

# KING OF THE ALPS

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Off to Spokane, that's where we've been. But **Hugo and Martha Schreiner** have been testing the Alps on their R1100S. Also visiting with their Norwegian grandson in Italy.

But first. **Ron Spicer** came up with some wonderful pictures of our recent ride on the Mediterranean island of Corsica:



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Ron has **Don Picker** on his trusty K100, followed by **C.B. Gwyn** of Virginia on the R1100 R he keeps in Europe, then in the background, **Sybil** and **Tom Roach** followed by **Kit** and **Mike Lynch**, **Don Walker** and **Tom Mooney**.



Ron illustrated the depth of last winter's snow on the top of Klausen Pass in Switzerland. The road is plowed, the weather is warmish, but all that snow takes a long time to melt.



And Ron fell in love with the Grossglockner in Austria. The people who run the road across the spine of the Alps know what good business motorcyclists can be, so they've arranged all kind of enticements like this "Bikers Nest." (There's no apostrophe possessive in German) Ask Ron what was in the nest.



Almost 20 years ago I spotted this very K100RS with this very rider at the Day and Night Cafe in Coronado. Then the rider was a helicopter pilot. Now, **Phil Salvatore** has an MBA and is driving up north. But he rode down to Brattin Motors for service.



On the morning of the scheduled Sunday ride to Idyllwild, all gathered at Giovanni's and waited and waited ... Nobody showed up with a key to the door! So the folks at the Spice House fed us. Then, **Ken Shortt** checked with **Erick Anderson** as riders lined up.



New members **Wendy** and **Mark Ruhm** rode the first new R1200GS, a yellow one, to show up at a club event, the June meeting at Giovanni's, the meeting featuring the times of **Charlie Parks**.





Mick has added an Adventure to his garage, and plans to be on his way to Alaska, as we speak.



Might have known it. Bruce Rogers would have to have the latest and most potent KTM. At this point, the 950 is pristine, with 250 miles on it.



He's back. After some time in the *Districto Federale*, Enrique Schon is back riding the LT in La Jolla and San Diego.



School's out. So Harold Dorr and Tony Miles have some time to ride. Harold says the 1100GS is the most wonderful bike he's owned. Tony has Ron Spicer's former bike, an R100GS that passed through Greg Ruth's hands before Tony got it.



A new member at Giovanni's with his R1100S. First time on the day of the picture.



Sean Bakke brought his new Adventure to Giovanni's for the first time recently.

Right now, Harry Brattin is testing the new K1200S, the in-line four with the left side drive shaft, at the Nürburgring in Germany. He and Polly flew via New York, where they checked out a bit of jazz before heading for the Eifel Forest and the RING. The Ring has umpteen corners as it circles through the woods around the old castle tower of Nurburg. The corners aren't numbered, but named with long German names. As I recall, it goes clockwise.