

KING OF THE ALPS

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Not that he's had any trouble getting around, but Rich Kapushinski says the Cruiser really handles with the new Ohlins shocks. "And look at the dazzling chrome," says Stacy Silverwood.



Here they are, ladies and gentlemen, Mr. and Mrs. Don Neilson. Don and Suzanne flew from Montgomery Field in a MU-2 twin turbo-prop piloted by the best man, with the groom as co-pilot, to Sedona, Arizona, where they were married at Christ Luthern Church

by Don's brother-in-law. Following a celebratory dinner at Oaxaca Restaurant in Sedona, the wedding party flew back to San Diego under a full moon. The date: April 7.



Did you know that occasional BMW RS rider Jim Branch is president of the Red Hot Riders? Here's Jim on his "red hot" RC 51, which happens to sport a Painter Don Francque paint job.



And what to our wondering eyes should appear, but a new R1150 RT. Road Captain Dr. John Ciccone was first to sign up for a test ride. Rob Cheeseman admires the new machine while Ken Matousek clears the saddle bags.

Mother's parking lot of a recent Saturday was decked with two yellow (okay, Mandarin) 1150GS's...



...one ridden by Jim Swaggert...



...and one by Ed Sieberg. Ed succeeds in showing the RC sport bike crowd how a BMW can handle.

Rumor has Brecht BMW scouting for bigger bike digs. Seems they're out-growing the new facility adjacent to the car store.

Meanwhile, behind (and often in front of) the Brecht parts counter is that opera star, **Jim Boydston**. Remember, Jim was once the club Road Captain.

It's traditional. After a good ride, you debrief at Deer Park.



Here, debriefing, are **Tom Mooney, Jonesy, Hugo Schreiner and Brad Baum**.



Jim Tracoma, in the plaid shirt, is taking delivery of the beautiful blue and silver K1200 RS at Brecht's in Escondido. **Jim Uvadia**, with the cap, salesman, and "**Spike**" **Friesen**, from the shop, are checking out the last details.

Dave Campbell took the Brattin Motors "S" to a third place at Willow Springs recently. It had some cam adjustment that seemed to do good for the power, and it had some shock adjustments that need some more tuning.

John Barnes, former Road Captain, is out of the wheelchair some now, and can put some weight on his leg. **Tom Mooney** took him out to lunch recently. And the boulder that fell from Mt. Helix through his garage has finally been broken up and hauled away.

Mike Randall, charter member of the club and former President, has been in the hospital recently.

Tom Mooney and Herm and Bill Siebold flew off to Berlin, like in Deutschland, last month. They sandwiched a visit to the BMW Niederlassung and a Hein Gericke shop and a huge accessory shop between museums. The factory was closed.



How many have admired the perfect white K75C on the floor at Brattin Motors? Now, we can admire it as **Brad Styer**, right, rides it. Road Captain **John Ciccone** who knows a thing or two about K75's, approves.



Styling, really styling! **Doc Williams** says the only way to arrive at Giovanni's of a Sunday is in a stretch limo. Welcoming him here are **Ivan Aceff** and **Dan Frey**. The chauffeur in the hat is none other than **Ken Light**.

John Collins made it to Giovanni's recently, all the way from Pagosa Springs, Colorado.

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He was welcomed by **Tom Mooney, Dave Mishalof and Hugo Schreiner**. **John and Lee Collins** had flown to San Diego to attend services for their granddaughter who died suddenly. Then getting back home at 7500 plus or minus feet, John had an asthma attack and got life-flighted to Farmington, New Mexico. The result seems to be that the ranch should have fewer goats and horses. 'Course, we'd like to see him at sea level, too.

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You can hardly see through this disguise, but the black rider on the black RS was known as the Mac Doctor.



At Giovanni's of a recent Sunday, the gang got to compare a new R1150 R with Stacy Silverwood's perfect 1100S. The crowd is around the new R, while Ken Matousek explains the wondrous brakes.



Here's the 1150R being admired in all its new glory.

Gary Orr from Brattin Motors took off for a couple of day's school about the new braking system for the 1150RT and 1150R.

Former Prez Dietrich Kijora and the family tried trail riding in South Carolina last month.



Herm put on his helmet and took the 1150R out for a spin.



By golly, here's Todd Stahley on a new silver 1150GS. Just the other day he was on an 1100S. How to change an S to a GS is a long story... with a thief

involved. Then it seems the thief came back to check the GS; fortunately, without success. In the tie and jacket, approving the deal is Tom Mooney, off to a change of command ceremony.



Check these later edition Al Jesse bags. Doc Williams notes that even his helmet will fit in.



Dave Shealey shows off his new K1200 LT's license plate: "BAT BYKE."