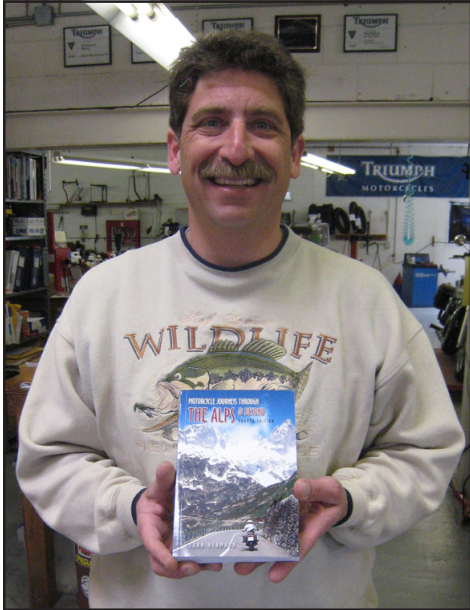


KING OF THE ALPS

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Daughter of President and First Lady marries. No. Not in Texas. At the sub base overlooking the beautiful entrance to San Diego harbor. The daughter of Dick and Louis Sackett.



Cover picture of Herm's new book was taken on the east side of the Susten Pass near Andermatt in Switzerland with Blair Balsam piloting the GS up toward those peaks. Back in San Diego, Blair recommends the whole book.



Tasmanian Margaret. She was at Giovanni's last December on her way to Tierra del Fuego. She made it and she's

back looking for more adventure on the road. Mike and Kit Lynch, waving, visited Margaret in Tasmania a couple of years ago.



Almost ready for delivery to Tony Carpenter. Note the fine top box, not yet color matched.



Very early next day, look how Tony's smiling at the curb by Margaritas on Newport in OB. Tony's been feeling mighty frisky on the nimble RT after the time on the LT



Be on guard. Painter Don Francque has moved up from his mighty 1150 to this pretty yellow R1200R. Immediately, that R1200R specialist, Steve Hill had to take him out for a test run.



Collecting the troops at a wide spot on the Pine Creek road up to Sunrise, Bob Ingram and Bill Mazzei.



Also sensitive to the environment, John Volkman checked out the blooming yucca.



What's a little gate to a dedicated San Diego dirt rider?



Recognize the bike and rider? Around the club for years and back on Palomar recently, "Rotor-head" Phil Salvatore (he did not like that name) once a Navy helicopter pilot. Now of Ridgcrest.



Also on Palomar at Mothers, Dan Cooley of Shelter Valley. Dan was a partner of Dudley Brattin when the shop was opened on El Cajon Blvd. and for many years, Dan was the guru of BMW and Triumph repair.



All the way from the Gaspé peninsula of Quebec where it must have been cold and wet, these two riders made it to Giovanni's for breakfast.



That's Gary Kepple, king of dirt, checking out Gary Orr's "casket." Apparently, the "casket" towed by the LT can be filled with gasoline which can be transferred to the tank of the LT whilst underway, so the rider need not ever stop between Ocean Beach and Jacksonville, Florida. Once on the east coast, Gary Orr will join Gary Kepple at a BMW dirt school.



He's had this nice RT a while, and just made it to Giovanni's.



Doc Bill Mazzei fell in love with this Ducati Motard.



So Keith rode his new (to him) ST as far as Santa Ysabel



She came all the way from Quebec to show off this unobtainium F650GS.



It's contagious. Another rider, Leonardo, shows up on a Ducati Motard.

After checking out north county roads and Fat Ivors, he took up Rex's offer to ride Otay Mountain.



Hugo Schreiner and 'Snowball' ready to ride from the shop on *the* boulevard.



Then she kindly stepped aside, so the breakfast crowd in colorful OB could get a good look at the bike.



Gary Walker got another Yamaha to park beside the other one.