FIVA rides in Spain

Earlier this year, at the Motorcycle Commission (MCC) meeting in Madrid, FEVA Events organiser, Enrique Castells, invited FIVA to attend this major rally, to both promote FIVA to a group of dedicated Spanish motorcycle enthusiasts.

The event is for motorcycles manufactured before 1979. Routes varied, with fewer difficulties for mopeds and motorcycles of smaller displacement and a second of greater distance for more powerful machines. a.

FEVA also has a special interest in promoting the hobby among young people, which is why it awarded prizes to the youngest riders. Prizes will also be awarded to those participants who were accompanied by their children. This aligned well with the MCC youth initiative.

The rally combined riding on beautiful roads with little traffic and great views. Visits included, castles, historic towns of rich architectural value, with one described as "one of the most beautiful villages in Spain with a strong cultural heritage".

The rally, over 3 days covered some 400Km and passed through a range of stunning scenery with wild animals—admiring medieval towns, villages and castles and driving through canyons and over mountain passes like something out of a Western movies on the back of the horse—without venturing more than a few Km off the beaten track. Traffic was very light, virtually enabling us to have the roads to ourselves.

Participants included FEVA President Raul Aranda and though the bulk of the entries were riding Spanish machines, there were 3 pre-war Douglas bikes.

As a newcomer I was helped by Mario, a Harley-Davidson rider, who was an exceptional host.

Participants were mostly people aged over the 45 years but there were also younger riders and female riders operating demanding pre-war motorcycles such as Motosacoche and many others.

Although I am an uncomplicated person by nature, the entire process—from the arrival of the participants right through to the rides (a perfect, detailed, and precise road book or plan for each of us) and until the final lunch on Sunday on the main square—was flawless. I particularly like our gathering on the town square near the old gothic cathedral of The Assumption of Mary where prior to departure every morning, we drank coffee, had our briefings. A regularity slalom contest was held in the square with the objective of achieving the same time twice.

Enrique Castells FEVA Events & Motorcycle Commission

This was also a great opportunity to meet the local population and tourists, with the chance to promote the value and use of historic vehicles.

At a specific meeting with Raul Aranda-president of FEVA and Enrique Castells we discussed the possibility Spain organize a FIVA Motorcycle Rally. Having participated in this event, I hope this can be achieved soon. In my opinion FEVA have the organisational skills as demonstrated this year - they were flawless and professional.

Let's speak about my Spanish hosts. They which were amazing people, friendly, with warm hospitality. A pleasure to meet when you are riding your classic motorcycle far from home. Help and service in case of mechanical problem was always next to you with people who know how to do this kind of job.

Everybody was extremely kind and helpful toward me. The many tasks were operated professionally without any delay.

Alfredo Roda was the FEVA photographer, and he performed the task of capturing the event brilliantly. His photographs are an integral part of this article.

The location was brilliant and though I myself would never normally imagine using AI in my presentation, on this occasion the description is spot on.

"The province of Soria is in north-central Spain, in the eastern part of the autonomous community of Castile and León. It is the least populous province in Spain and one of the most sparsely populated areas in the entire European Union. Despite its low population density, however, it offers an exceptionally rich historical heritage, stunning natural landscapes, and deep cultural roots."

Thanks again to everyone I met at this fantastic event, particularly, Raul, Enrique and Mario.

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