

KING OF THE ALPS

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Would you put your money in this bank? Sure. The lovely red RS with polished wheels with red trim belongs to our club treasurer, **Doug Tyrone**. That's he on it.



Whooppee! Isn't this a wonderful bike? And it's so easy to ride. That's **Susan Martin** (our former President) with her new F650. She has a few adjustments and accessories in mind. The bike came via **Lori Olson**.

New Year's Eve in San Diego, 1999, it rained. For practically the first time in memory.

But that didn't dim the relish early New Year's Day, 2000, as riders coffeed and warmed at the Spice House, just down the street from Giovanni's.

All the way out 94 and down Mountain Springs Grade behind Road Captain **John Barnes** on the mighty GS and **Ira Grossman** on the K1200RS.

Nanna Frye found it a bit blustery on S2, but lovely blue skies. **Don Francque** on the loyal 100RS noted the black clouds over the Banner Grade and okayed continuing on up S2 to Lake Henshaw to a late lunch at Santa Ysabel. But Santa Ysabel on New Year's Day was shut down tight. So, on down Old Julian to the Sizzler in Ramona.



Don F. followed **Stacy Silverwood** into the Sizzler lot and couldn't believe what he saw of Stacy's rear tire.

Horrors! S2 was that good?

The tire was on the Honda Hawk **Carol Alley** had just bought from **Nanna**. **Carol** very quickly got a new tire.

Later in 2000, **Nanna** took off for Marin, and rode home... all the way on the same day... on a new R1100.

Scott Dinger took his VFR up Sunrise on New Year's Day and found some ice. Now he joins **Peggie Picker** nursing a collar bone.



Airplanes, cars, motorcycles. You can't have too many toys, according to **Brad Baum**. Here on one of the latest, a **Ducati ST**.

Bob Landes is home after heart valve surgery.

Alex McDaniel died recently. He was a member back in the 1980's, and was a regular at Giovanni's until shortly before he died.

Airheads gathered by Social Chair, **Ron Jensen** last month included many of the first eight members. At Hernandez Hideaway on Lake Hodges gathered co-founder **Al Watson** and his wife, riding a Moto Guzzi, **Ron Jensen**, **Frank La Borra**, **Turf McTaggart**, **Sam Jones**, and a host of others.

One Sunday eve in January found **Stacy** and **Herm** wandering north county roads that mysteriously lead to **Fat Ivor's** ribs. Along the way they collected **Don Francque** and **Steve Hill** and **Joe Hylton**. Good time to congratulate **Joe** for finishing second at Laguna Seca recently.

He did it again. **Dave Mishalof** won the MOA long distance award... for men. About 44,000 miles, all on that K1200LT. 'Course, **Voni Graves** did 70-some...



Anyway, congratulations are in order from former president **Dietrich Kijora**, who did not choose to run. **John Barnes**, right, is amused.

Then John loaded up a VCR on the back of the 1100GS, with President **Ken Shortt**, right, checking the bungees. The VCR rode there up Wildcat, out Old Julian, over Mesa Grande, to the U.S. Forest Service Fire Station just across Route 76 from Lake Henshaw.



Then right there at the Fire Station John and Vice President **Tom Mooney** presented the VCR to the staff on duty.

The Fire Station is on that section of Route 76 where the BMW folk pick up trash a couple of times a year. Very handily, the folks at the station store the white helmets and orange vests and sticky gloves and long handled pick-uppers between times.

After such arduous delivery duties, **John Barnes** had to recoup at Mother's Kitchen atop Palomar Mountain, where a covey of Japanese bikes sped in, led very effectively by a 1150GS.



That's the silver 1150 on the right, foreground, and its silver-maned rider, right, leaning on it talking to John. Come to find out, the guy owns Palm Springs Harley-Davidson. Named **Tom Roach**. And he's ridden practically every thing every where.

Hugo Schreiner's on his way to Florida with a Star boat for some racing. Then he'll take the Star boat by Daytona for Bike Week.



Here, right in front of Dr. Jefe's Body Piercing, right across the street from Margarita's he's telling Editor **Fulton Martin** and Home Made **Bob Skirvin** and **Turf McTaggart** (on the KLR) just how that'll work.

One January weekend had **Dietrich** and **Sonja Kijora** skirting Disneyworld at Orlando with other car dealers. And **Fulton Martin** Internetting in Death Valley. And **Kyle Hudson** running the huge crowd of Three Flaggers in Fountain Valley. Kyle's SCMA Three Flag drawing drew over 500 bikers to a rented

storefront. Kyle came back to San Diego County and Motopro in Oceanside.



Coming in from Palomar Mountain and Couser Canyon and Lilac Road, you gotta debrief and refresh at Deer Springs. Here, **Tom Mooney** and **John Hermann** debrief on the two-wheeled seat out front.

Each winter, like clockwork, San Diego gets a visit from **Dick** and **Priscilla Climes**. They bring their GS's, of course, and Dick usually announces their arrival at Margarita's on Newport in Ocean Beach.



Here he is getting welcomed by Herm near assembled BMW folk.

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Then Dick and Priscilla took off for Tomato Soup at Mother's Kitchen. Only there was no Tomato Soup. So they settled for Mother's chili.



In Carlsbad, they had the San Diego Marathon, and of course escorts were provided by BMW folk, coordinated by Stacy Silverwood, assisted by BMWNA's area rep, Dave Duncan, left.



The first gathering of Marathon Escorts was at Giovanni's with a pep rally, led by Stacy. From left, Tom Mooney, Buck Wilmerding, Art Valencia, Dave Duncan, Dave Mishalof, Stacy, and Hugo Schreiner.

Escorts rated caps from Brecht BMW, and caps from BMW, and Stacy's efforts rated an official BMW time-piece.

A celebration lunch at Ram's Hill in Borrego was planned, but it got diverted by a bit of bluster and rain.



For a few short days, John and Lee Collins tear themselves away from their menagerie near Pagosa Springs, Colorado, (let's see, lots and lots of angora goats, a pony and a Haflinger, both pregnant, as are many of the goats), to visit old city slicker friends and family in San Diego. They enticed a group one night to Home Town Buffet. From left, John Barnes, Peggie Picker, Dick and Priscilla Climes, Lee and John.

Last fall, while Brad Baum and Herm, and Tom Mooney, and Court Fisher, and Peggie and Don Picker were enjoying the wonders of Corsica, John Collins returned to Bern, Switzerland, to seek out and buy a Bernese Mountain Dog.



With the help of the hotel concierge, he found this one, and it flew home to Colorado with him.

That SCMA group is a glutton for fun and punishment. This month, the Four Corners Award banquet is at the Ontario Marriott on the 19th, and the distinguished guest dinner speaker is Herm.

Oh, and there was the January weekend that Road Captain John Barnes and Bill Siebold ventured south of the border to help run the Los Ancianos off-road race meet.