

KING OF THE ALPS

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Lotta miles here... about 3,000,000! Dave Swisher cruised through San Diego recently, pausing briefly for breakfast at Jimmy's on Midway.



Tom Mooney photo'd Dave (pushing 1,100,000 BMW miles) with Herm (pushing 900,000 BMW miles), David Mishalof (pushing 600,000 BMW miles) and 'MOA mileage boss, Lyle Grimes.

Dave S. and Lyle were heading for the Staghorn Rally at Tonopah, NV. Reports are that they beat the snow. Dave was on his special K100RT. Lyle's R1100 R showed 210,000 miles on the clock (and only 3 transmissions!).

Heidi Weldon, our own long distance record holder, also made it to the Staghorn.

Then on President's weekend, Heidi K-biked to the Airhead Death Valley gathering, then to the 4-Corners dinner at Ontario, then to breakfast at Giovanni's and home to Yuma.

Oh, the ignominy! Hugo Schreiner took Jim Reynolds out for a ride and ran him out of gas. The Harley(!) rental folk stopped and put Jim's BMW on the trailer with a bunch of Harley's. Gift horse.

Here's some airheads:



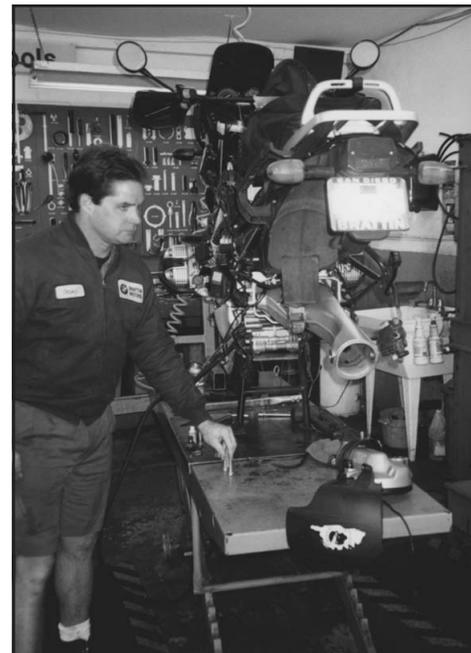
Jim Reynolds has been cleaning up the /6.



Terry May's been cleaning and fixing the toaster tank "for Karen."



"Painter" Don Francque's been playing a lot on his award-winning R100RS. He's been "moved out" of his painting digs and booth in San Marcos by some public improvement project. Here, he's consulting with Don Picker about possible relocations.



Herm's R1100 GS spent January at Brattin Motors on the Boulevard. The transmission had hiccupped a lot on the New Year's Day ride. So Gary Orr arranged for Dave Campbell to rebuild it with parts that filtered in from Berlin and elsewhere. On a first Saturday ride with the rebuilt tranny, it still hiccupped. So Gary arranged for Dave, here, to install a whole rebuilt tranny from BMW.

R1200 C – Cruisers – are out and about.



Bill Edwards has the custom paint job dialed in...



...while Marc Sahai has joined the Saturday gang on Couser and Lilac.

The CHP is adding 14 new planes – Cessna T-206H's – equipped with video cameras capable of relaying highly detailed, live photographic images to officers on the ground.

In a recent *READER* report on Escondido's Palomar Hospital, the chief nurse said "We get a lot of people from the desert, motorcycle riders from Palomar... on weekends we usually get at least two motorcycle accidents off of Palomar Mountain... along with your routine shooting and stabbings..."



If you're lucky, you can catch a Sunday ride with **John Ciccone**. Here, he leads a gang out of Giovanni's after a breakfast in February.

John himself is just home from a First Class visit to Italia; Roma, Firenze, Milano and Venezia. John and his brother and his father visited his father's home town in the hills outside Roma.

The guy riding the Africa Twin on *Road Signs* February cover, **Scott Dinger**, is now a grandpa. **Timothy Brent Dinger** was born last month. Parents are Scott and Pippa's son Tim, and daughter-in-law Jeannine.

Susan Martin's letting **Fulton** ride her 650 some while Fulton's 1100GS gets some cylinder work done. Seems there was this center island...

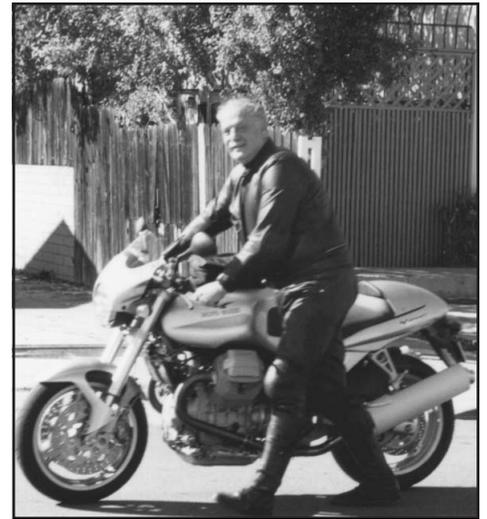


One Saturday ride recently had **David Mishalof**, **Herm**, and **Bill Siebold** stymied at the end-o-pavement on Boulder Creek Road. **Tom Mooney** took the picture.



Then there was the Saturday that found snow piled deep around Mother's Kitchen on Palomar Mountain.

And one Saturday had the gang coming down Riverside's Wilson Valley, passing **Lisa Boydston** and **Bert Lattka** going up.



If the fuel injectors on your V1100 Sport Moto Guzzi are gonna blow, it might as well be within pushing distance of Brattin Motors. A few days later, the bike started fine and **Don Picker** rode it to GP.

A doctor's office at Kaiser offered *Mainsheet* as reading material. It's the magazine of the San Diego Yacht Club. There, pictured in yacht club news, were BMW folk **Hugo Schreiner** and **Kim Johnson** atop Mt. Whitney along with Hugo's daughter Sara. Now, reports have **Sara Schreiner** forsaking CSU Sacramento for Wisconsin, and her sister **Dana** planning a summer solstice wedding in Oslo, Norway.

He's free! Our president, **Ken Shortt**, has retired, so he can officially and legally join the Friday morning breakfast for unemployed BMW riders at Margarita's on Newport in O.B.

If you live near Washington, D.C., or Chicago, you and your bike can take a train to Portland and the Redmond, OR, BMWMOA rally. About \$625 round trip.

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Woe! Whoa! Look what's going up on our mountain roads! The new Pala Casino at left, with a *4-story* parking garage in the background. Four stories high and two blocks long—all on twisty gnarly State Route 76!

Bill Siebold, Marc Sahai, David Mishalof and Tom Mooney have paused here in horror and disappointment. Well, maybe a diversion for Oktoberfest—a *Kasino Nacht*.



Turf McTaggart, that CalTrans surveyor, has to get ready for his new condo in Mission Valley, so he's offering this pretty boxer to some discriminating buyer. The KLR went to Bruce Rodgers.



Mike and Kit Lynch are sounding like they and their RT could be found in the Alps this summer. Rumor has Ira Grossman and Tom Mooney and Herm and Nanna Frye and Bruce Redding and former BMWOCSD'er Don Walker, all checking Alpine maps.



A pair of S's. Dave Turner took off with Stacy Silverwood one recent Sunday. They let a blue Triumph come along.



"What a nice GS," says David Kuhnle. Now, Dave has been seen riding a "Mandarin" 1150GS. Mandarin is an official BMW color that looks yellow to most people. This beauty belongs to new member Ken Burkett.

