

KING OF THE ALPS

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Typical road crew, this one from BMWOCSD with Gary Kepple, Edward Bell and Mark Pohlson supervising while Kevin Green does all the work.



Very nice jacket with a very nice model. The jacket is embroidered. The model is our own Lenore Wellnitz. She and Jim rode the whole big Saturday ride over Sunrise and Engineers and then lunched with an exclusive gang of 14 at Fat Ivors, and then down to North County BMW.



Doesn't he look mature now? Gary Walker rated a candle at the September club meeting to mark his 70th birthday. With him is his sister, all the way from Indiana for the occasion.



After that club meeting in Poway, Gary Kepple on his K1200 got instructions on how to get home from Tony Cash and Mark Pohlson.



Also getting instruction from Mark that evening was Turk Konuk on his mighty K. Turk rode over the mountains from Borrego so all could note that he is still in reasonable health after his summer of riding every where to every thing on his F650. Turk followed Mark's advice and rode home using Montezuma Grade. He reports that the evening and the ride in the dark were just wonderful.



Gary Orr attracted an admiring group of enthusiasts with the K1200S that he took to Bonneville salt flats for the BMW speed weekend.



Edward Bell is showing Mike Moore and Ira Grossman some of the marvelous external tweaking done to his K1200 to make it a winner at Bonneville. Seems the exhaust is hot enough to melt the turn signal.



For all his efforts and high speed, Edward Bell got this wonderful tee-shirt.



Trouble is. The mighty K1200 may be too finely tuned. The SDBMWC truck is gonna haul it to Dave Campbell's wonder-work-shop to see if some of the tweaking for a short high speed run on the salt can be untweaked.



Edward is not the only one with a tee shirt. Frida Silveira is proudly showing her Laguna Seca GP shirt.



Henri Warren brings us greetings from Medicine Hat, Alberta. He's just in from the Three Flags run, which ended there. It started in Mexicali, where Henri says it was hot. Like Turk, he camped each night of the trip. Some camp sites had nice grass, he says, and some were a bit sandy.

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If this club isn't going to hell on dirt bikes, it'll make it on a bicycle. This is Dr. John Ciccone at Giovanni's with his made right here in Lemon Grove bike.

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You should check out Mike Moore's bicycle, which cost as much as his Ducati. He rode it recently to Giovanni's, warming up for his trip to Tuscany for a bicycle trip there.



Even Rex Neilson is in on the game. His bicycle is getting checked out by Bill Seibold. Rex is saving up for some bicycle riding gear and new leathers.



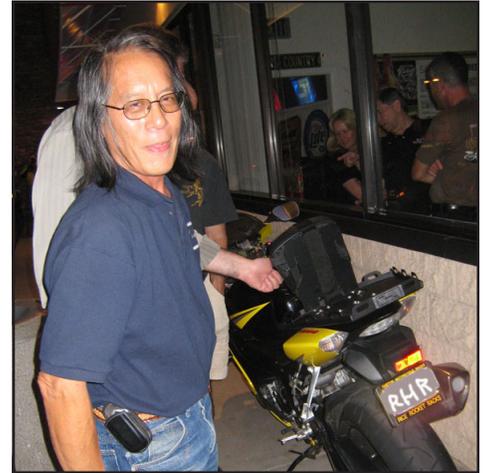
Rich Kapushinski is showing off some of his professional products, custom ear plugs. He and Katie can make custom molds and produce earplugs on the spot in several colors, and even with built in sound, like for iPods.



Kyle Hudson got this fine specimen for a song. All it needed was to be completely rebuilt, restored, and painted. He did all the work, and painted it bright yellow. Now, it's attracted the admiration of Stacy Silverwood.



Kaye Dillaway has perfect taste in motorcycles. Look at its functional beauty. Has to be fast to play with her husband, who putts around on a 6 cylinder CBX.



Bert Lu is showing off the sport-bike luggage rack he's designed. It fits in the brackets for the passenger seat. He rode down from L.A. to demonstrate the *Rice Rocket Racks* to the Red Hot Riders recently.

