

KING OF THE ALPS

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It's Don Nimon's new R1200 GS.

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Silver and black. Larry Eisenhower and "Lean" King are checking it out. Lean has a yellow one. And, by the way, congratulations are in order. Lean has just moved up from his job as superintendent of the Lemon Grove School District to be superintendent of the Encinitas Union School District.



And here's the lucky new owner of Don Nimon's 1150 GS. It has 'most every conceivable extra and came with lots of extra parts and of course was super clean.



Not to be out done. Carol Hughes is now riding expertly on a new R1200 GS. Hers is red. Look closely for the slightly worn spot on the left leg of her Aerostich.



And ... Brian Muldoon traded his faithful RT for this hot blue and white K1200 S. Some can remember that the RT was his first ever bike just a few months ago.



Carol got the regular GS bags on her new GS. Brian got the, ah, regular bags on the new K1200 S. He's showing Carol how neatly they expand to hold a helmet.



And ... Charlie Parks couldn't stand it any longer. So he traded his fine K1200 GT for this hot ticket R1200 ST. It's silver and red. And now Charlie's on his way to the MOA national in Lima, Ohio, where he just may be the oldest rider, and maybe certainly the longest distance older rider.



So the Encinitas Union School District superintendent rides a GS to work. Wouldn't it have been fun if **Ed Kolker**, as the mayor of San Diego, were to ride this red Ducati to work, or his BMW, or his Harley. Alas. He didn't win.



A new LT owner, **Don Meredith**, left, has been out playing recent Saturdays and Sundays. He runs Questar Capital Corporation, which specializes in "tenants in common" ownership of investment-grade real estate. **Mike**, next from the left, has restored an older R100, complete with top case and Krauser bags and Luftmeister fairing. He makes it go pretty good. That's **Rex Neilson** on the right, pointing out something.



Just a bit dusty and worn, the KLR and the boots and the Aerostich, but not **Erick Anderson**, after a solo round trip from Imperial Beach to Prudhoe Bay. An event on the gravel road north of Fairbanks messed up the chain guard, and the radiator had to be patched and the tires replaced. All went fine until I-5 in central California where the chain gave up. Erick says drivers on I-5 in California do not stop to help. The round trip took 21 days. He did a lot of camping.

Erick bought an R80GS from **Dean French** and has it in pretty nice shape. Meanwhile, Dean bought another R80GS and shipped it to Istanbul. Then he and his wife headed east, crossing Turkey, Azerbaijan and ferrying across the Caspian Sea, as far as the China border. Maybe someone in the club would like to ride the bike back to Munich for him.

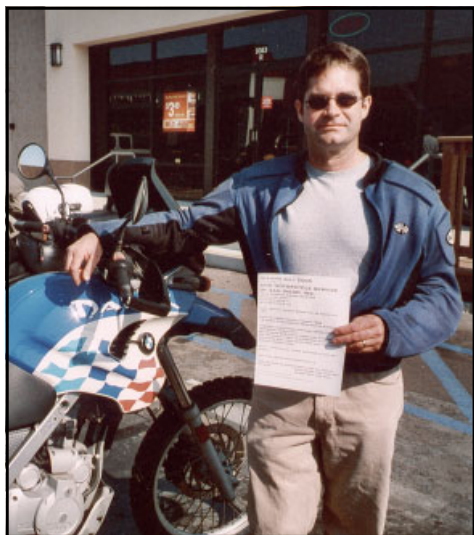


An interesting group gathered beside the new facade across from Giovanni's: **Bill Siebold**, **Ray Higgins**, **Turk Konuk**, and **Bob Ingram**. They're hearing Ray's story about the demise of his K1200. Turk obviously believes every word. Then Turk took off for the MOA national in Lima, Ohio, from whence he threatens to go for Maine.



The first line from Ray was that he had to come in the car because he had to bring the Corgies. Smart dogs know **Bill Siebold's** GS will make some shade.

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We know **Dave Campbell** as the Daytona Boxer Cup racer, and a prime BMW mechanic, the last 18 years at Brattin's on the Boulevard. The first of July, he opened his new shop, BMW Motorcycle Service of San Diego, at 7945 Mission Gorge Road in Santee, right near the 52/125 junction.



It all started innocently enough. **Ira Grossman** stopped by the huge Moto Center Thun shop in Switzerland last June, and jokingly asked if he could test a K1200R, even though he could never be a buyer. They said "sure." Ira was hooked. He came home to San Diego ready to buy. But San Diego

dealers were not about to get any K1200R's with ABS. So, he found this one in Austin, Texas! It was shipped to San Diego and was ready for the club beach party picnic at Crown Point last month. It's yellow and black.



On **Brian Muldoon's** red t-shirt is the slogan, "COWS DIE. YOU LIVE." On the back is the logo for Bates Leathers. Does Bates give you a shirt when you buy leathers? "They don't give anything."



Amy Holland, right, the famous editor of *Friction Zone*, came down off the Idylwild Mountain to Crown Point

in Mission Bay for the club picnic last month, to visit and talk to the club about safety. Not a bad idea. **Ron and Marilyn Jensen** were at the picnic, and Ron recalled how he and **Sam Jones** were heading west on 166 on the way to Laguna Seca when an oncoming truck pulling a trailer pulled out to pass directly in their path. Sam was forced into the guard rail. Fortunately, he seems to be OK, but the new Triumph was totaled.



The proud rider of this new LT is **Tony Williams**. He's an avid flyer and has an office in Ventura, but lives in San Diego.



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