

KING OF THE ALPS

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Ken Matousek insisted on taking the picture of Herm in his cheap clothes.



Bill Siebold, right, is giving the low down on his Motorsport 100S to Amos Robinson and John Ciccone and President Ken Shortt. "Not quite perfect yet," he says. It once was ridden by Dave Jones the music maker.

Rumor has Dave Campbell leading his class at Willow on the Brattin 1100S.

And Bob "Home Made" Skirvin, way off in New England.

And Don Picker in New York City, or rather, Long Island, for his father's 80th, and to take Mike Mandell to lunch.



What's this? Dave Mishalof is pushing his bike into the Brattin truck with the help of Mike Lynch and Todd Schoenburg. Seems the bike made it all the way from Brattin Motors on the Boulevard to the Blue Collar on Morena and still had a little... very little... oil left.



A cast of thousands, or at least twenty-one, made it out to *Fat Ivors* in Valley Center for the May Full Moon ride. Seems we managed to eat the place out of ribs, and one of the reasons was Scott Mastrocinque's near record consumption.

It was not the ribs that sent Scott to the hospital the next day.

Wesley Stark has shipped a bike to Europe by ship(!) and is now off touring practically the whole thing... even down to Greece, Sicily and Croatia.



Rich Kapushinski and Heather and Gary Orr were in the crowd impatiently awaiting *Fat Ivor* ribs.

Gary has joined Dave Campbell riding a new 650GS.



Todd Stahly has taken to Tuesday and Saturday rides, mastering San Diego's best roads on the new 1150GS. And yes, that is a Two Brothers Racing Team silencer. Between classes and riding, he has been seen at the DA's office.

Brad Baum has been checking out roads 'round San Jose... Costa Rica, that is.

Daniel Cohen was at Brattin Motors early one recent Tuesday morning, fresh in from Jacksonville, FL. A 50cc'er. Fifty hours coast to coast. He had an Iron Butt tag, and his card reads "48 states in 100 days." He was

riding an 1100RS, which he feels is better for long distance speed than his 1150GS, "which I took to Prudhoe Bay last summer" from the Bronx! "Nice," says I, "but how do you pay for these games?" "Oh," he replies, "I sold a TV channel to ESPN... the Classic Sports channel." "How about the Alps?" I ask. "I'm going to get that guy's book," he said. So Blair sold him a book and I signed it.

Then in came Rich O'Connor looking a bit haggard on his K1200 LT. He'd just finished 100cc. Coast to coast and back in 100 hours. Rich makes custom seats, and uses them. He's from Seattle, but did the ride from San Diego to Jacksonville and back to San Diego.



Here's Rich, ready for service and tires. Rumor has it, he took a nap in the parts department.

They're getting ready over in the Alps and Corsica. June will be Alpenstrassen time for Nanna Frye, Tom Mooney, John Hermann, Ira Grossman, Kit and Mike Lynch, Bruce Redding and former club member Don Walker, and who knows...

Wisconsin beckons our editor. And Sara Schreiner, Hugo and Martha's daughter, who has had all the blessings of California to this date.

But first, off to Norway. Sara, Hugo, Martha, and Martha's folks, for the wedding of sister, daughter, and granddaughter Dana.



It's really red, not "tomato soup," Dr. John Ciccone's "S." And the new suit, straight from BMW in Munich matches it perfectly. It's a 2001 and works good with John on it.



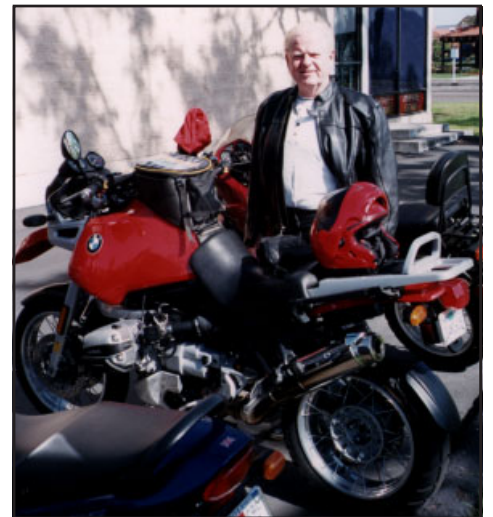
One Saturday when it was a bit wet in the mountains and the traffic on 94 seemed endless, Herm turned homeward. Crossing the bridge to Coronado, he passed some very slow motorcyclists, three Harleys and an 1150GS. They tried to pay the toll, but were waved through. Turns out they were from Germany on their first day riding out of L.A. and they wanted to see where Marilyn Monroe acted! First they had to come by Herm's alley to admire the sign from atop the Grossglockner in Austria. Then to the Hotel del Coronado.

Sun City claims another. Lisa Boydston is now at home on Moonridge Drive, Sun City, in the Inland Empire.



It's been a long five months, but at last, John Barnes is able to drive and walk about himself with the help of a walker. He was welcomed at Giovanni's on a recent Sunday by Charlie Parks and Turf McTaggart.

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His faithful red 1100GS is now entertaining Ron Spicer, who says "Why didn't you tell me how good these bikes are!?"

Dan Toporoski and Bruce Rogers are well known for heading south. Last month, they went northeast to upper Arizona. It was cold. So they headed south. It was hot.

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Lined up for a Sunday ride from Giovanni's. Would you believe to Idylwild?



Another Sunday at Giovanni's witnessed a swap meet with many treasures changing hands.

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At the Pala Casino, right there on Route 76, right on the way to Palomar Mountain, bikes with the inside skinny can park in the garage, right at the door, as demonstrated here by Don and Peggie Picker and Tom Mooney. Very clean and spacious rest rooms are just inside the door. The buffet is a glorified Home Town Buffet. There's an ice cream parlor and a Starbucks.

Butch Hays is becoming a master ditch digger and mason.



Roger Dunn with his new RT being checked out by Guy Harris.

Behold! The bridegroom is none other than Bruce Redding. He and Toni were married on May 25th. For a honeymoon, he's joining the gang in the Alps and on Corsica and she's going to work.



Rob Cheeseman has his K100RS painted just to match his classic BMW leather suit... silver and blue.



Nina and Mike hail from Texas, but plan to enter law school this summer in San Diego. They were getting the word here from Stacy Silverwood at Giovanni's.



Wednesday eve's at the Blue Collar are warming up enough to assemble in the patio. Recently there were Nanna Frye, Don Picker, John Ciccone, Dave Mishalof, Bob Ingram, Kit and Mike Lynch. Those extra hands behind Nanna belong to Tom Mooney.



Look at this. "Isn't it wonderful?" Carol Alley on her new R1100. Story is that she and Stacy rode a Picker

(California Motorcycle Rental) machine up, and she got the bike from Picker's outfit in Marin County, and the two of them tried Sea Ranch on the coast and then Oakhurst by Yosemite. Only Stacy's bike picked up a major puncture, beyond repair, near Oakhurst. What to their wondering eyes should appear but Greg Balas and Elena pulling a motorcycle trailer, which trailer happened to have been borrowed from Bill Siebold. So the Balas's loaded the Picker bike, ridden by Stacy Silverwood into the trailer that belonged to Bill Siebold, all in Oakhurst.



Then John Barnes had an invitational ride to breakfast at La Posta Cafe, celebrating his walking and driving, and Carol on her new R1100 joined the ride. Here, after breakfast, ready to ride, are President Ken Shortt, Bill Siebold, Carol, John Barnes (ready to drive a Lumina) and Tom Mooney.

Stephen Corpening emails from Milano that he rode a BMW Cruiser to a Harley rally in St. Tropez, France.

Pat and John Wagner are packing already for their September trip to the Alps with Beach's... the Oktoberfest Oleo. Pat's riding.

Don Petrick reports in from Kauai that the house he's building on the north shore near Princeville isn't getting finished. He hopes to have it at a stage in July that'll allow him to fly in and ride to the National in Oregon.



What a day! Maintaining the pristine condition of State Route 78, or at least that part near Palomar Mountain for which the San Diego BMW folk are responsible. This group started out from Giovanni's for the pick up.



Curious. This very yellow thing, obviously a new Goldwing, made several passes of Giovanni's lot before deciding it was okay to park. A *lot* of motorcycle. The spark plug covers seem to be gold. It's getting a detailed inspection by David Kuhnle and Roger Dunn.



The Big Oak Tree. You know, *The* big oak tree at the intersection of Boulder Creek and Engineer Road. It remains healthy. Almost every ride across Engineer Road requires a stop at it. Some GS types have just inspected it. From left, Todd Stahly, Tom Mooney and Hugo Schreiner.