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day and show him the Rockies as well. My trip was coming to an end – at least I thought so. Chris and Kyle invited me to watch a Champions League Baseball game. I still do not know what happened exactly,

but suddenly I found myself in the middle of the playing field and I had the “honour of the the first pitch”. Unfortunately the catcher of the Lincoln Saltdogs had a bad day – he missed the ball by yards. Once again a surprise which I did not expect at all – I, Bernd Neumann, Mr. Couch Potatoe in person in a game that is completely unknown in Germany - well, at least to me it still is...

All of the Baums brought me to the airport and once again I had to say good-bye to my hosts.

The very next day I had to pack my bags again and go to the Carpathian Mountains to give my report at the GTR Club Europe Rally 2011... but this is a completely new story

What can I say to express my feelings: thanks to everyone who made this trip possible for me and Gie. Perfect organization, great people, beautiful country – and what is most important: no damage to bike and bikers. Gie and I decided to come again: for the country and for the people.

OTP X 2011 was a total success!!

by Hans-Ove Gortz, COG #3465, Sweden

Recently, Bernd Neumann, GCE member (from Germany), made his Ride “Over the Pond” from Lincoln Nebraska to the COG-rally in Vermont. He made his ride without any mechanical problems “whatsoever” on a Concours C-1400 that was “generously” supplied by Kawasaki America.

He was accompanied by his (Tag-A-Long) friend Gie Lambier (from Belgium). Gie’s bike was a Concours C-10 that was supplied by a GCE Member. The C-10 started its trip in Lyons Colorado. Both bikes traveled in excess of 5000 miles!

This year, We received more than USD 3,700 in pledges. They ranged USD 10-200!!! And were given by over 75 members – “awesome”!! We want to thank all that pledged B&B, bikes, money, gas-fillups, friendship, guiding, yada yada yada. (NOTE: no names are listed so that none can be forgotten)

COGgers and GCEers make things happen! “These are 2 great clubs”!



November 18-20, 2011	San Mateo, CA
December 2-4, 2011	Dallas, TX
December 9-11, 2011	Long Beach, CA
December 16-18, 2011	Seattle, WA
January 6-8, 2012	Novi, MI
January 13-15, 2012	Washington D.C.
January 20-22, 2012	New York, NY
January 27-29, 2012	Cleveland, OH
February 3-5, 2012	Minneapolis, MN
February 10-12, 2012	Chicago, IL
February 24-26, 2012	Charlotte, NC
March 14-17, 2012	Daytona Beach, FL

Notable Changes: The IMS is moved from Greenville, SC to Charlotte, NC. The Seattle IMS is moved to the Washington State Convention Center.

Go to www.motorcycleshows.com for specific show sites and directions. Stay tuned to your Area calendars for information about any COG gathering connected to the IMS.

COG Mileage Awards

COG Mileage Awards recognition stickers to owners of C10 & C14's who have ridden their trusty steeds to four (4) significant marks on their odometer. This occurs at 50,100,150 & 200K. We're recognizing **the Concours motorcycle** and not necessarily the rider with this program, so if you have a Concours with significant mileage on the clock, you're eligible for a sticker to apply to your bike. Again.....this is only for Kawasaki C10 & C14 Concours owners. In this case, it's all about the bike.

Please mail **Al Norcross, 339 N. Little John Ave., Inverness, FL 34450-2028**, a digital photo of the odometer, the bike’s VIN number, a copy of your COG membership card, and a self addressed stamped envelope. Contact me with any questions at ironbuttal@tampabay.rr.com . And if you're waiting for a sticker or have contacted me in the past, please do it again with the above requests.

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