

KING OF THE ALPS

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It's not a propeller! At last, the truth is out (in CYCLE WORLD). The treasured roundel, now 90 years old, is a variation of the Bavarian flag and colors.

Come on to the March dinner night at Bongiovanni's out by Flynn Springs on Old Highway 80, east of Lake Jennings Road.

The owner is a BMW motorcyclist who lost his leg to cancer when he was 10 years old.

And stand by for the 30th Anniversary *Wildcat Canyon* ride next month. Enjoy North County BMW's hospitality at the end of the ride.



Wayne Boyer of Motoport, local manufacturer of motorcycle apparel, brought some of his latest materials and styles to the February club meeting at Giovanni's. A large crowd enjoyed free pizza and stuff.



Ken Shortt was one of many who tried on this jacket. The material seemed to be a heavy mesh weave. Not bad?



Agent Kyle Miller was ready to secure everything but Frida Silveira at the Full Moon dinner at Mimi's last month.



Portions are generous at Mimi's. Frida helps display the little salad that showed up for Bill Edward's friend, Sue.



No way to keep Rich Amiton out of the dirt. His brand new X-treme has already been there.



Ken Wagner's dog in the R100S tank bag always snags attention, like with Leigh Carpenter here. And in the background, the right side of the spectacular SDBMWMC van.



Look how roomy the SDBMWMC van is, with Mike Lynch standing tall in the rear door. Gary Orr, left just may take it afar.

Wait 'til you see the side panels.



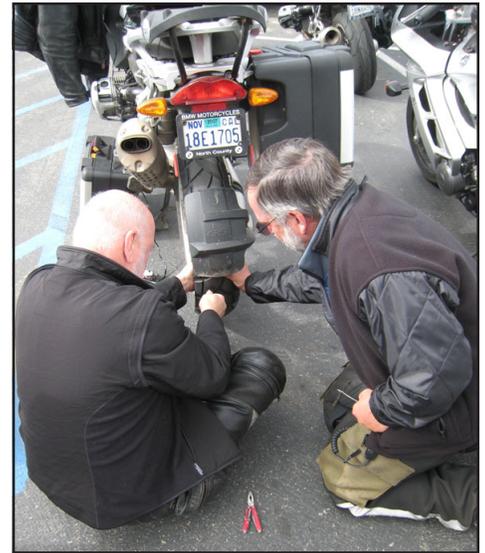
Bob Soracco of BMWMCNC does not let a customer like Mike Moore get out of the store easily



Ready for all the high points, the Valentine's Day ride started out with Gary Walker on the Yamaha and Chuck and Kate DuVivier. After Soledad and Point Loma and Helix, riders wound their way to the Organ Concert in Balboa Park.



Nifty, no? For Valentine's Day, Frida Silveira got new leathers.



After a Sandia Creek ride, and a fine lunch with the waitresses at Texas Lil's, Gary Walker got back to the parking lot to discover a machine screw in his rear tire.



After a plug, and with Bill Edwards' careful assistance, Gary hooked up his 12 volt compressor and filled the tire. Of course it held air.



Obviously a lady of fine taste and judgement, Terri Brownlee got this lovely new pin-striped R1200R and headed straight for Giovanni's to show it off.



Meanwhile, her husband, Phillip, center, had to stand by while Dan Toporoski and Mike Lynch checked out his very specially detailed Road King.



One Sunday, the A team from SDBMW teamed up for a special run. That's Steve Hill, center, with his 1200S.



Sean DeAngelis was gonna show 'em how on his orange Kawasaki, which has received a bit ... not quite enough, but a bit ... of cosmetic attention.



I don't know. Thought I did. Anybody? (Darn closed faceshield!)



Luke Yam is ready to help Ted Benchoff on his Arizona 650. He's had the bike a while, but has been away. Before he knew it, he'd done 94 and S-2, and had lunch in Borrego.



Visiting journalist, **Victor Cruz**, from New England, got a bike from California Motorcycle Rentals and rode everywhere one weekend. The only roads **Steve Hill** and **Gary Orr** could show him were Bandy Canyon, Lilac and Couser and Rice, which led them, of course, to Texas Lil's balcony.



Never can tell who will show. Here's long lost **Ken Robb**, famous BMW track instructor, on a Ducati ST3.



Who should be the first on the block with a 2008 1200GS, Bavarian Blue if you please, but **Brian Muldoon**. It was a long time coming.

Henri Warren has a spot on this year's 3 Flags Classic. It begins at Mexicali and ends at Nanaimo, Vancouver Island.

All the wheels of BMW Motorrad gathered in San Diego last month. Hush hush.