

## 2018 Pioneer Chapter Riders Club Rally in Review - The 19th Annual - 11-15Jul2018

Wednesday July 11th - We all met at the Country Trails Inn in Preston MN which was our base for the Rally this year. Several of us went to dinner together at the B&B Bowl Restaurant and Lounge and afterwards spent time socializing. There is a liquor store right next door to the motel's parking lot which is very convenient. The motel has a picnic table and benches that work out well for us.

Thursday Doug Bruns led us on great roads to Lanesboro and then Rushford where we had lunch at Creamery Pizza and Ice Cream. Then on to La Crescent for more roads with twists and turns to Houston where we stopped for a break. Then back to Lanesboro and visited the Iron Horse Outfitters, biker leather goods and clothing, and Inn, rooms for motorcycle riders. They gave us a tour of the rooms, all very modern. Then to the Riverside On The Root Restaurant where the Pioneer Chapter bought dinner for the group. After dinner we headed back to the motel in Preston for socializing in the parking lot.

Friday Doug Bonar led the ride and took us to Deborah IA. We took a break there and while there we had a downpour. But OK, we weren't riding and the Bloody Mary's were great. We were watching the radar but decided we could continue our ride. We went to Lansing IA and again stopped to check the weather situation. Based on the movement of the front coming towards us we chose to head back towards Preston without stopping for lunch. Jim Rendahl, being familiar in the area, led us back on some really nice roads. We got sprinkled on just as we were coming into Preston. That was the only rain we encountered while riding during the whole Rally. It did rain after we got back to the motel for a couple hours though. For dinner some went for pizza, some had hoagy sandwiches, and some to the B&B Bowl Restaurant. Socializing as usual in the evening.

Saturday Chuck Barsness led a ride to Brownsdale MN where he took a picture of Old Bob's House and sent it to him. While there we met Bob's nephew, who was the guy that custom painted Old Bob's Super X a few years back, and his brother who happened by as we were standing near our parked bikes. From there we road to Albert Lea where we met up with Brian Berhow for lunch. It had been a couple years since we'd seen Brian as the last time we started our Rally at Albert Lea North Star Power Sports and Marine was back in 2016. After Polaris stopped building Victory MCs North Star was not a dealer anymore. We had lunch at The Green Mill and after lunch we rode to Le Roy MN, took a break there, and then back to Preston. The Pioneer Chapter bought dinner for all at the Branding Iron Restaurant that evening. While socializing we had good discussion about this years Rally and what was wanted for next year.

A Great Time was had by all that attended. The accommodations at the Country Trails Inn at Preston are very good and the location is close to lots of great roads for our rides. In 2019 most of our motorcycles will be 20 years old and it will be the Pioneer Chapter Riders Club's 20th Annual Rally. If you have ideas how to celebrate please let us know. We are planning to have another fun Rally in 2019. The dates will be July 10-14, 2019.

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