

2017 PCRC RALLY in Review - JULY 5th-9th

The 18TH Annual PCRC Rally was a great success! Doug Bonar is to be commended as he did a great job of planning and organizing the Rally.

Doug selected the 1st day meeting place to be the Country Trails Inn & Suites at Preston MN and selected the Chestnut Mountain Resort near Galena IL as our base location.

Wednesday evening at the Chestnut Mountain Resort we had a great time renewing old friendships and making some new ones.

Thursday Doug lead us from Preston MN to the Chestnut Mountain Resort on some very picturesque roads. We had lunch at the Stadium Bar & Grill on the north side of Galena. Following that we stopped in the old part of Galena for a cool break as it was very hot that day. And then headed to check in at the Chestnut Mountain Resort. It is a very nice resort up high overlooking the Mississippi River.

Doug had picked the Welcome Inn in Elizabeth WI for our Thursday evening dinner which was provided by the PCRC. We ordered off their menu and everyone had a great meal.

Friday was a riding day. Doug was our Ride Captain for all the rides in the Galena area. He is originally from that area and knows all the local roads. We left the base location and rode to a local restaurant, Charley's Place, in Hanover IL for breakfast. Wow, what a breakfast. This is the town where Doug grew up. After breakfast he introduced us to his mother who lives only about a block away from the restaurant.

From there we went to President Grant's home in Galena IL. Galena built the house for him after the Civil War if I understand correctly. Some took the tour of the home. We left there and headed for a local winery which had great frozen wine slushes. It was another hot day.

After that we went to Savanna IL and the Iron Horse Social Club for a libation and viewed all the antique motorcycles they have. The motorcycles include an old Super X and an old Schwinn motorcycle. If you go to Savanna you need to go to the Iron Horse Social Club.

From there we went to Poopy's for dinner. All had a good meal except that Jim Rendahl says don't order the pulled pork sandwich. When we left there we headed back to the Chestnut Mountain Resort for socialization, relaxation, some libations, and cigars.

Saturday morning several of us ate at the Breakfast Buffet at the Chestnut Mountain Resort. It too was excellent. After checking out and leaving the base location we stopped at the Dickeyville WI Grotto on our way to the Polosi WI Brewery. The Grotto is awesome. We had lunch at the Brewery and toured their facilities and enjoyed tasting the many types of beer they make.

Leaving there I lead the group to the Prairie Du Chien WI Motel 6 which we had decided to stay at the last evening before heading home on Sunday. After having stayed there we Do Not Recommend ever staying at this motel.

Ernie Henderson had previously enjoyed a stop at the Depot Bar and Grill on Water Street near the Mississippi river front. So we decided to go there for dinner Saturday and we enjoyed our last evening of socialization.

Sunday we all headed home.

We had participants in the Rally from 8 states which was great. Wow - we've never ridden so many curves at any of our previous Rallies. Doug Bonar did a great job of selecting ride routes, eating locations, and interesting stops. We had great weather with no rain and lots of sun for this year's Rally. And, we've started planning for the 19th Annual PCRC Rally. Ideas are welcome!

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