

# KING OF THE ALPS

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Go for it Dave! He's on for the big Boxer Cup at DAYTONA, Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, live on your TV. Or you can see it live on the big screen at Brattin Motors on the Boulevard. Yes, Brattin will be hosting all to watch the race on the big screen, Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, starting at 8 A.M. Rumor has it that you need not starve while you watch.



Here's Dave and *the* bike. It's gonna have official Boxer Cup green body work. Dave and the "crew" (Harry and Polly and Todd) have to be in Daytona a week before the race, Sunday the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Dave hopes to do some practicing and maybe riding of the big twin he's been winning at Willow Springs on. But it's a 2200cc. So, for the Boxer Cup, he's using the one in the picture above, an 1100. Dave and Harry and Polly will be flying. Todd Shoenburg will be trucking the bikes (with some help from GP). Dave's wife and kid are flying, too. Official race time, according to the A.M.A., is 11:30 A.M. That's 8:30 in San Diego.

Been missing Ken Robb on recent rides? Seems his attention has been diverted. He and Leslie Ann Wolf are to be married in April. Maybe in time for Wildcat Canyon Sunday.

Tom Mooney's blown sight glass and clutch problem made *On The Level* recently.



Well, he used to be a BMW rider. Now he's got this s-m-o-o-t-h Honda. It's Cliff Sharp facing the music from the curious chorus of Ken Shortt, Dan Toporoski and Dan Frey.



Doc Williams and John Sullivan are commenting on Jim Benge's sidecar rig. It does have a K engine and fairing, and EML frame, and Benge oil and gas coolers. It also has a nice looking expanded aluminum K-bike gas tank. (John is city engineer of Ontario.)



"I'm this close to buying it," says Bob Stills. After a trial run he did buy it, the K1200 GT.



"You can't have too many BMW's in the garage," according to Dan Toporoski. "Besides, my wife likes the seat." So Dan just added this RT to park beside his well-traveled GS.

We know member Jim Reynolds is pleased and proud of his son, Mark, who was recently inducted into the Breitbard Hall of Fame. Mark's a champion sailor.

Doc Williams has a new Honda.



Leave it to Charlie Parks. He just had to have the latest and best for his 82<sup>nd</sup> birthday, and new K1200 GT. That's Charlie, right, being congratulated by President Tom Mooney. Jealous admirer is David Shealey who's got many a mile on his LT.



Here's a better picture of Charlie, not of the bike. On the right is new member Robert Maloney, courtesy of Brattin Motors. He's on his brand new K1200 RS, and he's off to Las Vegas, NV.

Meanwhile, Mary Parks is making progress from her fall—it was stairs, not a bike.

And Pippa and Scott Dinger are the grandparents of triplets, two girls and a boy. Each weighed in at over four pounds.

Florida may not have great roads for riding, but according to Hugo Schreiner, it has great water and winds for sailing. So he flew off to Miami last month for some Star boat competition. Ask him who won.



"Smile!" directed the photographer. Look at the cooperation. This non-smiling group was breakfasting at Lake Cuyamaca on the President's Presidents Day ride. Naturally, the head of the table is reserved for "the President," Tom Mooney.



Where are we? Why, under the oaks on the Murrieta branch of De Luz road of a recent Saturday. Tell the folks back east that it was almost too hot.



Road Captain Bill Siebold on the GS checks with a rider as he prepares to take off on a Sunday ride from Giovanni's.



To head north toward Highland Valley or Rancho Santa Fe, the group would be in the left turn lane, so Bill must be taking this group east or south.



One Sunday ride found its way to a feast at Gary Walker's hacienda overlooking Rancho Santa Fe. The view here is down the driveway which is pretty long. Bill Siebold got everybody around the mountains and down the driveway. Then, he took off for a bit of off-road riding school with Jimmy Lewis at Prim, NV. According to Bill, Jimmy, of Paris-Dakar fame, could dance on an 1150GS. Most of the class used smaller bikes.

Wave, next time you see these members of our San Diego club: Todd Stahly of Denver, CO; Don Walker of Jupiter, FL; Bruce and Barbara Anderson of Portland, OR; Don Bellew and Carla Spencer of West Des Moines, IA; Dick Cochran of Grants, NM; Dick and Priscilla Climes of Stover, MO; Jon Dyer of Miami, FL; "Pirate" John Gilmer of Jacksonville, FL; William Ippolito of Dallas, TX; John and Lee Collins of Pagosa Springs, CO.

Came out of the hospital where I'd been visiting Jim Boydston to find my tank bag gone. Nicely and cleanly disconnected. The thief got several copies of *Road Signs* and a copy of THE book.