

# KING OF THE ALPS

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Big things this month!

Wildcat Canyon is Sunday, the 17<sup>th</sup>. The 27<sup>th</sup> anniversary ride. Starting at Giovanni's, of course, with some new routing to get everyone to North County BMW for open house with food and drink and new bikes. From Wildcat Canyon via San Diego Country Estates to Old Julian to a first stop at Dudley's. Then across Mesa Grande and up the East Grade for a stop at Mother's Kitchen. Then down the South Grade, through the groves and up Cole Grade to Miller Road in Valley Center. Then across Lilac, Old Castle to I-15 and to the BMW shop on Hale in Escondido. That's clear, isn't it?

And who would miss the open house at Brattin Motors at Winona and El Cajon on Saturday, the 16<sup>th</sup> of April?



It was kind of cool at Dudley's when **Bill Siebold** lead a Saturday gang toward Borrego. **Brian Muldoon** and **Bill** and **Gery Marcelino** and **Rex Neilson**. It was sunny in the desert, but the visit was between blooms. Gery is now the master of a F650, Rex, of a new R1200 GS.

Safely back from central Mexico. **Dan Toporoski**, **Gary Walker**, **Bruce Rogers**, and **John Sullivan**. Almost safely, that is. Gary's Adventure was a bit too venturesome, and he rode home nursing a rib.

Meanwhile, **Turk Konuk** made it all the way to Key West and back on his mighty LT. On the way he did the Daytona thing.



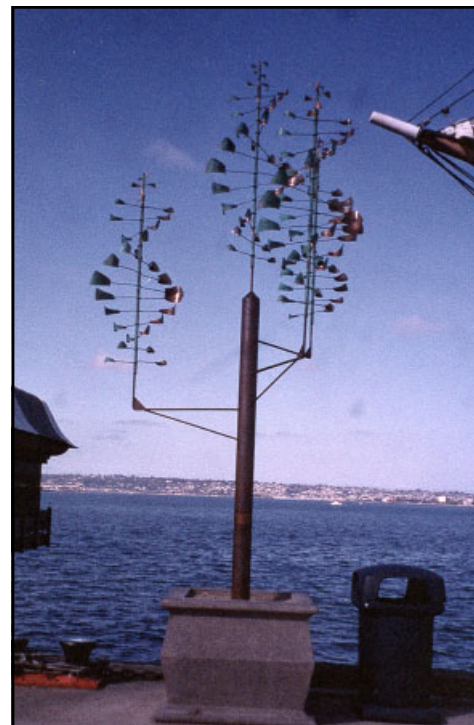
Blame it on the ladies. You recognize our Road Captain, of course. **Dick Sackett** insists that his wife **Louise** is happier on the Harley. Those seats do look comfy.



Big crowd at the 94<sup>th</sup> Aero Squadron on Balboa for a tasty dinner night out arranged by our Social Experts, **Linda** and **Bill Blaylock**. Then Linda got to blow out a birthday candle. That's **Bob Ingram** to Linda's left.



Oh, the duties and responsibilities of an Editor never end. **John Barnes**, in the background, is admiring our Editor **Fulton Martin's** quick handling of a broken chain on his recumbent. All of a Saturday at Giovanni's.



Not only does he daringly ride an RT through the streets of Los Angeles, and occasionally, a vintage Indian through the streets of San Diego, **Amos Robinson** is a well known artist special-



izing in metal sculpture and mobiles. **And.** One of his works is on Harbor Drive, right at the bow of the Star of India, and adjacent to the Star of the Sea restaurant. It's one of the most prominent of several trees commissioned to line the water front. The branches of the tree rotate.



What is this alongside Kyle Hudson's GS? **Bruce Rogers** and **Gary Adler**, left, and **Brian Muldoon**, right, are giving a careful critique of Kyle's new sidecar rig. Kyle says he found the deal at the Spokane Rally, and the distributor picked up his GS from Escondido, took it to Oregon and modified the whole to add the sidecar and then brought the completed rig back to Escondido. Interesting connection to the BMW, which basically doesn't have much of a frame. The car has a separate brake lever.



In no time, Kyle had his wife **Charlene** and daughter **Ginny** on board and headed for ... where else? **Fat Ivors** in Valley Center. **Stacy Silverwood** and **Carol Alley** and **Herm** joined in. Stacy had suggested hitting the restaurant in mid-afternoon to avoid the crowds. Good idea. The ribs appeared magically, tasting better than ever. Old

time folk came by say hello. A lot of ribs got sent to the bone pile. By the time all were satisfied, the line waiting for tables was out in the parking lot. Kyle's daughter put away a child's portion of ribs with dispatch. The BMW club picture was saved from the fire and now is on the wall inside the restaurant.



Wild **Bill Edwards** splits his riding between the handsome BMW cruiser and a Suzuki cruiser.



**John Collins** now has a base of operations in Hemet. So when he bought **Don Picker's** 1150GS he had to

ride it to Hemet before turning it over to his son-in-law. That ride was just long enough to persuade him that the new bikes are nice. So, back he came to Brattin Motors on the Boulevard to take possession of a new R1200 GS. It's red. He's holding the "SOLD" sign.



New member **Wesley Whitaker** was lucky enough to get ahold of one of the police special RT's. (If it's a silver helmet, it's not a cop.) **Rex Neilson** and **Wesley Ross** are checking it out.

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**Chris Steussy** celebrated spring break from teaching at San Diego High, by stopping by his old haunts at Brattin's with his three year old son, **Calvin**. **Dave Campbell's** son is also three, so they compared notes.



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The new R1200 ST intrigues **Herm** (above) and **Blair Balsam** (below). Sure to be a hot contender. This one is red. It would seem that the muffler is located lower, and might allow a larger saddle bag than the current R1150 R.



An interesting detail is the front wheel valve stem. It's in the spoke. In this picture, it's at 3 o'clock.

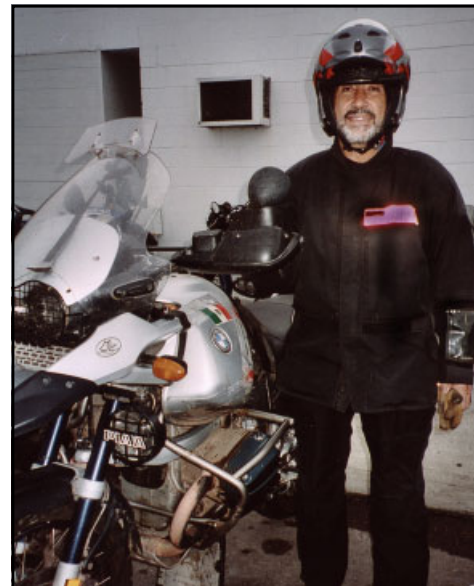


The new R1200 RT isn't bad either. **Bill Blaylock**, holding his cup of coffee, is checking it out. It has the same front wheel valve stem.



And then there's the new K1200 RS that **Stacy Silverwood** rode at the Nurburgring last year. Officer **Gregg Mulludre** who has been riding for the CHP for quite a while indicates that

the rider of this bike better keep an eye on the mirror. **Dave Campbell** is setting it up.



This Adventure has ventured afar. **Victor Uranga** has it in for service after a round trip to Terra del Fuego. About 25,000 miles he says. He rode to Panama, and then flew with the bike from Panama to Quito. He rode down the west coast of South America to Punta Arenas, Chile, and Ushuala, Argentina. They back up the east coast through Brazil and the new road through the Amazon to Venezuela. From there, to Miami, and home. He used his U.S. passport on the trip, except in Venezuela where the current regime is not happy with the U.S. He has a Mexican passport also.

Our own **Wesley Stark** is president of the San Diego Metropolitan Club. It meets twice a month at Seaport Village. Our own **Ira Grossman** is a former president of the club.

**Gary Orr** has won again ... the BMW service with a trip to Europe. Meanwhile, check with him about the RawHyde Adventure weekend.



Undaunted by spits of rain on Saturday morning, many sturdy riders took off for the annual overnighter to Joshua Tree. Club Secretary, **Ken Wymer**, had his daughter **Megan** all snug in a new suit on the rear. **Ariel** and **Frida Silveira** were snug on the Adventure. **Ken Shortt** led about a dozen bikes to Borrego, Meca, and across I-10 to the south entrance of Joshua Tree.

