

# KING OF THE ALPS

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That's John Barnes at the Giovanni table on a recent Saturday. Since the visit, John's had plastic surgery on his leg, and seems to be doing well. Welcoming John, from left, Ira Grossman, Todd Schoenburg, Don Picker, John Hermann, Stacy Silverwood and Bill Siebold. Tom Mooney had picked up John B. and his wheel chair, and he took the photo, too.



Welcome Dave Shealey and his very shiny new black K1200. Dave lost one, not quite as shiny, out on Highway 94 a while back. At the time of the picture, this one had less than 400 on the clock.



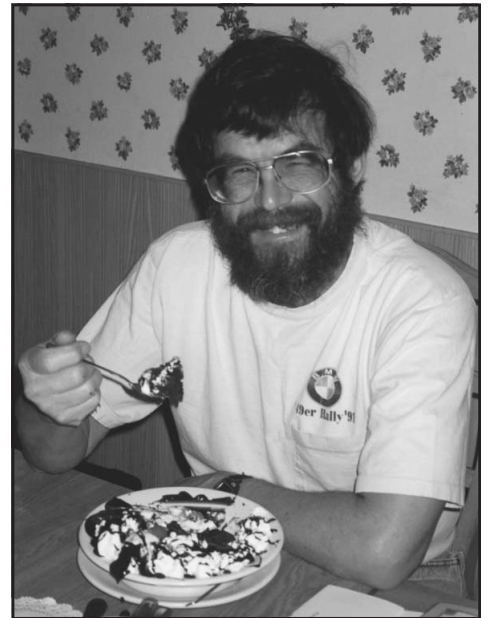
Meet Barney from London, England, who discovered Palomar Mountain last month on a borrowed VFR. He said he'd rather be on his K1200 RS, and he promises to be back, maybe getting a BMW from Don Picker. Also at Mother's, a rider from Stuttgart on a KTM Duke.



Who should come roaring, yes roaring, into Giovanni's of a recent Sunday, getting max effect from his Moto Guzzi? None other than the great BMW sales person from Brattin Motors, Scott Mastrocinque.



Who should ride in on a KLR, wearing very muddy boots? Bruce Redding, who insisted to Bill Siebold that he'd just arrived from Baja. He'd had time to change bikes, but not boots.



Maybe you should come to club board meetings at Jimmy's Restaurant on Midway... Our editor finds them very satisfying.



All these bikes are parked to buy passes for Joshua Tree National Park, the south entrance, last month. The

gang managed about a 400 mile day, stopping for refreshment in the very center of Mecca, California, after a chilly ride to Borrego. Checking the view from Keyes View, they warmed up at a Jack in the Box in beautiful downtown Joshua Tree. Then Herm and Don Picker hot footed to a hot tub at Desert Hot Springs.



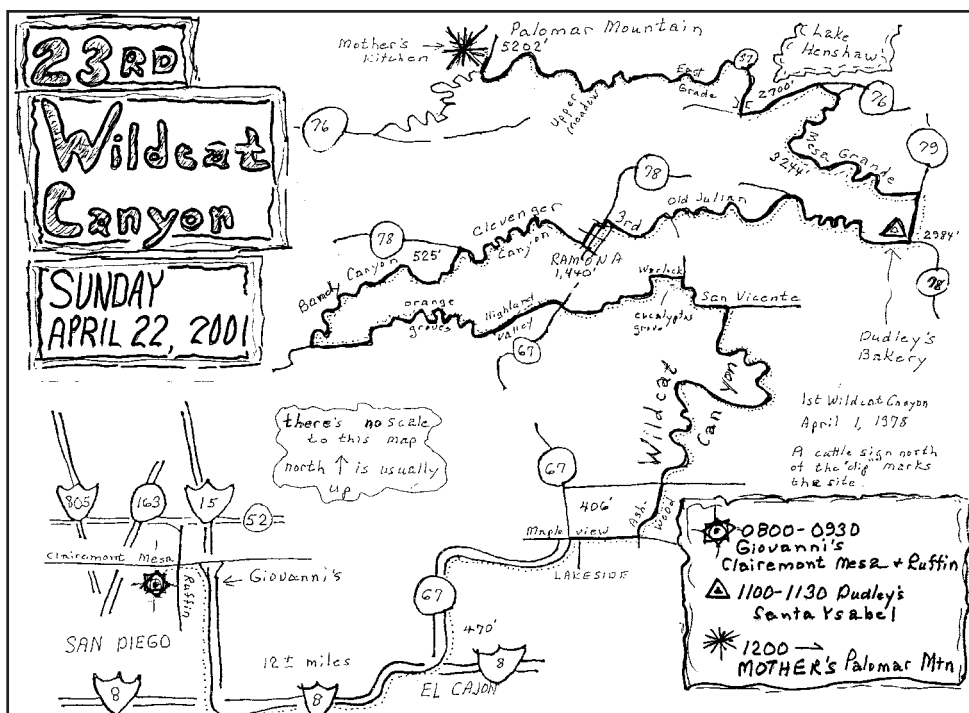
Tom Mooney here is checking a flock of Harley riders at the Warner Springs gas station. Highway 79 was chock-a-block full of Harleys, all going the other way, thankfully. Tom found out that they were on a Poker Run with 1,500 registered. Meanwhile, the Saturday gang had explored Sleeping Indian, De Luz, East Benton, Red Mountain, Wilson Valley, and other significant roads they'd been encouraged to explore by Brattin road specialist, Ken Matousek.



McLean King is explaining to Bill Siebold that the bumper emblem on his Model A pickup is genuine original equipment.



Arrrgh! Ken Light on his RT recruited this specially equipped Harley to visit Giovanni's. That's Ken, up left, talking to the Harley rider, while Doc Williams drools and Greg Balas discusses the bike with Ron Jensen. Wes Stark, right, would rather have a Zundap.



It was 23 years ago on April 1st that Herm was accosted by a pipe-wielding Indian on Wildcat Canyon road, just north of the "dip." Since then his friends escort him from Giovanni's on a scenic ride to Mother's on Palomar to protect him from further attacks. It's worked so well that the Indians have opened a casino, and actually encourage people to visit.



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As Doug Tyrone tells it, this red BMW convertible is for Jamie. ...So howcome Doug was driving?



He's working on that *Robocop* look. Don Petrick shows off his *Roof* helmet. Don was passing through San Diego between Kona and Seattle. And he did get the GS as far as Dudley's Bakery.

They operated on the *wrong disc*! Ramsey Stewart is temporarily off the bike. He had surgery for a ruptured disc, and they operated on the wrong one. So he has to go through the surgery all over again.



Sometimes there's a great crowd of BMW folk debriefing at the Blue Collar of a Wednesday evening. Celine, in the middle here, sees to it that all are well cared for, as Ken Robb and Tom Mooney testify.

Vanessa Collins, John and Lee Collins' granddaughter, died recently. She was only 21. John and Lee came from Colorado.

