

KING OF THE ALPS

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That's Homemade Bob Skirvin's helmet on the counter at Jimmy's, and he's got the biggest grin in the background because he's not on the way to the Alps for a lot of bike riding on those good roads. But Hugo Schreiner and Don

10 Picker and Stacy Silverwood are getting ready here to spend the better part of September doing just that. And they should be joined on those roads by Kyle Hudson and Herm and our president, Tom Mooney, and Carol Alley and Court Fisher, and ...

Jimmy's on Midway has taken on added significance recently. Not only can morning cognoscenti get their coffee there, like these worthies, but the Executive Board of this club meets and eats there. Then, the Blue Collar, of long standing reputation as the Wednesday evening refreshment site, closed; the little hand written sign says "for remodeling." Well, remodeling was perhaps overdue, but what to do on Wednesday nights? You're right. Head for Jimmy's. Trouble is, some of the club does not qualify for "senior specials."



Away with the RS. The Adventure is the way to go, according to Cliff Sharp. (Very, paren. He also has a new Road King!)

You gotta give president Tom Mooney credit for planning his breakdowns. While many of us manage to find dark and lonely roads to break down on, Tom traverses all such with impunity ... like he has been alone on a Four Corners ride this summer, and he rode at night across the Mojave recently ... but. One month his sight glass blew out just over a mile from Brattin Motors, and, the next month his clutch gave out at 30th and El Cajon Blvd., a couple of miles from Brattin's. In both instances, the Brattin pick-up responded.



Here, clutchless, at 30th and El Cajon, Tom is coatless 'cause he had

to walk a mile to meet the John Barnes lunch bunch. Now sympathizing are Bill Siebold, Ron Spicer and Ken Shortt.



Should you want to know where you are or where you've been, then ride along with our editor, Fulton Martin. His bike seems multiple equipped for GPSing. Rich Kapushinski, our treasurer, is significantly interested, as he's just about ready to take off for China.



But first, Rich took off on his mighty K1200 RS. This was indeed a significant day, as it was Rich's first time out on the bike in a l-o-n-g time. And he says it all came back just right.



There's just no explaining and no quarrel about it, Ducati has appeal. That's why Road Captain **John Ciccone**, center right, sent off to Illinois for this yellow one, here being admired by **Ira Grossman** and envious **Scott Dinger**.



Then Scott took off on his, ahem, VFR.



They're almost moved in to the new bike headquarters at Brecht BMW. It's this handsome building, with easy bike parking all across the front, as demonstrated here by **Ron DeJohn**.



Inside on the showroom floor, two fairly muddy bikes predominate. The Adventure, left, according to the trophy on it's rear platform, won first place on the Alcan 5000. The 650 was fourth. All sponsored by Brecht.



Long distance rider, MOA Ambassador, MOA Foundation Officer, La Jolla resident, **Dave Mishalof**, left, on the F650, is checking the gathering crowd for a Sunday ride from Giovanni's. That's **Eric Lukisch**, next on the RT, **Don Nimon** on the 1150 GS with low pipe and low rear end, and **Ron DeJon** on the GS, right. This may prove to be a collector's picture, as Ron's bike got pretty well messed up by an out-of-control, hit-and-run auto, just a few minutes later. Ron got some knee staples.

And it turned out to be about the warmest ... no, hottest ... day of the year. The ride eventually found a cool breeze at the Lyon's Valley Store.



Just home from a summer in Germany, **Dieter-Heinz Kijora** here is enjoying his high school graduation present, a Kawasaki Ninja, with **Papa Dietrich**, checking at left with **Hugo Schreiner** and **Ken Shortt**. All this on Newport Avenue in Ocean Beach of a Friday morn.



Little did these people know they were at the **Last Supper** at the Blue Collar. From left, **Brad Baum**, **Bob Ingram**, **Don Picker**, **Will Creedon**, **Dave Mishalof**, **Tom Mooney** and **Dr. John Ciccone**.