

KING OF THE ALPS

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Don't forget, 30th Anniversary Wildcat Canyon. Next Sunday, April 6, from Giovanni's to North County BMW (where Bob Sorraoco promises many good things).



You should know this guy. None other than **Bob Henig** of Bob's BMW in Maryland. He rode a Picker R1200 R all over San Diego County, even in the rain, even to dinner at the Santa Ysabel Casino, even to the gathering of U.S. dealers at the downtown Marriott. (Where the new head of BMW Motorrad, USA, **Pieter de Waal** showed, along with the new boss of BMW Motorrad for the world. Just between us, it appears that the later is the son of the chairman of the board of BMW a.g.)



The fire captain seems to like his new wheels. **Stacy Silverwood** insists that it fits in the garage, and when it rains, he does not get wet.



You can count on it. When **Gary Walker** leads one of his expert rides, there will be a lunch stop, like this one at the Pauma Casino, famous for very reasonable prices. With **Bill Edwards** and **Ken Shortt**, all were well fed.



You have to see this in color. Some can remember the unique disguises **Scott Dinger** has found for his bikes in the past. His GS here is very yellow.



But look out. **Pippa** is playing the same game. Her GS is very very (of course) RED.



There are some wise and able riders with that best of all BMWs, the R1200 R, like **John Rawlings**. He joined one Saturday ride from Giovanni's and got thrown into de Luz and Tenaja and the National Forest trail on the way to Texas Lil's.



Everybody ready to ride. Everybody, that is, but our vice president, who got as far as Escondido and announced that he needed gas.

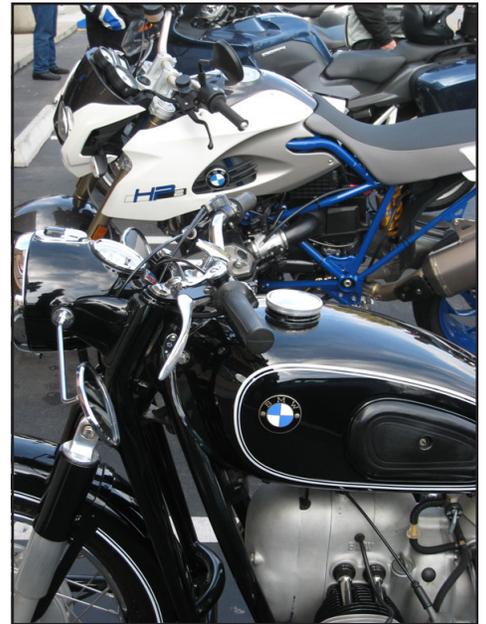
Probably 'cause he was busting a few buttons with the news that his daughter had been admitted to UCSD, with a scholarship, no less.



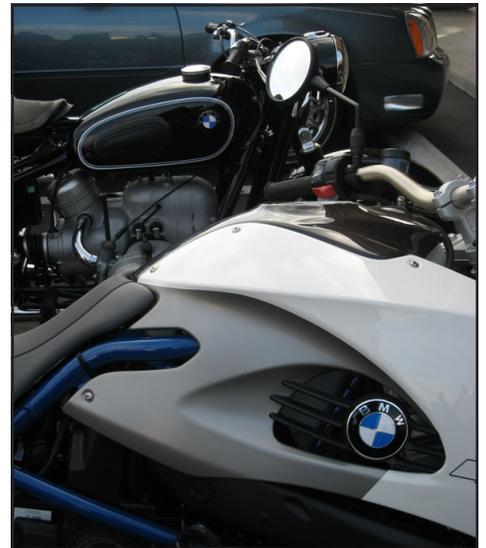
WOW! Our MOA Ambassador from Murrieta on a new HP2. **Larry Stonestreet**, known to most as "Stoner," is famous for many things, including mc-ing the final ceremonies at most every MOA rally with the help of "Stoner's Girls.") Rumor is that he'll review the bike in a forthcoming issue of *BMW Owners News*.



Always ready to ride, **Luke Yam** had to get the feel of the new HP2.



Then. Then **Gary Orr** rode in on his beautiful R69S/2 and parked it next to the HP2. What a photo op. A pair of BMW "2's" only 40 years apart.





New member **Liz Schneblin** at a recent Sunday breakfast



On one of the rare occasions that our counselor, **Bill Taylor**, is riding his GS in street leathers instead of the funky dirt bike in the off road costume.



Isn't it a handsome facade? Some day. Some day, it will be white with BMW logo in silver, and probbly the bagel sign will be gone.



If your gonna ride a mighty K1200, you otta have Icon armoured gloves like **Duffey Wolvin** is sporting. They match the Icon jacket and the HGJ helmet and the Bavarian blue in the Roundel.

Nanna Frye reports that she and **Ron** got buzzed a couple of times by an F-18 as they rode to Death Valley.

German spoken. At SDBMWMC of a recent Saturday, there was a couple from Switzerland near Zurich, each riding their own BMW, and a couple from Austria near Salzburg, and a couple from Berlin.

There's a **John Sullivan** house going up in Ouray, CO.



Oh No! Just back on a bike, the 2008 1200GS, and he shows now on a 7-mile-old Ducati 848. It is pretty. White. And **Brian Muldoon** will really look cool and ride cool on it. Ask him what happened to it at the 7 mile mark.



More shockers. After a gazillion years recounting the wonders of Suzuki and other makes, **Ron Jensen** was

captured beside a new X Challenge BMW. Very clean looking. But he allowed he had recruited **Bill Sorroco** to help change that.



Here he is, the leader (well, much of the time) of that exclusive motorcycle gang known as the ROMEOS. It's **Bill Adams** on a Yamaha with a chain. Qualifications for the gang are that a rider must be at Panera in Escondido at 10:30 AM on Tuesdays and/or Thursdays. Bill is very good at weaving roads together in such a manner that they lead to lunch somewhere. Somewhere is usually between Orange and Riverside Counties and Mexico. On this particular occasion, he's lead the gang to **Vern Henderson's** home in Rancho Bernardo, where **Herta Salzman** and **Dick Blank** had prepared a lunch for all. Dick's wife **Earlene** baked a carrot cake.



Here's **Vern Henderson**, center, former club president, former flyer over the hump to China, former test pilot of everything. His garage is lined with mementos. Left is **Dick Blank**, and right is **Chuck DuVivier**. (Chuck goes everywhere. He just rode his 1200GS to Orlando, via Big Bend, via the Barber m/c museum up by Birmingham. At Orlando, he handed the GS over to **Stefan Knopp** who will deliver it to Munich in time for a late spring ride. Stefan ships containers of bikes across the Atlantic, mostly German Harley's to Daytona.

Chuck plans to go to Boliva before he heads for the Alps and Corsica.



Non other than **Broc Glover**, multi-time champion and motorcycle hall of famer, was at the March club meeting

promoting his ride for Cystic Fibrosis. Seems his young son was recently diagnosed with the illness that often is fatal. Broc's ride started at Temecula on March 30. He had beaucoup prizes, like **Michael Jordan's** leathers! Autographed.



What a great guy! **Dondi Bongiovanni** of Bongiovanni's reataurant on old Highwaay 80 at Flynn Springs. He lost all of his leg to cancer at age 10, yet plays very ably on his 1200GS which is equipped with an electric shift. Buttons near the clutch lever operate a piston down at the shifter. **Frida Silveira** and **Sharon Kepple** were out at the bike with hiim, watching the very full moon rise over the mountains.