

## The Voyager Rally Wraps Up

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Aside from a welcome dinner, several guided rides over the past few days, safety seminars, motorcycle games and Voyager and motorcycle accessory vendors to shop from, there were several other interesting activities for members to get involved in. Last night there was a bike show, a custom and chrome showdown and a motorcycle light show; all competitions among attendees and an opportunity to see how folks have decked out their bikes. It was all done in fun and we were all judges, so it was a competition won by votes, each member only able to cast one each per category, making it extremely fair.

Tonight we all participated in a pre-banquet cruise from the Rally headquarters to an area called Dinosaur Park and back into town; complete with a police escort to enable us to stay together. It was a pretty cool sight to see 68 motorcycles in a convoy for such a distance and along our route we were met by many appreciative onlookers. Once we returned to the hotel we enjoyed our farewell banquet where last night's winners were rewarded and next year's rally location was announced.

During our attendance we met several other Canadian couples, all members of the Can-Am Chapter of the [American Voyager Association](#). Though they are headquartered out of Ontario, (ironically enough from Gravenhurst near where we once lived) we decided to join. Our annual membership fee with them was all of \$10 (Canadian) and we will be receiving emails and newsletters keeping us informed of Canadian meetings and rides.

There were several door prizes handed out, many of them courtesy of Kawasaki, and yours truly won a nice black Kawasaki golf shirt that will fit Rick perfectly. Overall we really enjoyed the rally; it was great meeting so many super nice people with a common interest and we look forward to attending more rallies in the future. The AVA welcomes folks with all brands of bikes and of all ages from across the continent. Next year's rally will be back in the east (they flip flop across the country from year to year) in Bowling Green, Kentucky. I suppose we'll wait and see where we'll be at that time before we commit.

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Here is a picture of all the riders congregated with their bikes as we got prepared to head back into town.