

# KING OF THE ALPS

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The Don club, an exclusive group of riders who are named Don and who ride silver 1150 GS's, are plotting their route to the '49er and beyond. **Don Petrick**, left is gonna ride on to Seattle. **Don Picker** will Sierra-it back to San Diego.



**Carol Alley**, right, rode her Hawk to Giovanni's so **Stacy Silverwood**, left, could bring visiting Parisian flight attendant **Fredrica** on the red seat of his GS. Their route lead eventually to *Fat Ivors* in Valley Center where they found **Herm** and where they discussed Alpine roads

for June. They (**Carol** and **Stacy**), along with **Kyle Hudson** plan to meet **Herm** and a few others in mid-June high in the French Alps. And then explore a few roads.



Everybody comes to Giovanni's. **Bob** and **Elizabeth Beach** of the famous *Beach Alpine Adventures* dropped in for breakfast last month. Here with **Herm**, they'd flown in to investigate the rumor that **Herm** was having a birthday.



The rumors proved to be true about the birthday, and in typical BMW fashion, it became a time for eating. Working hard on the possibilities were **Charlie Parks** and **Greg Balas** and **Elena Balas**, left, and **Nancy Siebold**, right. A few Methodists did horn in.



**Bill Siebold** and **Benny Chen** look a bit surprised to see the fairly clean 1975 R90S drive up next to **George Uphouse's** R75.

There'll always be an Oktoberfest, and the club has a fine storage shed on the grounds with all kinds of valuables in it. Pots and pans, rolls of tickets, cups of all sizes and makes, and coffee pots and coolers. Recently a small group who'd forgotten just what was in the shed met at the Westside Cafe in Escondido and rode on out to look inside the shed.



The bikes are parked on the lush grass while **Tom Mooney** arranged to dispose of a few items and President **Ken Shortt** peeked in the door to see what **Susan** and **Fulton Martin** are doing in there.





Mike McPherson proves that two mature adults may indeed fit comfortably on an R1100S. Just adjust the shock. Note that Marina recently soloed on the bike.



Would you believe, another pristine bike in Turf McTaggart's garage! Here, he stands proudly beside the very low mileage **Boxer** he's just added to the collection, while Sam Jones, Don Picker and John Ciccone check it out.

Martha and Hugo Schreiner ventured north to make sure that daughter Dana did indeed graduate from the University of California at Berkeley.



It's a huge long hood... er, bonnet, and every inch is filled with engine. Will Creedon stands by, hands in pockets, as others check out the marvel of *twelve* English cylinders in his Jaguar. Some were disappointed to note that the interior has burlled elm, not walnut.



There was a gorgeous full moon last month. To check it out, the Road Captain, John Barnes, collected a few worthies at the Mobil Station at Greenfield, the usual jumping off place for a trip over Crest, into Harbison Canyon, out Dehesa and Japatul and points beyond. John sucked Pippa and Scott Dinger and Herm over Buckman Springs, by Lake Morena Village and back on La Posta Road to that culinary center, the La Posta Diner out beyond Kitchen Creek. They got to the diner just as the sun

disappeared behind the mountains to the west, and they enjoyed steaks and pork chops as the giant full moon rose in the east.



Up up and away. Even as we read, Vice President Tom Mooney is busy supervising motorcycle activity on the Isle of Man. Here, taking off from Margarita's in OB, he flew to Munich, picked up his bike, rode to the ferry at Ostende, Belgium, rode across England to the Heysham ferry to the Isle of Man.

Paul Dietz is in Oakhurst these days, hoping some BMWOCSD'ers will camp by. Remember, he moved to Florida five years ago. But he discovered the best corners were in the Sears parking lot. Oakhurst is sixteen miles from the south entrance to Yosemite. He admits to having beds and couches and lots of camping space. dietzpw@webtv.net

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Recognize this bike? But not its owner. It's the famous **Picker** machine, the GS with the platapus removed. The new happy owner is Bill Belfor, currently stationed at North Island. He was in Brattin Motors service bay recently, having a loose spoke checked.



Happy new owner of this R1100R, **Louis King**, is getting a bike for the first time in years, so he took the motorcycle riding course. Now, to the machine.

DRZ – that spells Suzuki to **John Barnes** and **David Kuhnle**.

**Herta Salzmänn** was present for the birth of her first grandchild in May.