

KING OF THE ALPS

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How do the new GS work? We'll hear soon from Polly and Harry of Brattin Motors who are off to South Africa to ride and inspect it. Rumor has Clem Salvadori heading that way, too, to report to *On The Level*.



It was a Rockster just like this that Blair Balsam (center) played across Spain last year with Don Walker (right). Don and Theresa (left) of Jupiter, FL, were in town to ride the K1200 RS that Don bought from Cliff Sharp.



The genuine BMW tool rack with multiple sliding panels at Brattin, no doubt, will have more special tools for the new GS.



Club member Richard Storino has been much more in evidence now that he's riding the new 1150RS. He's ready here to take off with Mike Moore, who's on the Boxer Cup.



Ken Snyder also rides a Boxer Cup, but this is the K1200 GT he thought should be beside it in the garage. With his Boxer Cup and Mike Moore's, Brecht has delivered a total of seven.



The RT is Don Nimon's other bike. And Don, right, is busy pointing out the wonders of his flip-up tank bag. Seems the bag slides onto a plate that bolts to the tank filler rim, and said plate will flip up to fill the tank.



You'd think that well-fortified with food at the Pauma Valley Casino, Phil Warner would be taking the GS up Nate Harrison Grade, just visible on the hill in the distance. (You can be pretty sure that Don Picker, background, no matter how well fortified, will not be tackling Nate Harrison Grade.)



Erick Anderson, right, on the new R1150 R (which he parks next to the faithful 650), is gonna join this Saturday ride group that includes Phil Warner, Dave Mishalof, and way up the road, Gary Walker.



It's that corner marked 15, left-hand uphill, on Highland Valley with Phil Warner and Erick Anderson.



Usually Barbara and Tracy Cate have been reported in the Alps riding a R100GS. Last month they showed up in Coronado on this tandem, which they rode down from Marina del Rey, where Barbara has a sister. They overnighted at Newport Beach with Tracy's father who we all remember is married to Martha Schreiner's mother. (So Tracy is Martha's step-brother.)

Turk Konuk is just back from Izmir, Turkey. Bet you didn't know that in the old old days, Izmir was called Smyrna? That was before Turk was born there.



There was an Airhead gathering that included a lot of club members, like Ron Spicer, here, being greeted by Di.



And Airhead #1, B. Jan Hofman, greeted Dan Frey and Bert Lattka.



What's it? Dave Mishalof and Dan Frey examine Bill Lucas's personally designed trike, that did indeed start as an R100RT.



Those were the days, my friend, and they never end. Stacy Silverwood is with his R100RS, just like he had a decade or so ago.



Joe Sim is going quicker on his 650 these days in these new leathers.

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And Ferdinand and Yolanda Sim are doing pretty good on the K1200 LT.



Lee Steinauer, center, is telling Ray Higgins and Gary Walker that they should trade in the K1200 RS's for a fine GS.



Smiling Bruce Redding is assuring Ron Jensen that this is indeed a genuine police model Harley ... with modified pipes.



You have to come early to get a seat at Margarita's of a Friday morning. Right there in the #1 and #2 spots are Pat and Ken Shortt. It isn't Ken's helmet and it isn't Pat's, and it isn't Gary Walker's either.

