

KING OF THE ALPS

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After a test ride on the hot ticket F650GS, Harry Brattin stopped for the official photo at Malaga, way down south in Spain. Harry says he's hooked. Look for the bike at your dealer after April.

After the intro, Harry and Polly toured about Andalusia with other dealers including Evan Bell of Seavers.



Here the American dealers pause at the Alhambra Palace Hotel in Granada, where they did in fact visit the Alhambra.



Out of the dim dark past... like 1981, Ken Burrage showed up at Margarita's in O.B. of a recent Friday,

straight from home near La Paz. He claims the trusty 100 GS works great there. And Benji, his son from those days at Point Loma High, is now a CHP officer in Marin and a father.



After a non-stop ride from Marin, Nanna Frye arrived at Giovanni's to show Don Picker and John Ciccone her new 1100 R.

Rich Flores (in the shop at Brattin Motors) and his wife Beth just welcomed their fourth child, a girl.

Martha and Hugo Schreiner have been contemplating an exchange program with Norway.

From high atop a mountain, east of Alamagordo, Joe and Alisa Myers are contemplating the arrival of a son.



These worthies are contemplating the end of pavement, or the beginning, depending on which way you go, on Shockey Truck Trail, about five miles east of Cameron Corners off 94. Follow that dirt to connect to Tierra del Sol, watching for high speed Border Patrol.



Cognoscenti will note that the worthies have found their way to someplace in the vicinity of the old grain elevator on 94. From left, John Barnes, Stacy Silverwood, Bill Siebold and Tom Mooney.



Here the worthies climb up to a special wonder of San Diego back country... a Madonna and plaque erected by Italian prisoners of war in WWII. They were housed nearby. What a foreign place it must have seemed to them. It's quite near the Campo railroad museum. Bill Siebold says the inscription is in Latin.



On the road again... Adam and Rhonda Arnold.

Hark! Do you hear bells ringing?
Check with Rick Lasch.



He had to have the latest one, with everything on it. **Walter Gates** gets congratulated on his choice by LT high miler, **Dave Mishalof**. Rumor has it some have enjoyed the heated seat.



The Saturday morning literary society meets regularly at Giovanni's. Here **Jonesy** and **Hugo Schreiner** at the far end of the table, are reporting to rapt listeners including **Tom Mooney**, **Benny Chien**, **John Barnes**, Home Made **Bob Skirvin**, **Kim Johnson** and **Brent Wilson**.

Old friends **Pete Bollier** and his son **Mike** reported in San Diego on the way south to the Brass Monkey sidecar rally at Jake's in Mulege. On the way back, they reported reasonable attendance, but not one sidecar. Million-miler **Dave Swisher** of Virginia was there. He did not report in San Diego.



Smiling Sam has joined mean team green. **Sam Ballante** is showing **Carl Langston** the new ZX9R for which he have up the mighty Yamaha.



Also smiling, **Polly Gillette** and champion salesman, **Scott Mastrocinque**. Brattin Motors was number two in the nation in sales during January.

John and **Lee Collins** report their Billy busy. They've gone from five to at least forty-four goats.



Esther Hays, in her floral shop on Fletcher Parkway, paused from taking Valentine orders to pose for this picture. Note the convenient motorcycle parking. Esther was also busy sending flowers to BMW folk: **Mike Randall**, now home, and **Dietrich Kijora**, getting used to some new heart plumbing.

Bob Landes, DDS, recovering from a left turner and adapting to a new heart valve, is back at his Orange County practice part time.

David Kuhnle and **John Wagner** joined the Saturday morning gang following Road Captain **John Barnes** one blustery Saturday all the way to the Telephone Company in Ramona.

Bill Siebold followed **Ron Spicer** off to Nevada recently for some dual purpose efforts.

Follow **Turf McTaggart** to Arizona next month.

Note the ad in the *Reader*: "Ladies – we provide Harley & Biker." Hmmm...