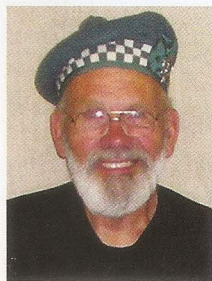


AMBASSADOR PROFILES



The Ambassador Program covers not just the U.S. and Canada. It is a world wide organization, as such, this month I would like to take this opportunity to present one of our European recipients of the Ambassador Award. This Ambassador rode on her first BMW when she was eight years old and was hooked from then on. This Ambassador holds an International Rally every year and it is called "The French Connection Rally" and it is held in May every year. This rally is held in a different region of France every year, much like the MOA International.

The Ambassador Award is not given to just anyone, although anyone can be nominated by YOU. There is a well-defined nomination form that must be filled out by you the nominator. This is not to say that anyone cannot be nominated for the award but it is the Board of Directors that makes the final deci-



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sion. My part in the process is simply to introduce the nominee to the Board. The Ambassador program is not a geographical representation program but an award for the nominees' contribution to the MOA. This contribution will make the MOA into a diverse and strong organization. The nominees involvement may be at the International level, the BMW MOA International Rally level, the BMW

ON magazine, the local club level, or just a members activity with other members, anything that makes the MOA a strong organization.

Any member of the BMW MOA family, can nominate another member for the Ambassador Award by going to the BMW MOA website at www.bmwmoa.org and clicking on the Ambassador program and printing out the nomination form and send it to me, or contact me at kiltmeister@sympatico.ca and I will e-mail or snail mail the form to you. The other way to do this is to contact me by phone at 1-905-885-7354 and I will mail the form to you. No member can nominate him or herself for the Award or fill out the form for the nominator. This nominating procedure should be kept quiet in the event that the Board of Directors do not approve the application.

This month I would like to introduce you to Beatrix Buard from France.

BEATRIX BUARD

#46066,

From the Breton Region of France

I almost feel that I should be sending this in French for you to appreciate the beauty of the French language since Beatrix sent her Ambassador Profile in French. I had this profile translated by Marc St. Pierre from Montreal.

As stated, Beatrix started riding when she was eight years old and was hooked from then on, when she was 11, Beatrix obtained her grandmother's Solex, then at 16 she graduated to a 125cc Honda but her desire for a BMW never waned and at 18 she finally obtained an R65 and her dreams came true. Beatrix has been a member of the French Connection BMW Club since 1981. Beatrix wanted to get involved with the club and became the president, secretary, and now she is the treasurer.

In 1988 she showed her dedication to the sport by coming to North

America with 20 French Connection riders, members of the Quebec BMW Club greeted them in Montreal. This group then rode to the MOA National Rally in Madison, Indiana, the Contrecoeur BMW Rally in Quebec. Beatrix rode 8,000 Km in four weeks during this trip and it was on this visit that she joined the MOA.

In 1993 she came back with Jean-Marc, her husband, and three other riders and stayed with Ambassador Joe and Alice Hanes, of whom she speaks highly. The group rode 11,000 Km, and ended their trip in Oshkosh, Wisconsin at the MOA National Rally. Then in 1997 Beatrix, Jean-Marc and their two children went to the Fredricksburg rally and then rode another 7,000 Km. In 2000, assisted by Ambassador Court Fisher who

helped them with all the paper work to clear Customs, 10 people came including four children, and six motorcycles to again attend a BMW National Rally. This time it was the MOA National Rally in Midland, Michigan, then on to the Top of the Rockies Rally in Paonia and did 13,000 Km that time.

Beatrix would like to thank several people that have helped her while in the U.S. and Canada. Amongst them are Court Fisher, Joe and Alice Hanes, Bob of Dallas, Jean Benoit, Yvon L'Heureux,

WW, Wayne Lee, Mark and Lee Haredy, and Doc plus many more that have helped on her many trips to the U.S.

Beatrix has owned the original R65, then two - R90S, the second one had 210,000 Km on it and she had it for 17 years.

