

KING OF THE ALPS

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The MOA foundation is going to sponsor a special camp for younger riders just before the National at Trenton, Ontario, next July. Know any young riders, 15—25? They should apply for the free experience at rcney@bitcouusa.com. By the by, the distinguished vice president of the foundation is our own Dave Mishalof.

The Presidents' Day ride dawned drizzly even at the coast. Yet Tom Mooney led a hardy band up Sunrise, zipping past the snow alongside the road. But at 5,000 it was snow and ice and 33°. So instead of the restaurant at Lake Cuyamaca, the band retreated to Majors in Pine Valley where it was a toasty 37°.



That's Ken Dinckan at left at the GS, then Rich Kapushinski, Denzil Mitchell on the R65, Bob Ingram, and President Tom Mooney.

Heading for the Guggenheim show at Vegas? Be warned: Caltrans has a lot of I-15 narrowed to one lane for a widening project.

Herta Salzmänn and Vern Henderson and a bunch of her family are headed for Ixtapa, Mexico, for some warm water diving.

And Brad Baum is heading for Ireland.

While Pete and Deborah Swanson are bound north from Ramona to a new home at Cambria. Hope they have a spare bedroom.

The horse died. But Bill Edwards is back aboard a new R1200 C.

Rich Kapushinski has been back and forth to Venezuela recently. David Knetzer made a longer visit in the near east, fairly close to the war zones.



Evening, outside Giovanni's, what has the attention of these worthies? Don Picker, John Ciccone, Ron Spicer? Seems Ron has just ridden in on the lovely! blue K75C which he has just obtained from Don Petrick, which Don had just recently obtained from Herm, which Hermann had obtained many years ago from Brattin Motors. It's really a good ride.



Earlier, at the official BMWOCSD meeting at Giovanni's, the whole truth from Brecht Motors in Escondido was revealed by Aric Kersten, the sales manager, left, with Randy Folds the service manager, and Jim Boydston, the parts manager seated. All are eager to see the new bike digs that are underway.



The RT really rides faster, according to Amos Robinson, now that he's finished off his gear with trousers from Thurlow. He says he's had the Langlitz jacket for years and years.



Same for the K1200 RS with the pin stripes, says Rich Kapushinski, in his new Vanson suit.



Ask **John Ciccone** about his flight on Southwest wearing his Vanson suit. His appearance somehow provoked special interest. But the flight was worth it, because it was to Iron Horse in Tucson where John picked up this R1100 S, here being tested by **Ira Grossman** while John watches.



Bruce Redding goes through bikes almost as fast as **John Ciccone**. Here was the latest, a few weeks ago, at Margarita's of a Friday morning. The next day, Bruce discovered one of the special features of the F650 GS. It has tubes in the tires. Out for a Saturday fling with the Saturday ride from Giovanni's, through Fairbanks Ranch, where everything is first class, Bruce picked up some first class nails... He visited hundreds of gas stations for air on his way back to Brattin Motors, by which time the tire was history.

And that nail in the tire was the beginning of the unraveling of a very fine Saturday ride scheduled for de Luz Road out of Fallbrook (the day before the big fire). Some stopped to help Bruce. Some missed turns into Rancho Santa Fe. Others missed turns *in* Rancho Santa Fe. **Herm** was responsible for the fiasco.



But five did make it through de Luz, to Rainbow for lunch, and to Deer Park, where **Bill Siebold** and **Ken Shortt** debriefed in the sleigh.



Not a new bike, but a new seat for **Herm's** faithful R1100 GS. **Stacy Silverwood** found it for him and delivered it to Coronado and installed it. (The old seat cover had started cracking. It was the seat from **Herm's** original '95 R1100 GS, transferred to this newer '96, because it was black, and '96 seats were red.



Nothing like a nice Airhead to draw a crowd. **Victor Siebold**, facing the camera, right, discusses its wonders, while **Will Creedon**, **Bill Siebold** and **Brad Baum** confer in the background.

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Nothing like breakfast at Giovanni's, especially after a refreshing ride from Yuma, according to **Heidi Weldon**, on the K1100, and **Bob Stills** on the K1200 LT.

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That famous Harley-Davidson dealer from Palm Springs is always zipping about San Diego County on a R1150 GS. It's **Tom Roach**, showing off his Touratech fairing. But be on guard. There's a 2002 VFR on order.



Look at these plaques. You should see the trophies. All won by dad **Dave Campbell** on the very nice Brattin Motors R1100 S at Willow Springs.



Dan Toporoski found a deal on a First Gear jacket. That's Vice President **Ken Burkett** helping him with it.



He looks right at home on the black K1200 RS. It's **Ira Grossman's** son, **Matt**, in for a few days from his usual haunts, the CITY. (New York, of course.)

You gotta understand that while **Don Petrick** was riding in New Zealand, his 1150GS was on Kauai, so he had to buy Herm's blue K75C so he'd have a mount in San Diego. But the 1150GS did finally arrive back in San Diego. So he could sell Herm's blue K75C to **Ron Spicer**, as reported earlier herein.



Here, tho', note Don's special muffler arrangement on the 1150GS. Don't you see it? Strange. It isn't there.



All kinds of wheels in the San Diego club. **Pat Shortt** shows off hers to **Pat Wagner**, **Dave Kuhnle** and **Ken Shortt**. Ken just made a one-day run from San Francisco on the bike he bought from his son, **Ralph**.



He hasn't been that far, but he hasn't been around, either. So **Will Creedon** check in for the latest from **Rick Lasch**.

It sounds *very* nice, the overnight after the Joshua Tree ride on March 16th. **David Mishalof** has found us a roof over our heads at Wyndham Palm Springs. The largest pool in Palm Springs and a couple of spas, four stars, and the other group that weekend is the Bentley Owners.

Stacy Silverwood came to the February meeting sporting the new Alpine Star suit, but where was the Aprilia?

This just in: Ask **Ron Spicer** about new tires and not-quite-adjusted brakes. Worse for wear: the much traded K75...

