

KING OF THE ALPS

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Congratulations Dave! Dave Campbell sewed up the first place title for middle weight twins at Willow Springs last month riding the boxer-powered bike sponsored by Brattin Motors.



Todd Schoenburg is mounting some scuffed up tires good for a few practice runs here on the bike's Dymag made-in-England wheels. The boxer engine is a 1200 cc from a cruiser, with some custom crank and rod work and a lot of re-porting.

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(For the record, a 1200 cc engine is "middle weight" because it's got push rods and is, ahem, air cooled.)

Dave is fourth in formula twins for the season.

And congratulations to Vern Henderson who rated a new R1150 R for his eighty-first birthday. (That's 81, ladies and gentlemen.)



What to do? One Saturday recently found three K bikes at the end of the pavement on Boulder Creek Road. It's such a fun ride twisting and turning and up and down with no traffic. Then it turns to dirt. At that

point, these worthies decided to save the polish on their bikes and turn around to enjoy the road all over again in reverse. That's Bob Ingram, left; Ken Shortt, center; and Ira Grossman on the right.



Then, another Saturday recently found the players out at the Desert View Tower, way beyond the end of 94, just at the top of Mountain Springs Grade on I-8. After checking the view and the facilities, they backtracked to Jacumba's Resort for lunch where new owners have plans for updating.

Then the whole Saturday gang buzzed in 94 and Otay Lakes Road to the spacious garage of the club president for a special session on brake fluid replacement on oilhead twins. Gary Adler supplied the bike, and Bill Siebold supplied the how-to.



Just as the session was over, Ron Spicer roared up on his new ADK. Bill Siebold seems about to check its tire pressure.



Tom Clark on a new Adventure buzzed Margarita's on Newport Avenue in Ocean Beach during a recent Friday breakfast for unemployed BMW riders. By the time he came by a second time, Dan Toporowski and Cliff Sharp were out at the curb to explain the real facts of the BMW world to him. Tom has a connection to Cunningham, that BMW place for four wheelers. That's Cliff's Adventure in the foreground. (Note: by special dispensation, employed BMW riders may partake of breakfast at Margarita's.)



At Giovanni's, Chuck Sougias parked his 650GS in front of Kyle Hudson, who just had to try it for size.



Then **John Diffin** of Brattin's on the Boulevard drove up with **Stephanie** (of the long strawberry-blond hair) as pillion on the R1200 CLC (get those letters right). How does Stephanie like the bike? The electrically warmed seat was very nice, she said.

Not to be outshown, **Scott Mastrocinque** soon appeared on the latest hot ticket K1200 GT.



Always of a Saturday, **Cliff Sharp** is out playing with his GS Adventure, but he keeps mumbling in his coffee about his Harley Road King. Show it, or shut up. So he putted in on the Road King with a handy Santa hat on his head. Are those floor boards as good as those on the R1200 CLC with its heel-and-toe shifter?



Then **Don Picker** showed with the R1150 R of black and yellow design, along with dark wheels and engine, and a nice dark windscreen, and parked it beside **Herm's** beautiful Atlantic Blue job with the neat little blue windscreen.



Yes indeed, it's very red, this K1100 RS being readied for take off by none other than **Hugo Schreiner** of Star boat and GS fame. Hugo figures it's just the ticket for the trip he and **Martha** are planning for the Alps next summer.



Recognize these two members of the BMWOCSD? It's none other than two **Hermanns** out biking on Hilton

Head Island in South Carolina, recently. **John**, left; **Chuck**, right. The bike paths of the island were pretty flat, very satisfactory for the coaster brakes.



Ducatis. There's always talk of Ducatis. **Jim Schwegert** developed a burned hole in a valve of his 1150GS (ever heard of such a thing?) so it sort of ran on one cylinder. So, he had to resort to his Ducati.

Meanwhile, none other than **Stacy Silverwood** has fallen in love with a 999 Ducati. He says "It has performance, refinement, comfort, smoothness, tautness, quality, and it sounds like a Duc." But, but ...

Congratulations to **Todd Stahly** and **Amanda Mashin** who received the doctorate in law from California Western last month. Remember, Todd came to town on a 1100S that promptly got stolen. He moved to a 1150GS only to find it needed a home with **Bill Siebold**. So Todd's been riding the K75S that had been specially prepared by **John Ciccone**.

After a few day's rest, **Todd** and **Amanda** left for Denver where they are now studying for the bar.

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First there was a Christmas party for old old *old* timers of our club. Here are a few of those codgers talking of slash twos and other wonders. On the left is John Sharnagle who preceded Blair Balsam at the parts counter at Brattin Motors, and in the middle is Dan Cooley who ran the shop and kept all those bikes (including

Triumphs) running. On the right is Bill Lucas, who bought one of the first slash fives in 1970. He was at Giovanni's recently on his trike.

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Then there was the fantastic buffet Holiday Party at StoneRidge Country Club. At one table were Dieter-Heinz and Sonja and Dietrich Kijora.



And at another, John and Pat Wagner and Priscilla and Dick Climes. The buffet included carved turkey and roast beef and all kinds of other goodies.



There were door prizes galore, with winning numbers drawn by Aliza Grossman, who seems to have surprised President Tom Mooney here.



Then the very special "Outstanding Member of the Year" award went to Bill Siebold.

As we read now, the first of 2003, President Tom is in Switzerland, practicing his German, and, who knows, skiing?

And Mary Parks, former editor of this paper, is at the Cloisters in Mission Hills, recovering from a broken heel and a broken wrist.

