

CR Meeting InZane Norway 2024

Summary

Welcome Connie

We were extra grateful that our VRCC President Connie and her husband Michael took the time and effort to visit us from the USA and we wished them a warm welcome to the meeting.

The future InZane events

It was a consensus in the CR meeting that one year is normally a too short timespan to organize InZane. We want to increase predictability for the organizers and participants and try to decide the organizing country at least two to three years ahead from now on.

Based on this, the suggestions for the following three years came from the participants in the meeting:

2025: Poland

2026: Germany

2027: Switzerland

There were discussions about what time of year InZane should be held. Connie argued that the two first weeks in June should be off limits, as those are when InZane in USA is organized. Connie wanted to have the possibility to attend the EU InZane, and some members in Europe want the option to attend InZane both in Europe and the USA in the same year.

Conclusion:

Poland is assigned InZane for 2025, and Germany for 2026. Switzerland in 2027 is not finally decided. If possible, the organizing country will try to avoid the two first weeks of June. The organizing country will have the final say in what time it should be organized, based on the local seasons that are different for many countries, accessibility and pricing.

InZane 2025

Poland has before InZane Norway 2024, said that they will host InZane 2025. Date and location were not made public. In the CR meeting, Baka from Poland presented the Polish suggestion of date: 31.07 - 03.08 and location, Hotel Arłamów, southeast Poland.

All reps were very happy that Poland would offer to host InZane 2025 in short notice.

Regarding location, there were some concerns in the group, as it is very close to the Ukraine border. Also, there were suggestions that a location further west would possibly attract a much larger number of participants. Poland presented the argument that the organizing chapter is located in this area, and it was also difficult to find a hotel that would accommodate bikers. Poland was asked kindly to consider finding a location further west, if possible. Also, there has been no unrest in the western parts of Ukraine for a long time, and the area is considered safe for now. Of course, things can change within the next year...

Regarding the date for 2025, Tommy had previously this summer asked Poland to present a date for the meeting, as he had a deadline to book a hotel for the Valkyrie Glacier & Fjords 2025

meeting. In lack of response from Poland, the dates 31.07 – 03.08 was decided for the Norwegian meeting. By the time of InZane in August, the hotel was already booked, and many preparations have been made.

Because of these special circumstances, Poland was therefore asked kindly to try and find another date for the InZane meeting in 2025.

Conclusion:

The new dates for InZane 2025 have been confirmed to 26.06 – 29.06. 2025.

The location for InZane 2025 has been confirmed to Hotel Arłamów.

Under normal circumstances, InZane dates will be off limits for local VRCC meetings, as it has been in the past.

InZane pricing

It was discussed that we need to take steps to make InZane attractive for a broader audience in the future. To ensure the continued survival of InZane and the VRCC, we welcome ideas to encourage recruitment in the younger and “new” middle-aged audience. One thing that was discussed, is that the price point for InZane has become very high. Although the quality and content are also high, the price level can be excluding for many potential participants. The economic situation in Europe is also getting even tougher. There were discussions that, if possible, the organizers should attempt to find locations that opens for also cheaper forms of accommodation like cabins, camping, etc., in addition to the hotel room option.

Conclusion:

The primary goal for InZane is to get together and have a good time with Valkyrie friends. This will also for the future be the main annual attraction for VRCC Europe. We want recruitment, and we agree that it is a good idea to try to open for cheaper alternatives in the future.

The future organizers will try to host InZane in places where also cheaper accommodation is available for the participants. Still, it is up to the organizing country to decide the best location for the meeting.

VRCC Europe website

Andy has been webmaster for the European website for a long time. He feels he doesn't have time to follow up like before and would like to step down as webmaster. Tommy has been asked to take over, but he didn't want to take on the responsibility alone. Tommy asked Ronny to join him in dividing this task for the future.

There were discussions that we need a unified list of Valkyrie events in Europe. Tommy has already started on this list for his new VRCC Norway website, and this list will also be available in the European website. Most likely, they will build a completely new website.

Conclusion:

Tommy (Norway) and Ronny (Germany) will take over as webmasters for the VRCC Europe website sometime during the fall of 2024. They will work together on creating a modern and functional website that will serve the role as a hub for all the VRCC Europe chapters websites, and with info about InZane and other Valkyrie topics that are common for all chapters.

New plans for VRCC

To knit the VRCC community tighter together, Ronny (Germany) has started the creation of a VRCC Member map. The map uses the same principles as the Bunk-a-Biker map and will have relevant features for VRCC members. Tommy (Norway) will also be admin of the map and will help Ronny develop and maintain the map.

The idea is that members can place pins with different colors on the map and add relevant information on the pins. A detailed manual in English will be available to all CR's, and we hope everyone will translate it to their native language and pass it on to their members.

Ronny demonstrated some of the features in the map in the CR meeting. Here are some of the intended map features summarized:

- Valkyrie parts stores (physical and online)
- Valkyrie parts manufacturers
- Valkyrie dealers and service points
- Individuals who are knowledgeable on Valkyries, offering bike service to VRCC members
- Valkyrie members offering accommodation to other VRCC members
- Valkyrie members offering information / local guiding to other VRCC members

We are open to other input to relevant info to put onto the map.

Tommy's notes:

Thank you all for a constructive meeting. I hope you will use this summary to include your members in the work in developing the VRCC further. Please use the WhatsApp group actively to keep in touch with the CR's across Europe and share concerns and local VRCC activities. If you see someone who should be in the CR group, that are not there, please invite them or ask someone else to do it.

Best regards, Tommy #38813