

# KING OF THE ALPS

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So the 22<sup>nd</sup> Wildcat Canyon event is on April 9. Be at Giovanni's ready to ride by 09:30.



According to Dave Campbell (right) this R1100S is properly equipped with Ohlins shocks and Staintune exhausts and extra wide rear wheel. Blair

Balsam, left, and Mark Kratzler have approved the concept. Some say the exhausts allow about eleven more HP.

Sounds good, too.



Mike Randall used to complain that the BMW club folk could look like a flock of chickens looking for a roost. Here they're looking for a spot behind Stacy Silverwood, who's promised to show them the secret way out 94.

Best wishes to Bill Brecht, who has done much for BMW and BMW motorcycles. He is very ill.



Dave Andrews used to be out in left field playing on Hondas and stuff. But now he's found IT. He had to go to Salt Lake City to get the two silver 1150GS's (one for his brother). But this one has Maine license plates? He testifies that this is the best.



Remember that Cruiser that Don Francque duded up for Brattin Motors? Well. Now it's on the road and even at Giovanni's of a Sunday. Here the proud new owner tells Stacy Silverwood of its charms.

Ask Gary Orr about his great BMW weekend in Las Vegas.

"Everybody was wondering who the movie star was," reports Lisa Boydston. The American Airlines plane was met at Dallas by flash bulbs and TV cameras and interviewers. It was all for Lisa.

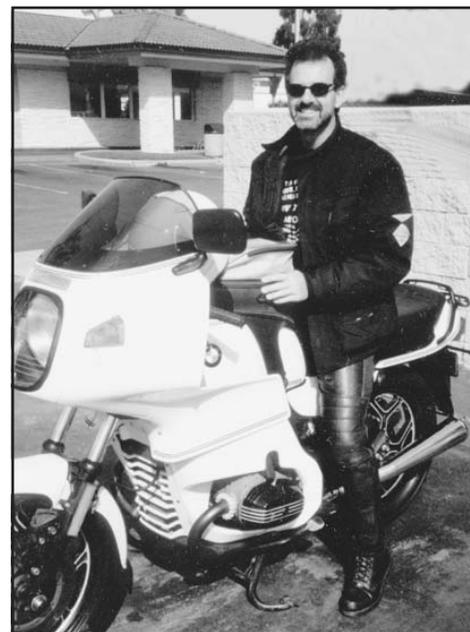
Remember, about 18 months ago Lisa had registered to be a bone marrow donor, and they notified her that she was needed to save a life. So she went through the difficult procedure anonymously. Then she did agree

to be identified. So the woman whose life she saved in Dallas arranged for her to visit and the *Dallas Morning News* and the TV stations gave her a heroines welcome.



We're proud to know you, Lisa. She's here, back at Giovanni's with our esteemed editor on the left, and friend Bert Lattka, right.

Bert's famous, too. He is the cover boy on the April *Airmail*.



Thank goodness there are some good looking airhead RS's around, like this one of John Perkins.'



What a pair, **John and Pat Wagner** from Encinitas.

Some February Sundays it rained. Even in Death Valley it rained. On the Airheads. And it rained on the guru of /2s and Triumph twins, none other than **Dan Cooley**, when he decided to leave his Shelter Valley retreat where it never rains to visit friends in Tucson where it never rains. Dan's Yamaha runs fine in the rain.



One Saturday was so lovely that Mother's Kitchen atop Palomar Mountain was full up with bikes.



Gathering special attention in the crowd was **David Kuhnle's** yellow 1150GS and **Ira Grossman's** silver and blue K1200. (From left, **Ira, Tom Mooney, David,** and visiting BMW folk.

Have you noticed, there's a new breeze in road racing? That outfit called Pace Motor Sports packing stadiums for Supercross claims it's

going to do the same thing for road racing and dirt track.

They'll fly the banner, *Formula USA*, instead of the old AMA. And a lot more TV and press coverage is promised.



**Ron Jensen and Bill Siebold and Turf McTaggart** have been packing them in at club social events, like a recent pre-Saint Patrick's gathering at Shakespear's near Five Points.



Do you suppose this truck works? Note the interesting paint job on this one.



It's really nice, observes **Dave Andrews** to **Nanna Frye**, left, of her new 1100. Nanna broke it in with a non-stop ride from the Bay area. But it seems to be getting some transmission work at Brattin Motors.



Aren't you impressed with these BMW types? Oh, to catch them on the South Grade! Disguised on the new Kawasaki is **Sam Ballante** and on the Ducati is **Scott Mastrocinque**, both usually found at Brattin Motors.

Triple R, that's what Road Captain **John Barnes** calls it. It's Rancho Rincon Road, and it's that famous turn off in the middle of the groves heading up Palomar on route 76. If one turns often enough on the road, it works its way along the lower slopes of Palomar and connects to Nate Harrison Grade, just as the pavement ends.



That's where these worthies are; the end of the pavement. From left, **Turf McTaggart**, cheating on the KLR, Home Made **Bob Skirvin** with **Barbara Haywood** on the off-pavement RS, **Tom Mooney** on the R100GS, and **Bill Siebold** on the 1100GS.

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John Barnes attracted a crowd with this surely-street-legal Suzuki, being tried for size by Bill Siebold.



This guy's been everywhere. Cape Town, Mozambique, you name it. And to Palomar Mountain. The aluminum tank holds a lot of gas, and the forks travel a long way and the exhaust makes an interesting rumble.

