

KING OF THE ALPS

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No matter what you see here, this is still a BMW magazine.



Devin Way has fun on the Yamaha. That's all right, his dad, Dennis, is on a BMW. You may note Dennis about, camera in hand.



Then Rich Amiton shows on this mighty Honda. He claims he was just charging the battery for a friend, and the bike was really uncomfortable to ride, anyway.



Then Edward Bell, famous in BMW circles for speed on the Salt Flats and X riding in the desert, shows up on a Honda Hawk.



And Guy Henry rides up on this nice yellow Ducati.



Not to be outdone, Stacy Silverwood shows off his new Ducati. He says it's really comfortable and a lot of fun to ride.



At last, a new BMW, with an unidentified rider.



Sharon Kepple is now riding a beautiful new 800...



...if she can keep her husband, Gary, off of it. He claims he was just showing off the beautiful sound of the after market exhaust.



Sean DeAngelis went to Las Vegas to check on the new 450 BMW and came back engaged to Sonya. Apparently, BMW only had a 450 for looking at, but sent him out on all the competition. He said the 450 has a very compact engine and transmission, with several very well thought-out details.



The recent Baja 1200 included John Barnes looking good after riding a sandy 50 miles in the dark on a hard to start Husqvarna. John came in second on the first Baja 1000, 40 years ago, so he was asked do this stint in the 2007 version along with Malcolm Smith and other heroes.



Former club president, Dick Climes, just in from Missouri, talked with John about their ride in the Alps.



Rod Lorang rode took his GS on a recent Saturday ride out to Dudley's and beyond.

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You're supposed to note the clear lenses on the rear lights of Linda Sorensen's mighty K1200.



Mark Spittle, holding the coffee cup, would have Don Picker and David Mishalof believe that he just found this clean 1986 K75C with only 3000 miles on the clock for only \$3000.



Gary Walker had this Saturday crew check Japatul Spur for fire damage. None. But there was wind damage.

Many, including Gary, had to evacuate their homes during the recent fire storms. Many homes around our president's in Rancho Bernardo were destroyed, but not his. Former President, Vern Henderson, returned to find his house intact, but all around it burned.

Mike O'Keefe had to leave his SD Country Estate home, and Rich Amiton his home in San Marcos.



Bill Taylor rented a bike in Germany last summer and his wife Annelene got new leathers there so they could ride in the Taurus mountains. This picture documents what may have been her first ride in California.



George Holderback not only got a new Adventure, but one in custom yellow.



All the way from Tasmania, Margaret Peat stopped in San Diego on her way to Tierra del Fuego. She shipped a 1200GS as well. It'll stay in North America while she rides the 650 south. Then she plans to explore more of the world. Kit and Mike Lynch met her while they were riding in Tasmania last year.



Also from down under, Mike O'Keefe's father Neil had enough influence to get a SDBMWMC service loaner to ride while checking out San Diego roads.



He stopped to talk a moment with John Hermann.



Ken Shortt with wife Pat, is back on his K75 after testing in thoroughly in the Sierras.

