



ANNOUNCES GUINNESS WORLD RECORD HOLDER CARL REESE WAS THE KEYNOTE SPEAKER AT FOUR WINDS BMW 50TH ANNIVERSARY RALLY



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EagleRider Pittsburgh provided the BMW K1600GT that Carl Reese rode and autographed at the Four Winds BMW 50th Anniversary Rally held on August 19 – 21, 2016.

Carl Reese is an American endurance driver born in Mercer, Pennsylvania who has set the most transcontinental driving records since Erwin "Cannonball" Baker. Carl and his team set seven world records in less than a one-year period. The most notable of these runs was the solo motorcycle "Cannonball" from Los Angeles to New York that Reese set in **38 hours, 49 minutes**.

Transcontinental Driving Records:

- Guinness World Record: Shortest charging time to cross the U.S. in an electric vehicle*
- Fastest time to cross the U.S. in an electric vehicle*
- First team to cross the U.S. in an autonomous (self-driving) vehicle*
- Fastest time to cross the U.S. in an electric vehicle*
- Double transcontinental electric vehicle record*
- Solo motorcycle record*
- Fastest Lap of Moorea on 125 cc scooter
- Records set between Los Angeles and New York City

Founded in the early 60's, the Four Winds BMW Riders club is a Pittsburgh based group of BMW motorcycle riding enthusiasts. The club hosts the longest consecutively running BMW rally in the country, predating the existence of any national BMW club. Early club founders were instrumental in forming the national organization - BMW MOA (Motorcycle Owners of America). This year the club hosted the 50th Anniversary Rally on August 19 – 21, 2016, with an attendance of 300+ people.



For some, the rally is a family tradition; attending the rally every year, creating life-long friendships and lasting memories. The children who attended the rally 30 years ago, are now bringing their children continuing the rally tradition through 4 generations.

The field events drew a large crowd this year, bringing back nostalgic memories of the games from years ago. Back in the 80's one expert rider, Leo, would ride around on his bike backwards. Continuing with tradition, Leo rode backwards for the crowd at the 50th.

The rally was held at the Redbank Valley Municipal Park just outside of New Bethlehem on State Route 28.

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Carl Reese delivered a great presentation on the record setting rides and autographed the bike on August 20th. The autographed BMW K1600GT will be for sale by EagleRider Pittsburgh at the end of the riding season.

