

# KING OF THE ALPS

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**10** Is he ever ready to ride. **John Collins** on his new R1200 GS. It's red. John is now back in Pagosa Springs. Where's the bike?



First new R1200 RT out the door at Brattin Motors. **Tom Clark**, left, the happy new owner, **Art Donaldson**, on his way to central California, and **Gary Orr** fitting the tank bag. Art has homes in San Diego and Sonora.

You must know that the BMW OGM parts catalog is on line now.



Then the first new K1200 RS is on its way to Coronado bearing the proud new owner, **Greg Hansen**, who placed his order last summer.



Remember the charred remains of **David and Suzanne Jones'** house on Engineer Road, lost on Tuesday in the big October fire. Now look. With the help of Mennonites from Canada and back east, the new house is looking good. Mennonites set up a camp in the area, then volunteers came for a weekend or a week and did the building. There are problems yet to solve with the County inspectors.



**Skip Speaks** is on the yellow Ducati S4 today instead of the GS. We hear he set a blistering pace to Tecate from Ensenada, where he happened to make contact with **Brian Muldoon's** RT.



On the big K bike, **Ira Grossman**, in front, takes off one Saturday from Giovanni's with **Richard Buccigross**, with whom he shares an office, hot behind on the 999 Ducati.





Don Picker and Tom Mooney are sharing a secret about Ron Spicer's yellow 1150R at Giovanni's that seems to have the interest of, from left, Bob Ingram, Don Walker, Ira Grossman, Ron, Hugo Schreiner, Tom Holland, and others.



So many bikes, so much fun. Don Walker has shipped this Buell to San Diego so he can choose between it and the K1200 RS which he also has stored locally. He came out to play in April, and will be back for the Santa Maria ride. Then he heads for Munich and Spain on the R1100 S he had Stephan Knopf ship to Europe for him. The picture was taken at Lake Cuyamaca.



But he's not bike-less in Jupiter, Florida, where he claims to live. Here he's enjoying some track time at home.



"What to do?" One Saturday, Bill Siebold said, "I know what. Let's go ride that little gnarly road between De Luz and the Lookout above Elsinore." So they all started out. But the Forest Service got the best of it. The massive gate at the south end of the Forest Service road was locked shut. The picture is at the next "what to do" spot, at the locked gate. There were a lot of mountain hikers from Orange County tramping around the area.



At the parts counter, Blair Balsam entertains all his customers, including Ken Wagner's dog. The dog goes everywhere Ken does on the bike.



They came from all over on all bikes to ride Wildcat Canyon.

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Some happy riders enjoying the hospitality of BMW of North County after the Wildcat Canyon Ride. There was food catered by The Brigantine.



And there were demo rides on the new bikes, from the BMW NA truck.



And there were new bikes to try out. Gary Walker needs a new K1200 RS to replace the one in his garage.



While Linda and Bill Blaylock and Mark Pohlson checked accessories. That's Lisa Lattka peeking in from the background.

