

KING OF THE ALPS

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Where've they been? **Charlie Parks** is home from 4 Corners ... 10,000 plus miles. Rain did not keep him from his appointed rounds ... Key West first. Charlie's 80+.

Wes Stark reports from Bonn, like in Germany, that he rode 5,000 some miles checking out Norway. I do believe he's riding with handicap California plates.

Reva and Mike Randall started out for Texas, and points east. Reva drove 745 miles non-stop home.

David Kuhnle is just in from Pakistan.



Jon Dyer, that's he, second from left, claims he bought an 1150GS in New York City, and rode it to San Diego via Miami. But here he's getting diagnostic assistance for the famous and old trusty R100. That's **Bill Siebold** and **John Barnes** and **Ken Shortt** offering opinions after a Japanese lunch on Convoy.



Ol' **Captain Bligh** himself showed up at Jimmy's one morn recently. He had visiting Airheads in tow, including one, right, from Toronto.



Looks like a load. **Sam Koops** was at Margaritas of a Friday on his way from the Black Forest of Germany to Tierra del Fuego. **Dan Toporoski** helped with a bit of advice.



Then one fairly warm Saturday, **Tom Mooney** and **Stacy Silverwood** and **Ken Shortt** found none other than the King of Engineer Road, **David Jones**, at the Cuyamaca Store. He was shopping for some exotic stuff ... ice. Airheads coming.

David Laing is making a remarkable recovery from serious injuries suffered on Mt. Hamilton in the Bay Area. More surgery scheduled.

And **Harold Schey**, ambassador par excellence, home from Trenton, ONT, suffered some serious injuries just a few blocks from home at Palm Desert. He fooled the doctors and he's home now.



What a deal. **Ken Shortt** has been saving the choice red R100GS for the perfect home. And here it is, being loaded in the truck of none other than **John Moore**, editor emeritus of *Road Signs*. By coincidence, John is an acquaintance of Ken's son **Ralph**, previous owner of the bike. That's **Denzil Mitchell** checking the tie-downs.



Scott Mastrocinque brought his son **Morgan** to Giovanni's in this special BMW-powered Isetta. It's red.

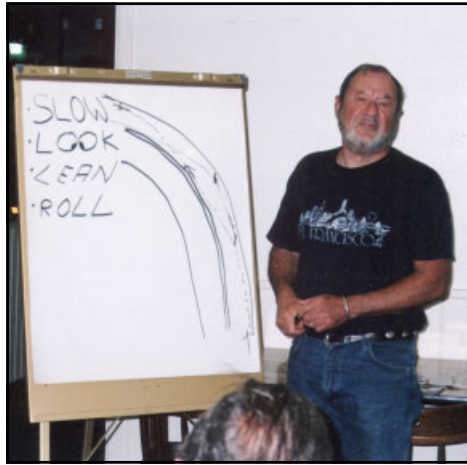


Red River, NM, survived. John Collins, Don Picker, Ken Burkett, Tom Mooney, Don Nimon, Dave Mishalof, Lyle Grimes, Walter Gates, Cheryl Nemeck, Dick and Priscilla Climes, all part of a little supper party Friday nite, August 26th. Among those missing, Fulton Martin, Ray Higgins, John and Pat Wagner.



This couple shall be noted in history, bless them. They bought the very first copy sold of Herm's 3rd edition of *Motorcycle Journeys Through the Alps and Corsica*. See, the book was supposed to be introduced at the Red River Rally. Only they got lost on the way from Hong Kong. On Friday, one week before this significant sale, they were discovered on board a ship in Newark, NJ. So they had to be unloaded, clear customs, and get to North Conway, NH, home of Whitehorse, then get forwarded to downtown Red River, NM, which is 50 miles north of Taos, which is 50 miles north of Santa Fe, which is 50 miles north of Albuquerque.

After a seminar without books on Friday, **Fulton Martin** and **Tom Mooney** invited Herm up the chair lift to 12,000 feet or so for lunch. On the way down, Herm spotted the little brown truck wending up the valley toward Red River. And the truck stopped in front of Herm's condo. Books. A sale! UPS to the rescue.



Gary Adler proved his MSF instructor mettle at the August meeting. He simply diagrammed the process of turning a corner and tolerated some opinions, but brooked no deviations. Push left, go left. Slow down before you enter the turn. Keep at least a little throttle on in the turn.

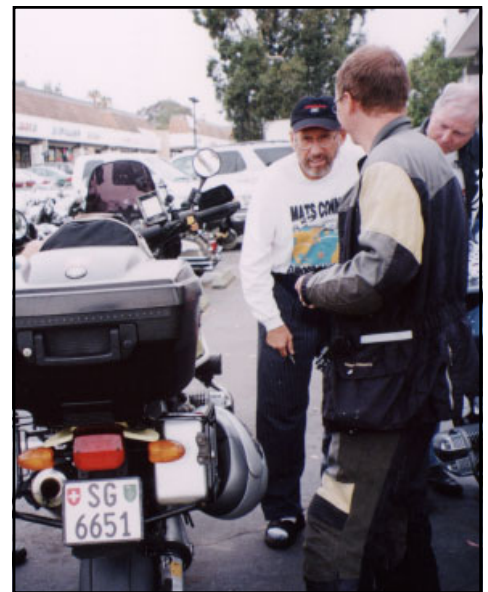


Why, that's Dr. **Gregory Frazier** himself with an arm around Herm in the park at Red River, NM. Dr. Gregory had just completed his trip across Russia, gotten the bike back to LA from Vladivostok, after bribing a few officials, turned the bike in in LA, flown to Denver in time for the Big Dog ride with such worthies as **Ron Spicer**, finished in time to hop on down to Red River in order to buy a

copy of Herm's new 3rd edition book, which had just arrived that day.



The black K1200 attracts a bit of attention, according to **Ray Higgins**, who drove it to Red River. That's new father, **Eric Luksich** comparing details.



They come from all over. **Bruno Halten**, right, from St. Gallen, Switzerland, flew his GS straight to San Diego for a bit of language school. **Gimpy Bruce Redding** is telling him about deer in Colorado. Bruce is now officially a resident of Del Mar. And his deer-injured knee requires more surgery.

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Every once in a while, **Dean French** shows up on a bike that would qualify him as a BMW owner.



Scott Vye, seen on every piece of exotica, is now master of an Adventure. Nobbies scuffed to the outer limits.

Then **Cliff Sharp** went and did the same—an Adventure to replace his K1200RS.



Here's **Cliff Sharp** hearing tales of woe from a new member whose K75S decided to hesitate at Lake Cuyamaca.