

KING OF THE ALPS

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Just back from checking on the Kingdom of the Alps with some fine San Diego riders, here celebrating with Coupe Danemarks (hot fudge sundaes) on the terrace of Hotel Soller in Ismaning by Munich. From left, Stacy Silverwood and his daughter Jen, Carol Alley, Don Picker, Ira Grossman and Don Walker.



When the waitress came to collect, she decided to sit on the King's lap.

Jen Silverwood was celebrating her graduation from Cal State, San Marcos.



The roads of the Alps had been full of bikes and riders, like these coming

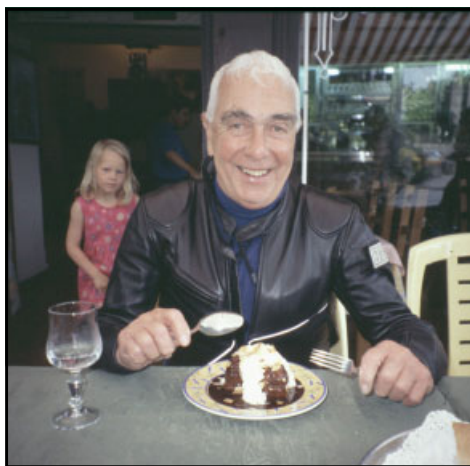
up Passo Campolongo in the Dolomites. The pavement was perfect because it had been perfected for the Giro d'Italia bicycle race which had crossed the pass the day before.



There were more obscure places, like the Gorges de Gats on the Col de Grimone with Ira Grossman fitting his RT into a tunnel...



...and Col de Cayolle, where there was a stop for picture taking with Don Walker left, Ira on the RT, Don Picker on his K, and Herm's 1150R, right.



While Herm digs in, some Corsican delights:



Ira in a Corsican forest, Col de Selva.



Don Walker waving his feet in a Corsican gorge.



Ira's passenger at the waterfront at Bonifacio, Corsica.



There are a lot of bikes on Corsica.



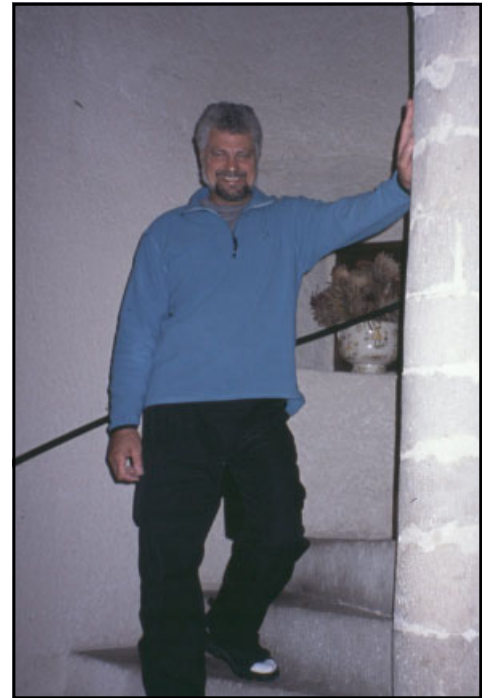
Watching the bikes go by from a table over there on the terrace, the San Diego riders paused for refreshment atop Fluela Pass in Switzerland.



Don Picker stopped for a picture at the sign for the Col de la Bonnette claiming to be the highest road in Europe.



The San Diego Dons, Don Walker, Don Petrick, Don Picker and Ira are waiting to board the ferry for Corsica in Savona, Italy. Don Petrick was riding the GS.



Don Walker invites you up the winding stone stairs, 700 years old, to his room in a French Chateau in the village called Chichilianne.

Congratulations to Denzil Mitchell on his recent promotion. And to Dieter Heinz Kijora, just graduated from high school.

David Knetzer went to Canada to blaze a trail for the MOA National.

David Mishalof did a 50 C.C. last month. Then had a lot of chicken at the Alabama rally.

Larry (Stoner) Stonestreet found success on the racetrack – sorta vintage BMW.

Ken Matousek, just out of the hospital, visited Giovanni's recently with a beautiful "Thank You" card for the club.

About time! The E.P.A. has finally decided that the funky "filler inlet restrictors" do not work on most motorcycle fuel tanks, especially those of a saddle-type because of their shallow depth. After June 24, 2002, the things are no longer required.