

Report on FIM North America Continental Rally 2022

The 2022 FIM North America Continental Rally was held on July 1-3 at Billtown, Nova Scotia. The Rally was hosted by the Apple Valley Riders Motorcycle Club at the Bluenose Rally. This event marked the 50th and final Bluenose Rally. This event has hosted many previous FIM North America Rallies.

As this was the final Bluenose after 50 years, there were many returning rallyists and a surprising number (48) of first time attendees. The total attendance was 194 rallyists. The participants came from all over the USA and Canada. They travelled on touring motorcycles as well as sidecars, trikes and Spyders. Many hauled trailers also.

The event held on the grounds of the club consisted of a weekend of camaraderie, touring and sightseeing rides. Friday evening entertainment started with a welcome reception with wine and beer hosted by the BMW Motorcycle Owners of Nova Scotia. Following this was live music featuring a brass ensemble playing great old big band tunes and marches. An onsite canteen was active during the weekend providing food for the rallyists.

Saturday after the provided breakfast, riders went off on self guided rides to see the local area. Saturday evening a pork chop bbq meal was provided for all. Later on a live band entertained everyone with popular music and lots of dancing.

Sunday morning the rallyists were formed up for an escorted parade to Acadia University in Wolfville for an all-you-can-eat brunch and the awards ceremony. The parade was escorted by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police officers on police motorcycles. The rallyists were greeted at the university dining hall by a bagpiper in full regalia and music.

The Awards Ceremony consisted of greetings from Holly Ralph, CEO of the Canadian Motorcycle Association. A certificate was presented by Holly to the club for the many years of hosting the Bluenose Rally. Holly, as Deputy President of FIM North America also presented an impressive plaque from FIM North America

recognizing the club's many years of hosting the FIM North America Continental Rally.

The following awards were then presented :

Trophies - Pre-Registered

Average Mileage: Ted Smith, Baie-Comeau, QC - 804.7 km

Longest Distance Two-Up: Mel & Margo Walker, Canoose, NB - 606.9km

Longest Distance: International: Dave Cwi, Indianapolis, IN - 2700.3 km

Longest Distance: National: Wayne Doherty, Toronto, ON - 2047.9 km

Trophies - On-Site

Oldest (admittedly) Rallyist: Rod Hughes, April 1934, 88 years

High Mileage Machine: Rod Hughes BMW with 512,625 km - BMW K 75 RT

Best Represented Club: Antigonish Touring Society (15 members)

The Rally was a great success with old friends once again getting together for the final rally after a two year absence due to the pandemic restrictions.

It was announced at the ceremony that plans are underway for hopefully continuing the FIM North America Continental Rally in 2023 at another venue in the USA.