

KING OF THE ALPS

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Bill Blaylock, galavanting about the skies in his plane, managed to tip the nose at West Yellowstone, Montana's runway. Repair facilities there have been complicated. The engine has to be rebuilt, the wings detached, and all assembled someplace where the snow isn't too deep.



A new enthusiast came to pizza night at the November club meeting, Lance Wade, with just a couple of weeks on GS.



SD PD sent a very fine representative to pizza night at the November club meeting, Officer Kazik Lawek, shown here kibitzing with Bill Edwards.

Officer Lawek presented a bunch of interesting statistics and managed to field a bunch of questions from club members. Seems he rides a Ninja. Wes Stark asked about his name which he said was Polish. So Wes asked, "Have you been to Poland?" He had. 'Course, Wes was able to say he, Wes, had ridden across Poland.

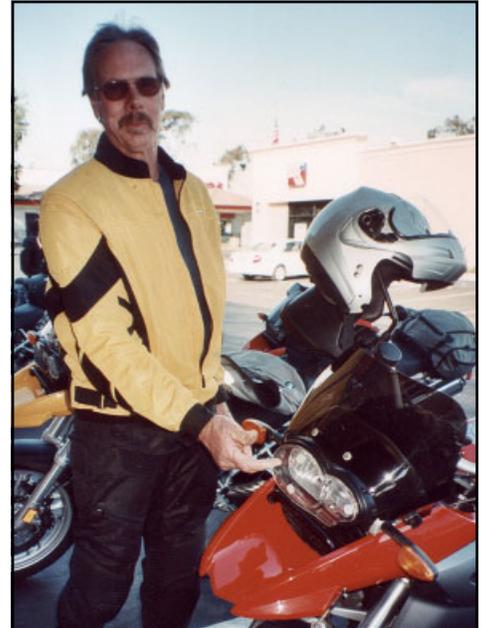


Fresh in San Diego from Missouri, for the highway pick-up last month, Dick and Priscilla Climes. Dick has reluctantly parted with his old 1100GS and has a new 1150. Priscilla's R has nifty new black paint. They helped feed everybody after the highway pick-up at Cheryl Nemeč's and Walter Gates place near Ramona.



It's attracting a bit of attention, Rich Amiton's MZ. That's Rich beyond the

helmet. Gary Kepple is checking on the left and Mick McGirr and Rex Neilson on the right.



Then Mick McGirr explained that the stock windscreen on his R1200 GS sent the wind tumbling around his neck. So he has this fine smaller one from Wunderlich that leaves his head high above the turbulence, in a steady fresh breeze. You have to know that his head is pretty high. He's a good sized rider, 6 foot 8. Nimble, too.



But Rex Neilson prefers a bigger than stock windscreen on his.



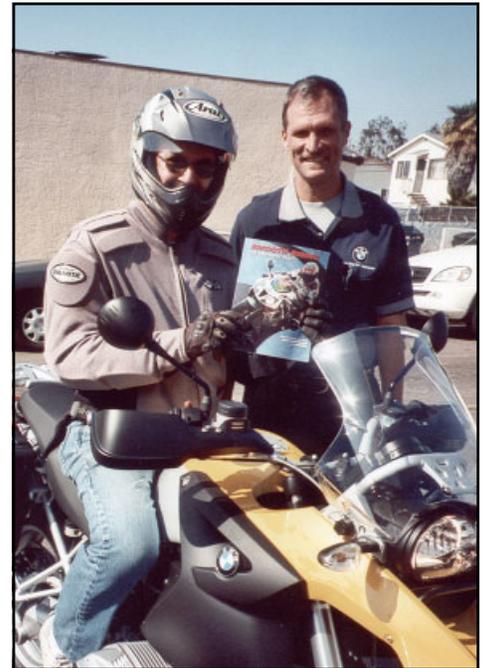
Margarita's on Newport in Ocean Beach is the place to be on Friday morning. If you aren't there when the door opens at 7 AM, you may not get a seat. So some get there way before seven, and stock up on real coffee down the block. Dan Frey, Doc Williams, Butch Hays, Carl Langston and Gary Adler are connoisseurs of good coffee.



Of a recent Sunday, former President Charlie Parks came in to Giovanni's to get the word from Stacy Silverwood.



Posing on his shiny new silver R1200 S, Steve Hill, who usually can be found behind the service desk at BMW Motorcycles of San Diego. He volunteered to take Herm out on a lunch time tour of Lyons Valley.

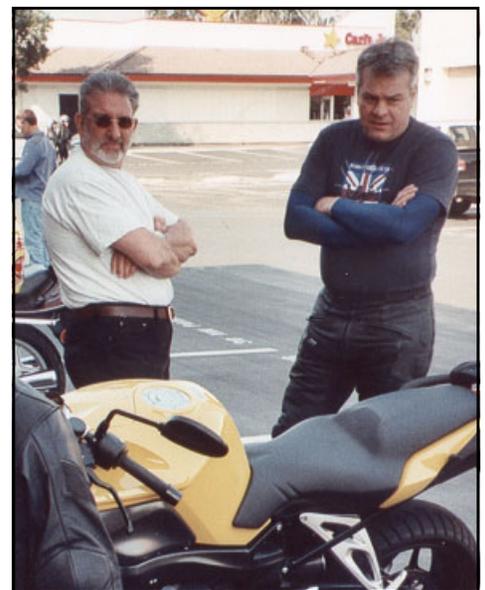


King of the mountain, Ed Seeber, had a good 95,000 on his R1150 GS, so he's now starting on his new R1200 GS, with Steve Hill's approval. Note, they are endorsing the book, *Smooth Riding*, by three-time AMA Superbike Champion, Reg Pridmore.

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About the first R1200 R out the door at SDBMWMC was this white one with Alan Frischman on board. Note the top box, as well as the nifty saddle bags.



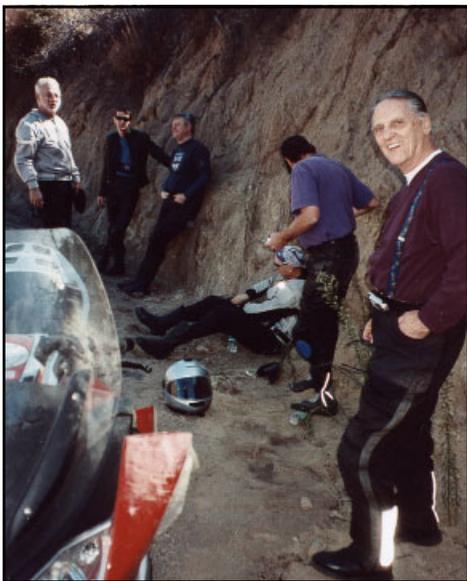
Two experts comparing notes on the *bad* K1200 R, Ira Grossman and Edward Bell.

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Later, Edward, right, got clearance for a Saturday ride from Rex Neilson.



Mark Eckel called a meeting recently on Banner Grade. Attending were Ken Shortt, Brian Muldoon, Edward Bell, Mark seated, Rex Neilson and Henri Warren.



It took all those assembled to get Mark's RT underway.



Then Vice President Brian Muldoon was assigned KP duties.

Actually, Mark found himself that afternoon at UCSD hospital in Hillcrest. After surgery on his right leg, he seems to be recovering well back home in La Jolla.



A Sunday "dirt" ride was announced recently, and it attracted a good following, shown here assembling at Giovanni's.



This Ducati, fast disappearing onto Ruffin Road, is being ridden by Joe Michaud, well known in vintage bike circles, and restoration publications.

