

KING OF THE ALPS

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Early October should find some San Diego worthies in Italy... **Peggie** and **Don Picker** on their refurbished K100, **John Barnes** and **John Collins** on Africa Twins, **Tom Mooney** on his red 100GS, and **Herm** on the old faithful K75. Dolomites anyone? And these two, almost worthies...



Scott and **Pippa Dinger**, shown here recently at Mother's on Palomar, both on VFR's. They're renting bikes in Milano after visiting their daughter, an exchange student in Italy. They'll meet the other San Diegans in Covarra in the Dolomites.

Remember? Pippa Dinger was once president of BMWOCSD.

Then **Brad Baum** flew to Marseilles in the south of France to meet the San Diego group near Nice, France. Brad rented a bike in France, and they all ferried to Corsica for a week. And **Court Fisher** picked up a bike at Munich, took in the big Milano bike show, and met the group for a week on Corsica.

Meanwhile, Oilhead #1, **Steve Coburn** himself, visited the continent for the first time and reported in from Switzerland where he was testing an 1150 GS.

But before all that, **Brad Baum** flew his own plane from Ramona to Montrose, Colorado, for lunch with **Bill Siebold**, **Ron Jensen**, and **Greg Balas**. Ron and Bill drove Bill's truck with **Don Picker's** trailer to Colorado with three bikes aboard... one being Greg Balas's. But Greg flew into Montrose, commercially... not with Brad.



Here, these worthies were checking out the possibility of getting Greg's bike on the trailer, all at Giovanni's parking lot. That's Greg, left, checking the rig.

Also at the big Milano, Italy, bike show, the boys from GP Motorcycles. Seems they're among the top Ducati dealers. Anyone who views the parking lot at Mother's might guess that.

One of their customers in **Jim Cheng** who loves his Ducati now that he's got the steering rake adjusted. And Jim's been playing with **Earl Roloff**, long time champion at Willow Springs. Seems Jim may encourage Earl to try a Kawasaki at Willow.

Martha and **Hugo Schreiner** got **Dana** off to Berkeley, **Sara** off to Sacramento State, then Hugo came home to help with San Diego Yacht Club's cruise for terminally ill kids. "There are far too many of them," Hugo observed. Later, Hugo was off doing some championship sailing in San Francisco.

Not sailing, but rowing, Home made **Bob Skirvin** and **Barbara Haywood** on

Lake Powell. Searching for natural arches this year. A year ago they were into rescuing San Diego motorcyclists in the Alps.

Have you seen **Stacy Silverwood** on a black R1100S?

Then in September, there was the 3 Flags Classic, this year from Nogales to Medicine Hat in Alberta. San Diego was represented by **Dave Mishalof** on the K1200RT and **Nanna Frye** on the R1100R.



Here they are, just before taking off for Nogales.

Some Sundays, Giovanni's hosts the Red Hot Riders as well as the BMW folk. Recently one R.H.R. (and BMW Clubber) was too hot and got chased into the lot by CHP Officer **Mullendorf** on his BMW. The lights were flashing on the BMW.



After all that cooled, **Rob Cheeseman** discussed the weather and other pleasantries with Officer **Mullendorf**.



You should know Red Hot Rider #1 (no, Officer Mullindorf wasn't after him), Ken Rogers. Ken has been seen on a BMW, but nowadays on the Yamaha R1.



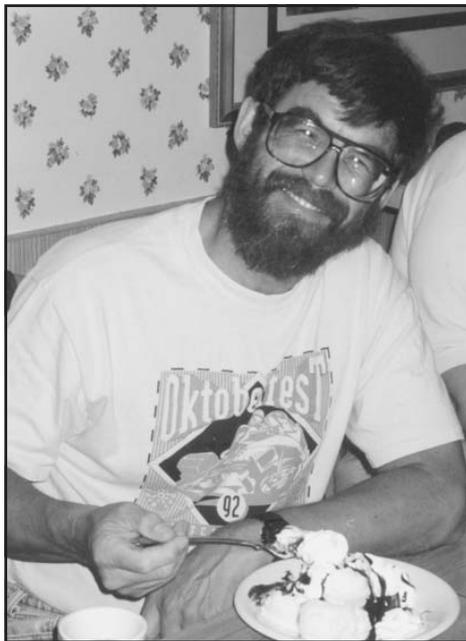
Also playing with the Red Hot Riders, Eric Levi on his yellow K1200.



Phil Beck has an artistic eye for little details on his bikes that leave them almost stock, but make them catch an admiring eye, and even pull a crowd. Here he's on his lovely K1100RS.



And our esteemed editor, Fulton Martin, somehow seems to have a different flair. His bikes, here the 1100GS, are unique also. Fulton rode up to that Ventura County spa, Ojai, to watch the Iron Butt take off towards Washington state. Fulton's back, here, on Newport Avenue, in Ocean Beach, after the Friday Morning Breakfast for the Unemployed BMW Riders. Well, a few employed do crash the party.

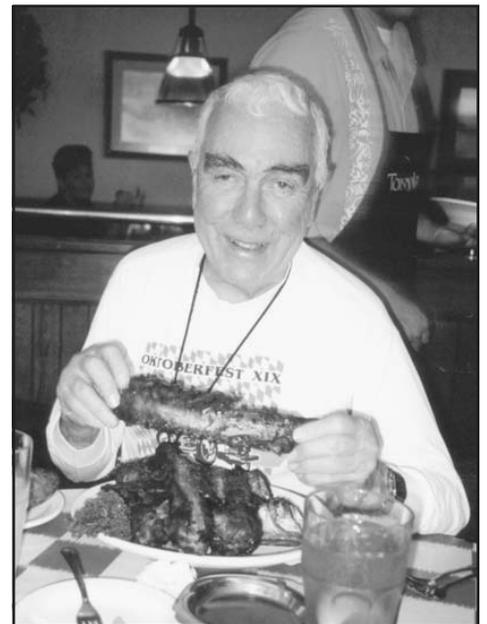


Fulton also commutes significant distances by bicycle, which seems to be an energy demanding effort, and the energy regularly needs replenishment, like at dessert time after the BMWOCSD board meeting at Jimmy's. The wonders of Jimmy's cuisine have become so renowned that some come to the board meetings just to eat.



Of course, eating never has been a problem with most BMW riders. **Harold Dorr** hams up his salad at a supper stop in Temecula's Tony Roma's.

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While Herm sampled the ribs. (They don't hold a candle to Fat Ivors!)

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This eating at Temecula's Tony Roma's preceded an evening of flat track racing nearby. There were about 14 San Diego BMW folk at the races, shown here parking behind the bleachers. Amongst the racers that evening was none other than **Steve Hill**, making his first appearance on the dirt.



Bill Siebold organized the ride to the Temecula races, taking the group from Brecht's, across Twin Oaks and Lilac and Circle R to Deer Springs. It was at Deer Springs that a Harley rider ran over to inform **Jon Dyer** that his bike had fallen over. Still clenching his pipe in his teeth, John inspects the damage with the Harley rider and Bill looking on.



Would you believe that **Barry Dorr** was having such a good time on his K75S that he traded it for this pretty red R1100RS? And he couldn't wait to show it to **Ken Shortt**. Seems the lovely red paint is from **Don Francque**.



Coming straight in from Deutschland and Schotten and München, our distinguished president, **Dietrich Kijora**, rushed to work on details of the Oktoberfest in San Diego. A little catsup and Heinz 57 sauce didn't hurt.



One Sunday, **John Barnes** rounded up a goodly crowd for a ride. Here on his 1100GS, John has **John Ciccone** and **Turf McTaggart** lined up, while **Ken Shortt** discusses it with **Mike McPherson**. (Mike is at that fine outdoor shop, off Mission Gorge at I-8. And of course, he's on his yellow R1100S.)



On that beautiful cream colored Cruiser, just like the one Herm rode in New England is **Sheldon Tepper**.



A new member with his special edition R1100R.