators, please contact me at Central@suitesowners.com.

The 2008 Central Region Rally in Monroe City (just outside Hannibal, Missouri) is quickly approaching. It is a casual camp out with cookouts, games and certainly lots of fun. The dates are September 18- 21, with departure on the 21st.

Medical Emergency Response Kit.

Thank you, to all suites owners who volunteered by assisting in delivering food, building clean up, parking assistance and many other functions that made our 2008 Amana rally a great success.

SOITC Website Major Re-construction Efforts

Whoa!!!!!!! What a difference. If you haven't seen the new Club website you're missing out on an opportunity. Thanks to the untiring efforts of Betty Johnson, working with our Webmaster Curt Drinkwine a totally new look has appeared. This is what's happening - the club's two websites have merged into an integrated website; using one name <http://suitesowners.com> with a common theme and consistent club image.

The club website has undergone dramatic changes and we are confident that you will find the new integrated website appealing, organized and a pleasure to visit.

As part of the website makeover, the <http://suitesowners.com> takes you to the club website which was formerly <http://mobilesuitesrvclub.com> and the forum is accessed directly at <http://www.suitesowners.com/index.php>. We now have a single, integrated web address. The existing <http://mobilesuitesrvclub.com> page will automatically redirect you to the new website.

The forum will continue as always; however it will be typically accessed through the <http://suitesowners.com> gateway homepage. There may be concerns of having to pass through the website to get to the forum - rest assured that is not the case! As always, you can create personal favorites to directly access pages, for example:

* The direct link to the web will be <http://suitesowners.com>

* The direct link to the forum is <http://suitesowners.com/index.php>

There are several benefits with the website integration:

- * One simple and consistent web address to remember, reaching both the club web and forum.
- * One hosting server to support instead of two.

You can check out the location at www.Marktwainlanding.com. We have several Suites signed up already. Please tell the RV Park you are with the SOITC group when making your reservation. Prior to the Central Region rally is the Canadian mini rally in Quebec City July 17-20. Please go to www.suitesowners.com and click on Calendar & Events for more information on either of this scheduled events.

Have safe travel this summer, Linda

THANKS to those contributing to the Newsletter. A special note of thanks to Betty Nance for submitting an article. Please submit articles for the newsletter to secretary@suitesowners.com

This newsletter is for all members of SOITC so share your tips and experiences!!!

* Club activities, membership and sponsors are prominently displayed
as a gateway to the forum.

We are happy to announce with this transition, the current e-mail addresses at mobilesuitesrvclub.com will be automatically forwarded to new suitesowners.com email addresses:

- * info@suitesowners.com
- * forum@suitesowners.com
- * president@suitesowners.com
- * vice@suitesowners.com
- * treasurer@suitesowners.com
- * secretary@suitesowners.com
- * western@suitesowners.com
- * central@suitesowners.com
- * eastern@suitesowners.com

Previous mobilesuitesrvclub.com email addresses will continue to function for a time; and we will notify you of eventual obsolescence plans for those email accounts. Please take note of the new e-mail addresses and record them in your mailing system address files for future reference.

Annual Elections & By-laws Amendments

We are becoming a seasoned and experienced Club. At this years annual meeting the position for Eastern Director resulted in the Eastern region members re-electing Jim Brey, assisted by his wife Carla continuing in that position, For the Treasurer's position, club members in attendance re-elected Lee Benfield assisted by his wife Mary. For the President's position, club members in attendance elected Wayne Rothwell, assisted by his wife Carol. Thank you to the nominations committee of Ponch McDonal, Linda Webb, David Kropp and Betty Johnson for their work in developing a slate of nominees and conducting the Elections event during the Rally.

Thanks to the combined efforts of Lee Benfield and David Kropp, who presented By-law amendments that shall streamline and standardize our Club procedures and processes. The By-laws, as well as approved annual amendments authorized by the membership present at the rally, can be viewed at our redesigned Club website. The Board Organization responsibilities sheet has had admin corrections posted that properly states major responsibilities of each elected position.

Regional Rallies & Activities on the Rise

Between now and our next annual International meeting all three of the SOITC regional areas will have conducted their first Regional planned outings. These Rally's will have occurred across the United States and in Canada.

The Central Region Rally is being held in Hannibal, Missouri; The Eastern Region is part of the Bankston Customer Appreciation Rally and is being held Decatur, Alabama. The Western Region Rally is being held in Quartzite Arizona during the main RV show week. Our Canadian members are conducting their 2nd annual mini-rally and invite all Suites owners to take advantage of the Quebec City attractions. Besides the Regional and local geographical Chapter campouts we have our first opportunity to have suites Owners gather as a group at "The Rally" (this event is sponsored by the Affinity, Inc. business group, E.g. Good Sam Club, Trailer Life magazine etc.) in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Go to the "Calendar & Events" topic line, at our Club website, and link to all these planned events. Once there you can print out the details associated with these activities or obtain more information from the point of contacted posted for each event.

Annual 2009 Rally Update "Back to Goshen - Home Suite Home"

The planning efforts for our annual gathering are well underway. A concept event matrix that displays our actual planned activities will be posted for members to view by September, this year, if not sooner. Please take note that the originally published dates are incorrect and the revised 2009 rally dates are start June 2, and finish the morning of June 7, VS the previously posted dates of June 3 - 8 , 2009.

We are going to try an innovative approach (presentation), by posting the rally "Event" planning matrix, which we haven't done before. When you view the matrix will you will see two different colored fonts in the event description. If in a "Green" font, these scheduled events are in work with a potential service or business provider. When the "in work for an event" is locked in (formalized) you will see the "green" font change to a "Black" narrative that means we have a formal agreement that event shall occur. The actual rally schedule will be distributed at the rally registration check-in in a small detailed booklet you can carry with you during the Rally. By posting this "Event" matrix, it allows our members and Suites owners an opportunity to submit recommendations for potential seminars subjects. It also provides an educational tool for the timeline needed to successfully plan, coordinate, and implement a rally event.

We have already posted 2009 rally information at our Club website. The data can be found by clicking on the "Calendar & Events" topic line. Then clicking on the rally listed in the 2009 calendar year event summary that brings you to the information page on facts about the rally. We have already posted links for the rally registration form, travel directions, fairground site layout map, Amish Country information, and GPS coordinates with many more important details to come.

SEE YA - "BACK TO GOSHEN - HOME SUITE HOME"

2008 Rally Review

Submitted by Betty Nance

Enjoy the Suite Life
At the third Annual International Rally

WOW what a HUGE SUCCESS this rally was!!!

We arrived early, on Saturday morning, driving in with the Reese's, and first thing we are greeted by the Rothwell's. I tell you all the Suites owners are so Sweet! It seemed like each day (Saturday, Sunday & Monday) there were about 20 Suites that came into the campground. It just doesn't get any better than seeing row after row of Suites in the Campground!!! It was fun saying "Here comes another one!" & "Wonder who it is?" Even the Camp Hosts were Suites owners!!!

It was great meeting & welcoming all the new members, renewing friendships made with past Club Members! It seems like we hardly had a chance to catch our breath with early bird social hours, going out in groups to dinner shopping & just visiting, in the days before the Rally got started! The German food was very tasty...and of course we women were very grateful not to have to cook!

The decoration committee, and volunteers got busy Sunday or Monday with hanging signs & flags, setting up the tables, the book sale area, donated raffle item area, counter for social hours. A big thank you to Linda Webb for making and donating our beautiful table flower arrangements!

The Rally got in full swing on Wednesday morning with Registration. Tom Brockman made a fantastic booklet with the itinerary of all the events, times, places, sponsors, and rally

attendees in it, to be added to the registration materials. Thanks Tom, what a great booklet to help us keep organized & on time. I loved receiving the Amana Iowa bar, to go on our badges. Working with registration it was really great to get to meet everyone & put the names with faces during that time.

I think I speak for the whole group when I say "Thank You" to the Board Members & everyone that had any part in the organization of our rally, behind the scenes & all the volunteers that help put everything together once we got there & the rally was in full swing.

At our opening ceremonies, Ron & Kay Rivoli sang the national anthems of the United States and Canada

Most all of our meals were catered in & I think we all enjoyed having all that planned for us! Who has time to cook during a Rally, though if you wanted to be busy you could be doing something all the time.

I always enjoy our club meeting as Wayne Rothwell, our President, is such a great speaker! These meetings are always so informational. Several officers were re-elected, & welcome a new Western Region Representative, Dave Kropp.

We had some great seminars: RV Insurance Lessons & Tips by Twyla Stenzil, Trailer Suspensions "How They Work" & Required Maintenance by MOR/ride, Lessons Learned from Calgary & Alaska RV trip by Wayne Rothwell and Judy & Henry O'Neil, RV Weights & Tire by Stacey & Gail Frank, RV safe Driving for couples by Rick Andrews driving School, RV Satellite & Entertainment Select Systems operational & maintenance tips by the Winegart Co, Maintenance of your Suites RV \Unit by Dan Tauer, Suspension System Maintenance by Dale Fenton.

Along with seminars, we had the SOITC Golf Tournament hosted by Linda Webb. I don't know anything about golf but it sounded like they had a great time and won prizes. John Deere Tractor Tour hosted by Jack Beem; Larry really enjoyed this, since he was raised on the farm and used farm equipment. Dutch Oven Cooking class, hosted by Don & Betty Johnson; WOW did that food look good that the class made & ate; and All Occasion Greeting Card Class; I taught the Card Class, which I enjoyed very much, and so thankful for all the great comments I heard about the class. Thanks to Susan Ellwitz for helping me with the class. (I'm working now on designing something to teach a class on for next year!)

We had the best entertainment!!! Ron & Kay Rivoli. A husband & wife team, they travel across the country delighting their audiences with their unique voices and songs!!! Ron has gotten into bar jokes...ya gotta watch out for him!!! Besides performing at our opening ceremonies, they performed a "Rivoli Review Dance Night" on Thursday & their traditional show "Rivoli Review RV Review on Saturday evening. They are exciting & very entertaining!! You need to see them or you are missing one great show!!! And Sunday morning they put on their "Rivoli Review Gospel Show". I just love them...and hope we have them for our entertainment again some time!

I was sorry to hear that Jay and GayLynn Chism will be leaving our club, do to health issues they have turned in their Suite for a Motorhome. We will miss you too!

I am always just amazed at the integrity and professionalism that is put into this Rally to make it so wonderful. If you were unable to attend the 2008 Rally, be sure to try to schedule to be at our 2009 Rally. I'm sure you will not be disappointed!!!

I have pictures downloaded to **Webshots, ID: SOITC pswd: central**, I hope you enjoy...anyone that would like to share their pictures with me for the scrapbook please download here and let me know or send me a CD. TIA!

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