

# KING OF THE ALPS

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At last **Ken Shortt** has the famous K75 back on the road with some custom fixes.



Another engineering masterpiece is this lovely R69S with beautiful Steib sidecar arranged by **Dave Knetzer**. Dave designed and built the shifting mechanism that lets him hand shift with his right hand. He's explaining it all to our president **Dick Sackett**.



Bright and early on New Years Day 2008, ready to ride from the Spice House were these worthies, **Rich Amiton**, **Steve Hill**, **Painter Don Francque** and **Joe Hylton**.



The New Years ride included **Frida Silveira** proudly displaying the new Uruguay license plate. She and **Ariel** were there last December looking for vacation hide-aways.

Would you believe that **Jim Boswell**, late of SDBWMC, has absconded to Napa.



**Larry Williams** is the new member with the nice K1200. Here, he's at **Dudley's Bakery** at Santa Ysabel enjoying a break.



Meanwhile, **Lou Scanlon** on his 650 BMW escorted these two Harley riders to **Fat Ivors** (of course) where they joined a dozen others for lunch. Horrors! Not all had ribs.





Rex Neilson claimed he didn't know Herm had an 1100GS. It's only been around for 90,000 miles.



Then Rex claimed shock and horror at the dirty condition of the rims on Herm's GS, which condition he illustrated by cleaning between two spokes with his finger and taking this picture to prove it.



Ride to all the National Parks and Monuments in California is the goal, and Dave Mishalof has figured out a good way to do it in several rides. At Giovanni's one Sunday he explained to a goodly crowd how it could be done.



Then Fred Rau, famous in the motorcycle world as journalist and travel expert (read him in *Motorcycle Consumer News* and *Friction Zone*) entertained the January club meeting

with fun stories of road tests and introductions of new bikes. You can contact him about tours in the US and New Zealand.



Hey. Our club secretary Gene Calbow and his wrist are back in action on this very handsome ST.



Ken Shortt and Rex Neilson are intrigued with the sanitary looking cruising pegs that fold out from the cylinder head on Gene's ST.

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But our Road Captain, Bill Edwards, was more pleased with the whole bike. Seated on the saddle, he was heard say, "Isn't it beautiful."



This is Scott Dinslage's street costume.



Here he is (second from right) more colorfully costumed with some of the Otay 80 gang. That's Bill Mazzei, left, back riding a GS after a short 18 year hiatus. Next, Bill Taylor. What's Rex have on his head.



They don't make them like they used to. Gary Orr chose the red K1, circa 1990, for his morning ride from Escondido to Giovanni's.

Escorting the Chargers when they arrived late on a cold night from Boston was Scott Satrom on his official looking escort BMW. Around club events Scott rides a comfy LT.

Limping around. Sean DeAngelis and Tony Cash.