

# KING OF THE ALPS

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Engineer Road was marked "closed" with a barricade across it at Lake Cuyamaca. So, the Saturday riders asked at Franz's Restaurant. They thought it was okay to go check on

David Jones's house.

**10** The road was closed because a bunch of tree trimming trucks were removing burned trees that were about to fall across the road. Dodging them, the riders made it to the devastated Jones house. David was there. You can see the smoke stains coming from the lower window. Remember, the house was (is) of stone, and the roof was all slate. Apparently, the interior exploded from the exterior heat.



David talked to Bill Siebold, Philip Warner, President Tom Mooney, and Bob Ingram. It seems that fire fighters on his road thought they could save the house, up until just a few minutes before it went. Now, the interior consists of the stone shell, and bits of twisted metal.



BMW people ride funny bikes. Cliff Sharp brought this humungous Harley to Coronado one day for coffee at Starbucks. That's Bruce Redding in the center, theoretically in Coronado on his way from Tucson to Cabo in Baja, on a KLR, while Daniels Stewart, on the right, is heading the same way on an R1100 R.



Sort of nostalgic, after seeing David Jones's house is Victor Siebold's mount. You see, David is always into special projects, and one of them once was Victor's lovely R100S Motorsport.



My, don't they line up nicely! The two ladies are twin sisters. The one on the right is Theresa Toporoski; her twin is Maria, visiting from Guatemala. The end pillars are Don Nimon and Dan Toporoski.



Meanwhile, David Rives was about town on his Motard-equipped KTM. David rode full time with the San Diego club while his wife was getting her MD at UCSD. Now she's a pediatric orthopedic surgeon at the Shriners' Hospital in Sacramento.



Then, that super sales person from Brattin Motors, Scott Mastrocinque, shocks the Giovanni crowd on this blue Buell.



The food and ambiance were pretty good at the club Holiday Party. The company was outstanding. One corner table included the Sim families (there are three riders in the family, Ferdinand, Frederick, and Ferdinand's son Joe), and Doug and Jamie Tyrone. Jamie had horrendous pictures of the fire sweeping by their new home in San Diego Country Estates.



And right there at the party were Grace and Enrique Ortega, flanked by Vern Henderson and Herta Salzmann. Enrique is wearing the tee shirt of one of the Oktoberfests that he chaired.

Ann Stapsy of Ride-Tour (across China) reports she missed the Holiday Party due to scheduled angioplasty.



Two MOA Ambassadors hold up a new pristine copy of the club map, printed on canvas courtesy of Larry Stonestreet, left. Helping hold is David Mishalof.

