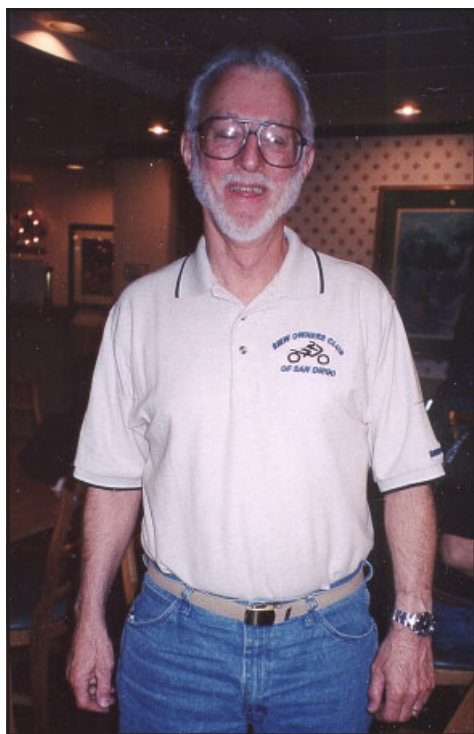


# KING OF THE ALPS

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Our mountains are at their best in April. Green. Lilacs in bloom.

And don't forget that your help is needed on Wildcat Canyon Sunday, April 18. All who help escort Herm safely through Wildcat Canyon, across Highland Valley, Bandy Canyon, Klevenger Canyon, out Old Julian, across Mesa Grande and up the East Grade, will receive Official Escort Certificates for the 26<sup>th</sup> Anniversary ride.



Meanwhile, don't pass up the great deals on handsome club shirts, here modeled by Ken Shortt.



Recently Turk Konuk attracted special attention on Highway 78, and then had to make a detailed report to those assembled at Dudley's in Santa

Ysabel. Left is Erick Anderson relishing the details. Then there is Dave Mishalof, perhaps praying "there but for the grace of God..." and Rich Kapushinski, Don Picker and Road Captain Bill Siebold.



One Saturday ride lunched at the airport in Borrego. The view of the parking lot is from the top deck dining area. The dining area afforded spectacular views of aerobatics put on by a couple of pilots. One, in a German-built plane, did barrel rolls and stalls and up-side-down stuff that should have affected the lunch of the passenger in the rear seat.



Carl Langston, back in San Diego for a few days with all his stickers on the Jesse bags intact, rated a special interview by Doc Williams at Giovanni's.



Bye-bye. Ken Seaver rated a last minute check with Rob Cheeseman before heading out for Georgia. No doubt, he'll test the R65 in the north Georgia mountains. Ken's been active in the BMW ACA (car club).

Last month, Turk Konuk was the club representative in Izmir, Turkey (historically known as Smyrna). This month, it's John and Pat Wagner.

Long distance riders took off on a recent Saturday for a Basque luncheon in Bakersfield. All but Ron Spicer were back in San Diego for supper.



All these riders except Tom Mooney, center, are heading for lunch in Mecca, California, and then to Joshua Tree National Monument.





The Joshua Tree troop included Ariel and Frida Silveira on the Adventure.



At Santa Ysabel, Frida compared notes with Dominica Zeek who was out on her new 650.



"Now is the time, Tom," says Jimi Udvardia at Brecht. Tom Mooney has 150,000 or so miles on his faithful GS. Jimi could put him on a new one for only \$12,990.



Could BMW make a Freeway Suit to fit Hugo Schreiner? This black and gray model is cut like the blue and white job designed to go with the Boxer Cup. Seems nice with armor and a couple of pockets. Made for BMW in Romania.



"Yep. This is two of my BMW's," says Ken Snyder, center. The Boxer Cup is behind the GT. "The RT is home in the garage." With another friend, he could have them all on the road.

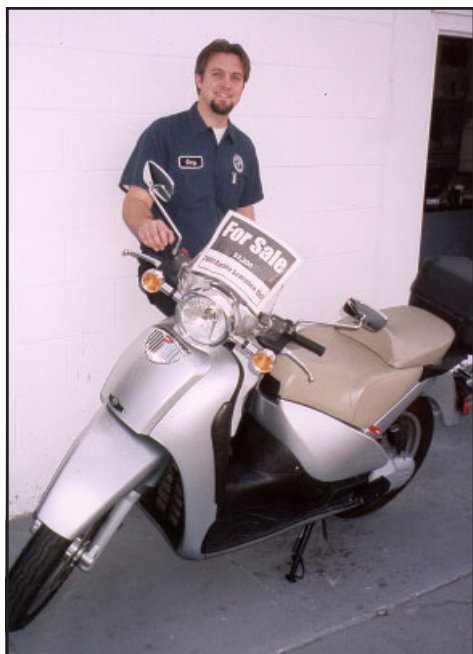
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Remember Carol Hughes? Well, maybe not. She was a member of BMWOCSD back in the early 1980's. Now she's back riding on a fine RT broken in by Reva Randall. She's at a recent club meeting here with Nancy Siebold.



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Aprilias come in all sorts of clothing, like this one of Gary Orr's. It's about 150cc's with automatic drive.



Thought Gary was content to keep the service department at Brattin Motors humming? No. He took a class in welding aluminum, and look at his

project. The new pair of mufflers for the 650 GS. But you thought the 650 only had one muffler. Correct. The muffler on the right side is a perfectly matched dummy. The tail piece detaches to reveal a fine storage compartment. Wait 'til they see this in Alaska.



"So how was the food in Paris," Don Picker is asking Stacy Silverwood. Stacy, glad to be back on his favorite RS after a week without it in Paris says the food was wonderful, but he had to walk a lot. This is the RS Stacy rode through rain and sleet to the memorial gathering for Harold Schey up in Anza last month. There were only two bikes there, Stacy's and Larry Stonestreet's. Others, while recognizing that Harold would appreciate the bikes, opted for warmer and drier vehicles.



"I didn't expect it to be so easy to ride and so much fun," says Nat Frazier of his GS. He's been riding a 900cc Ducati Monster, which he still has. Note the GS came equipped with Hepco-Becker's crash bar system, which could cut cornering clearance.

Rumors are flying ... that later this month (April) Jim Boydston will be marrying Michelle Cass.

Worth looking for, the March 18<sup>th</sup> Reader. Page 20 has an amazing tale of riding a rented R1100 S north from Gualala (on 1) at 145 mph, finally getting caught by the CHP and getting let off. "Have a nice evening. Don't dive into the ocean." The story is in the "Sporting Box" column by Patrick Daugherty. Relates the BMW to bikes that are superbikes. "You can buy performance in a motorcycle that is literally unobtainable to the public in a motor car."

Dustin Campbell, Dave's son, has a new sister, Natalie.

