

2013 ANNUAL PULSE/LITESTAR RALLY HIGHLIGHTS

The 15th Annual Pulse/Litestar Rally was a tribute to long time organizers Linda and Chuck Furgason, Linda and Steve Schmidt, Janelle and Dave Ohlmstede and Ray and Judy Johnson. They have been guiding us through this event for the past 12 years and we wanted to show them our appreciation. Friday evening we all had dinner at Arndt Mueller's hangar and enjoyed a delicious tenderloin and fish dinner complete with coleslaw, baked beans and potato salad. After dinner we gathered at the airfield to have our picture taken with the FLS Microjet and its pilot, Justin Lewis, after which we made our way back to the hotel and set up in the Hospitality Room for some conversation and libation. We had fun hearing all the stories of Pulse owners' breakdowns and build-ups.

It was barely light on Saturday morning when we moved all our Pulses to the Marion Municipal Airport for



the Fly/In Cruise/In. There was a total of 24 Pulses there this year. A hamburger/hot dog feast was provided in Johnson's hangar when the other activities were over. Saturday afternoon brought us back to the hotel where there were workshops in the Hospitality Room and the ladies were entertained by representatives of Tastefully Simple, Scentsy and Grace Adele handbags.

We were so lucky to be able to have Saturday dinner at The Garden House at Matter Park. It was great to have the extra space because we had a record number of attendees with 65. We enjoyed barbeque and all the trimmings catered by Peace & Plenty Catering in a most beautiful setting. A good time was had by all.



The Pulses filed out of the parking lot next to the Comfort Suites exactly at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday morning for our annual road trip. Our first stop was at a miniature train museum at the home of Dennis Bollhoefer. He had a very interesting collection of trains and other memorabilia which we all enjoyed. From there we went to Grissom Air Museum where we took pictures and enjoyed a delicious barbeque chicken lunch supplied by Jim Price and the museum staff. After leaving the museum, we stopped to take pictures at the beautiful Mississinewa Dam northwest of Marion. On our way back to the hotel, we stopped in Converse, IN for wine



tasting and ice cream. Unfortunately, the ice cream shop had not yet opened for the day so while everyone was enjoying wine at Oak Hills Winery, the owners were called and asked to come to town early and open the shop for us. They gladly accommodated and we all enjoyed a cool treat on a hot day.

When we got back to the hotel, Royce Ann and Phil Martin showed us their

culinary skills by preparing and serving a wonderful marinated turkey dinner. Hans and a bunch of the ladies helped with chopping fruits and vegetables in preparation for the meal while others set the tables and spread out the food. Phil set out barbecuing the turkey and it truly was a memorable meal. Dessert was a cake decorated with a picture of the cover of our booklet commemorating the hard work of the past organizers of the rally. Gift Baskets were given to the Furgasons, the Ohlmstedes and the Johnsons as a token of our appreciation. Unfortunately, the Schmidts were unable to join us so a goodie box was mailed to them to show our appreciation for all their hard work.



Awards were given out which included the Most Pulses Present (Ralph Amos), The First to Preregister (Furgasons), The Latest Pulse Purchased (Dan Acker) and Farthest Traveled (Hans Wartenweiler who came all the way from Switzerland) among others. We enjoyed all the activities and look forward to next year.

