

# KING OF THE ALPS

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Two BMW's, two BMW's from Vermont, two BMW's from Vermont ridden by two Mitchell's, Denzil and his father, at Giovanni's recently. Dad was visiting for the brief time Denzil was in San Diego after returning from the Gulf, and before heading for a couple of years in Yokosuka.

Sturgis? Ask "Turk" Konuk. His LT made the run. And so did Ken Light's RT. Doc Williams didn't make it this year. He and wife Sandy were off to Pennsylvania to check on family matters. (Sandy's parents are both 90.)

Rumor has it that Norm Heath may be retiring from his Oxnard employment. That means he may do more riding in San Diego.

Bob Palin gets a lot of miles riding to work from Fallbrook ... you know, Highland Valley, Couser Canyon. So for a long weekend, he took in most of all of British Columbia.

Now there's another bike in the Mishalof garage ... a new Adventure with Jesse bags and Ohlins shocks right there beside the Mercedes and the K1200 RS and the F650. Maybe one of the latter has to go. He tested the Adventure in Colorado.



Nanna Frye and the faithful R1100 R back at Giovanni's from a solo round trip to the rally in Charleston, West Virginia. Rumor has it that the Charleston MOA Rally may have set an all time rally attendance record. Runner up is York, PA. The final tally depends on a count of vendors.



Also back from Charleston, Larry "Stoner" Stonestreet, who shepherded this marvel to Giovanni's. It is a result of many hours of collecting and work. Note the kick starter.

K1100RS's are back. Now Stacy Silverwood is about on a blue one (garaged beside the red K1).



You can expect that all the world eventually gets to Jimmy's on Midway. Like Cliff Sharp and Gary Walker and Don Picker. You can barely see the little custom scratches on Cliff's K1200.



You are not seeing double. There are two Sim brothers and they both ride silver K1200 LT's. Ferd and Yolanda were first to arrive at the August full moon dinner spot. They live in San Diego. (Herm had spotted them cruising the ferry landing in Coronado.) Fred and his family live in San Marcos and he commutes to LA every day.

Front page on the *Peninsula Beacon*, our own Bob Ingram in uniform as an RSVP volunteer policeman. The story says he donates at least three eight hour shifts a month to patrolling Point Loma, visiting seniors who live alone, and making vacation checks.





Another LT aficionado is Walter Gates, seen here next to Cheryl Nemec and her RT.



Scott Dinger showed up for the Dusty Trail (i.e., unpaved) ride on this, ahem, Honda Africa Twin.



Then he hid in the crowd of BMW folk heading for Black Canyon, Boulder Creek, and Otay Mountain.

One August weekend there was a reunion of Beach Adventure folk in Indianapolis. It happened to also be occasion to celebrate Bob Beach's 80<sup>th</sup>

birthday. Bob was an early president of our national club, and put out the first national club newspaper. Our president, Tom Mooney was there. Herm says they flew out from New York for his 70<sup>th</sup>, so he surely was at Bob's 80<sup>th</sup>.



Here are Elizabeth and Bob Beach with *BMW Owners News* editor, Sandy Cohen between them. Sandy presented them with a crystal globe in thanks for "showing us the world."



Officer Brad Baehr from the C.H.P. rode his BMW to the August club meeting and offered a few logical pointers. Don't use this in court, but he implied that he hardly wastes time with speeders going less than 85 (on the freeway). "There are plenty going faster." Asked, "What's your worst peeve?" he immediately replied

"Throwing cigarette butts out the window. And that's an automatic \$300 fine with eight hours of community service." Asked why the C.H.P. bike officers don't wear better protective gear, he implied it was "tradition and image."



Years ago Aric Henschen used to play with the Saturday BMW folk riding a Honda. Then he got stationed afar. Now, he's back in town on a nice K1100RS. Rob Cheeseman is scrutinizing the bike's details.



Yes, Ladies and Gentlemen, there is indeed going to be a great Oktoberfest next month. Rest assured that all is in order for the big event, as evidenced here by the co-chair, left, Fulton Martin, paying attention to details; the club secretary, Turk, also paying attention to details; the club president and co-chair Tom Mooney; and club treasurer, Rich Kapushinski.

But before that, before the Oktoberfest in San Diego, a group from our club is gonna inspect the real thing in Munich, starting with a bunch of miles in the Alps.