

KING OF THE ALPS

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Gary Walker led a whole covey of riders into the wilderness between Tenaja, north of Fallbrook, and Highway 74 in Riverside County. Only 14 miles and it seemed to take an hour. At this point, the stragglers were allowed to catch up with the GS inspired leaders.



What's Amiton got that attracts such attention? (Note his box is open.) With this tool, you can ride around the world.

There was a wonderful club holiday party at Tom Ham's, which Frida carefully arranged on a gorgeous day with the bay and skyline clear and sunny.



On the deck with the view, Gary Kepple, Rich Amiton, and Vice President Mark Pohlson.



Back inside, Mark Pohlson was framed by wife Amy, left, and hostess, Frida, right.



Amir Porat brought his special guest, Sandy.



Herm got several wives together, Pohlson's, Kepple's, and Amiton's.



President Sackett recognized Editor Fulton Martin with a 'Good Guy' award.



There was some dessert left when Frida announced the winner of the grand prize drawing was none other than Pat Shortt, here with the just won helmet.

A lot of San Diego BMW folk made it north on 5 to the Long Beach Cycle World Show earlier in December.



Rich Amiton tried out the new R1200 GS while club president, Dick Sackett scrutinized it.



Then Dick tried out the new F800GS. Look! His feet are on the floor.

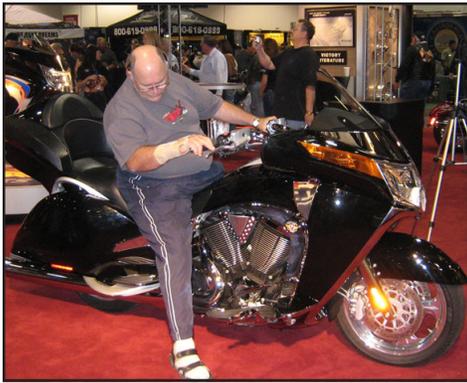


Then our road captain Bill Edwards tried the 800GS. Note, his feet are not on the floor.



Mike O'Keefe, left, in his official capacity, helped Hugo Schreiner, right, drool over the new BMW super sport bike that just might be better than Hugo's Ducati.

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Almost everybody was at the BMW display. But this rider definitely belonged at the Victory display. Look at that streamlined fairing, those bags.



And at the *Cycle World* display, this BMW flat-tracker looked very sanitary.



Not long ago, Eric Broeder was riding a nice K100RS, then a K1200RS. Now, he's found the music in a fine ST.



Not too far away, Moto Guzzi was trying to match the mighty R1200 R.



Very clever. Up at North County, they put their decals on a former police bike, and use it as a loaner. In the background, Luke Yam is almost ready to take off to explore Baja.



Up at North County, Don Picker was getting the latest scoop from Bob Soracco. The very next day, Bob joined

Gary Kepple and Mike Moore for a HP GS jaunt up through the ice and snow and mud of Nate Harrison Grade. At the top, they were turned back by the State Park rangers, who said the park was “closed.” So they got to descend the same way. Then Bob left his mud coated HP on display out front, at the shop.



Lou Scanlon got in some deep discussion with a fellow 650 rider.



Tom Mooney hosted a holiday luncheon at the San Diego Brewing Company with Gary Walker, left, Bill Siebold, and Ken Shortt, right.



Ken Shortt, left, showed off his special edition K 75 S, late of Bakersfield, to Henri, Don, and Bill.