

Rally Scandinavia – two thousand and seven

For the third and last time Lambretta Club Sweden invited to Rally Scandinavia, last because next year we are busy organizing Euro Lambretta.

Rally Scandinavia is a name from early sixties, at that time it was a Lambretta competition that started in Stockholm, Oslo and Copenhagen. The competitors were supposed to drive at an average speed as close to 60km/h as possible with some checkpoints on the way. Final destination was in Gränna, Sweden where tricky games and party awaited the lucky people who completed the ride.

In recent years we have held the rally in Backamo, one hours ride north of Göteborg and the concept has been more scooter run like.

The site Backamo use to be a military school and have beautiful scenery, a nice bathing lake, large tent area, a scooter workshop, two buildings with hostel accommodation and a large ballroom building that also houses a kitchen and bar.

Most scooterists arrived on Friday and even this year the rally had international support with scooterists from Norway, Denmark, Netherlands, Austria, Germany and Hong Kong.

The food was prepared, cooked and served by four girls who called themselves Taverna La Laba and they spoiled us with great Italian food and cold beverages, best food ever served on a rally was the common opinion from the scooterists.

Friday night the dance floor was packed and the dj's playing all our favourites and as usual it all ended too soon.

Saturday morning started with a tasty breakfast and a couple of coffees.

Saturday morning is also a great time for scooter watching and there were many very nice scooters indeed.

This year's most crazy machine was Svante's Lambretta LD with Zündapp engine, and yes it really caught every cameras attention.

Scooter watching is not the only joy you have on a Saturday scooter run morning, several highly tuned Vespas and Lambrettas did buzz around the site and gave us both beautiful sound as well as that familiar 2t smell.

Time for rideout!

Approximately 60 scooters participated in the drive that went along the surroundings of Ljungskile on marvellous roads with Jens "Scooterdaddy" Clausen as leader of the pack. A coffee and muffins break gave energy for even more marvellous roads taking us all home to Backamo.

This year's fungames had a jungle touch, or at least monkey. A team consisted of one scooter, driver, banana catcher, banana pitcher and a person wearing a monkey mask. The person wearing the monkey mask were supposed to find and put a golden crashbar on a really flat PX while the scooter drives in a large circle trying to at given positions catch the bananas thrown by the banana catcher sitting on an half Vespa 50, all performed to the tunes of Germany's entry to 1979 Eurovision song contest.

Hit the showers or dive in the lake and you are ready for another perfect meal at Taverna La Laba and the Rally Scandinavia Awards!

A nice touch this year was that pictures of the awarded scooters were displayed by projector for the audience much to the joy and sadness of the awarded ones.

Price for furthest travel went to the three guys from Austria who after our rally headed for London and Paris on their amazing trip around Europe.

Well, we did as usual talk too much and everybody was eager to dance the night away. Mobster started serving very danceable tunes and ending with DJ's playing scooter run classics.

Mobster is a constellation of members from former Swedish Ska-bands so you can surely guess what kind of music was played. Of course it only took a couple of minutes before the whole house was swinging along the back beat.

Sunday morning came too soon and the rally was over.

A big thank you thanks to everybody who came, to the La Laba-girls for best ever rally food and the main organizers Bea and Mamba who has done a great job making another great Rally Scandinavia happen.

See you all at Euro Lambretta in Sweden next year!

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Pictures at:

http://soulscooter.com/bilder/07_08_16_19_rs/

http://www.djupadal.com/bilder/070818_rs_olof/index.htm

Rally Scandinavia Awards:

Best Vespa: Rally 180, Mogge Strandberg, Örebro, Sweden

Best Lambretta: TV175 S2 deluxe, Robert Gray, Kristiansand, Norway

Best original scooter: Lambretta Luna, Jonas Hedlund from Göteborg, Sweden

Best custom scooter: Matt and shiny black PX, Erik Brysch from Hamburg, Germany

Best in show: Lambretta LD with Heinkel engine, Svante Jönssons, Källby, Sweden

Best club: Copenhagen SC, Denmark

Furthest travel: Oliver Brändle, Patrick Brändle & Phillipe Mittelberger, Austria

Rookie of the year: Christer Svensson & Tommy Svensson, Malmö, Sweden

Oldie of the year: Jens Clausen, Göteborg, Sweden