

KING OF THE ALPS

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First a bit of nostalgia.



Here's the famous and admired boss of San Diego BMW Motorcycles, Gary Orr himself, on his mighty K75 with Pichler fairing, posing just outside the former law office next to Mother's Kitchen on Palomar Mountain—20 years ago.



K75's ruled at Mr. G's (Giovanni's) in those days. Here's an interesting paint job on a K75S in the parking area where Subway is now.



The most prominent K75S color was red. This picture is also in the parking area where Subway is now.



And speaking of nostalgia: here's Richard Amiton on his R100RT at Mother's a while back.

Some went to the Alps last month.



Here Carol Alley, Don Picker, Stacy Silverwood and Barbara Cate get ready to mount up after a fine Italian lunch.



Stacy Silverwood and Carol Alley made it to the top of remote little *Col de Cayolle* in France just before the hail stones started coming down.



Then the Cates, left, and Ira Grossman and Stacy and Carol beat it down off the mountain.



Travel with friends. When Herm rolled his Rockster off the stand up atop the *Passo de Stelvio*, one of the highest in the Alps, his rear tire was flat. Herm had the handy dandy kit from Wal Mart recommended by Ken Shortt, and it seemed to ream out the only possible hole and the plug held. Don Walker pulled out his 12 volt tire pump and in 20 minutes, Herm was underway. Don Picker is supervising. Later, a two inch piece of steel was found in the tire.



The *Grossglockner* in Austria has gone all out to welcome motorcycles. Note the new logo atop Edelweiss Spitze. (right) The spokes on the bike are edelweiss.



And the parking in the center of the village *Heiligenblut*, sister village to our Julian, is "nur fur bikes," only for bikes, with a picture of a motorcycle.



Never miss an opportunity for ice cream. Here, Ira Grossman, Don Picker and Chuck DuVivier indulge at Riva on *Lago de Garda*, Italy.

There was this fine picnic at Crown Point in Mission Bay last month.



Rich Kapushinski, sporting the Big Bear tee shirt from the recent successful rally, presided at the grill.



Here's the front of the rally shirt and of Rich.

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Excellent hostess at the picnic was Frida Silveira, here with her husband, Ariel.



Cuca Walker was there with Jerry Franklin and his wife Terri.



Cooking up a plot and who knows what else, Brian Muldoon, Mark Pohlson and Wesley Ross. Wes is sporting a St. Croix tee shirt



Henri Warren took a long weekend ride up to the RA rally at Boise, Idaho, to buy a rally tee shirt.



Lee Bradley has a fine collection of bikes, including this R90/6 with genuine Krauser bags and Vetter faring.



Stacy Silverwood's bikes were getting lonely, so he found this clean shiny smoke R100RS with solo seat. Mark Pohlson and Chuck DuVivier are checking it out.



If you get the latest hot ticket BMW like Bill Siebold (left) did, then for a few dollars more you can buy a set of hot ticket Motard wheels, like Bill Siebold did. The wheels come with tires. Mike Moore thinks they're OK.



Or, you could get the new R1200 Adventure like Mike Moore did. (Does he keep all those bikes in the hanger?)

NEW MEMBERS



Charlie Parks is out and about on the mighty new ST, being admired here by Nanna Frye.



Meet Mr. and Mrs. Phil Warner.

En Garde! By the end of the year, a new 1200-space six-story parking garage will be finished at Valley View Casino on Lake Wohlford Road, with six new dining rooms. Meanwhile, Pala plans 1500 more parking spaces and 50 new hotel rooms. And little obscure Pauma plans a 500 room hotel. Out east, La Posta plans a House of Pancakes.

Did you note, AAA was offering advice on how to get to the Gran Prix at Laguna Seca.



Joining us this month are **Greig Neilson**, courtesy of BMW Motorcycles of North County, **Bill Sullivan**, who found us via the internet, and **Robert Bourcier**, who came to breakfast at Giovanni's on Sunday morning.

Also via the internet we have **Robert Gillies** who "moved down from the Bay Area two years ago. I've been riding 30+ years, some "professionally" on Harleys. I'm afflicted with the love of old British cars, old German motorcycles, and wooden boats.

"I have five bikes currently, possibly six soon, if therapy doesn't work..."

Tony Gangloff was sponsored by San Diego BMW Motorcycles:

"I've been a motorcyclist for over ten years. At first, I wasn't very sure about motorcycling in California, but after taking the MSF riding course, I felt much better, and celebrated by buying a helmet.

"My first bike was a Honda Night-hawk 750, a fine starter bike with enough power for a beginner like me. But soon I found a love for touring on the bike, making several trips from my home in the San Francisco area all around the Pacific Northwest, and down south to San Diego and Arizona. In all,

I put over 34,000 miles on the Night-hawk.

"It was during a trip to San Diego that a friend let me ride his Honda Valkyrie. Wow! I knew instantly that this would be my next bike, and I picked up a 1999 Valkyrie Tourer. The Valkyrie has served me well, and had over 40,000 miles on it before I got my first BMW, a 2003 R1200 CLC. I really liked the styling, and I've really come to appreciate the German engineering.

"But again I started to get an itch for a new bike, and after 30,000 miles on the CLC, I picked up a 2006 R1200 RT. It's a bit sportier, but still has all the luxury items I've come to enjoy on the CLC. Already the miles are piling up on the new BMW."

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