

KING OF THE ALPS

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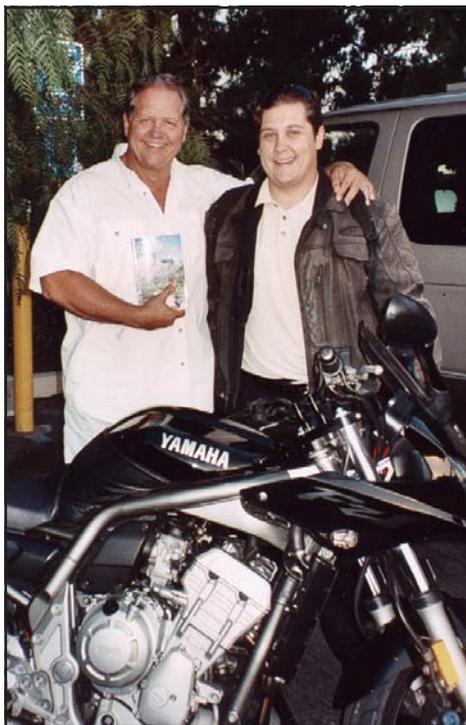
Here's Brian Muldoon's lovely K bike with the engine and frame exposed for inspection. There's a neat ding in the frame. And the after market exhaust is toast. Could be Herm's fault. You see Hugo Schreiner called Herm, and said, "lets go for a dinner ride." Herm was busy. So Hugo called Brian. Brian

reportedly was on his way to meet Hugo when things turned sour on the on ramp. Brian might say: "I came to grief on the clover leaf."

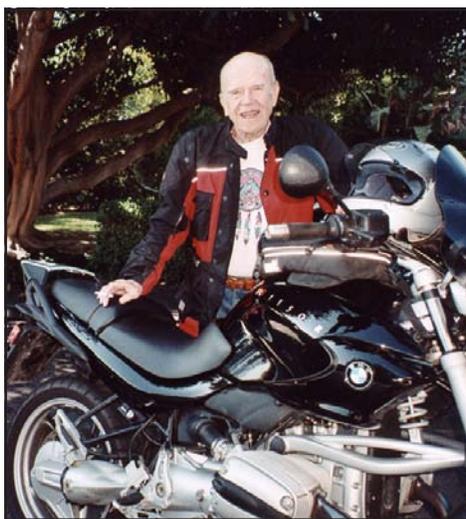
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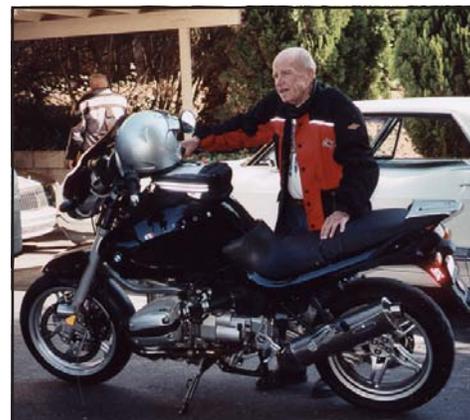
The story behind this yellow R1200S is that Sean Stewart's wife (left) got him to SD BMW MC on the Boulevard so she could check on a 650. She didn't get a 650, but he rode out with the S. Up to that moment, he'd been an Italian bike lover.



The Bettencourts, father (with *the* book) and son are heading for the Alps next month. They're going to hook up with Chuck DuVivier after he and a couple of others (Picker, Herm, Don Walker, Pippa and Scott Dinger) finish up their games in the Alps about Oktoberfest time (mid-September) in Munich.



Hats off. Congratulations to our president emeritus Vern Henderson, out for a ride with the gang on his 85th birthday last month.



Vern lightened up the fine R bike with a Remus muffler system. (The 1967 Buick Electra behind Vern, isn't his.) Newer members might not know that Vern is a famous test pilot. For years, he held the land speed record flying that monster that is out front of the Aerospace Museum in Balboa Park.



For Vern's birthday brunch, Bill Adams, right, lead a fine ride that ended up at Big John's Tip Top near Palomar Airport Road. Vern had a very fine looking steak. Gary Walker had cordon bleu.



Old friend Steve Hill back now at the service desk at SD BMW MC. He's fairly well known on Palomar Mountain. Before the kids were born, he and his wife, Erin, rode matching Daytona Orange R90S's.



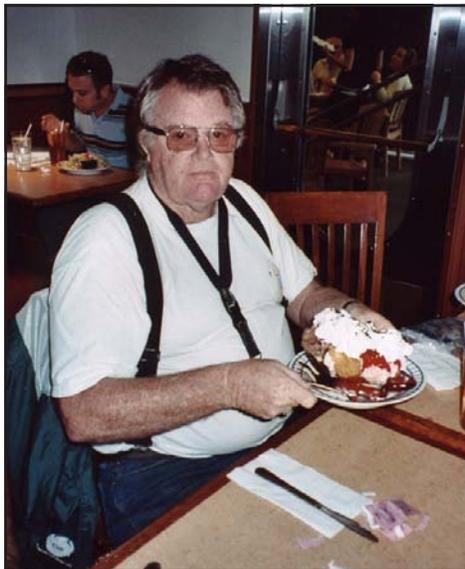
You know that Wednesday evening is dinner at the *Diner* on Ruffin Rd., just below Giovanni's. That's where Martha Schreiner met up with our editor, Fulton Martin, to plot her new computer system. Martha and Hugo are just back from a month in the Alps. Hugo rode at Lago de Garda, while Martha took art lessons.



Mark Ruhm, left, has made this neat device (from a drawing by Vern Henderson) to help you fill your gas tank. It slips over the nozzle and hooks on the little ring on the nozzle, so the rubber hose stays up without you holding it. He made a bunch of them, and offered them to riders at Giovanni's. Denis Duchene thinks it might work on a Yamaha.



How come Mike Moore has so many toys? Rex Neilson, impatiently waiting for his R1200 GS to get fixed, is trying Mike's Ducati. Mike, left. Gary and Noah Kepple think the Ducati is OK.



Every Wednesday evening at the *Diner* on Ruffin, Bob Ingram challenges the staff to make a better banana split than they did the week before.



Our Road Captain thinks her R1200 GS would be nicer with a bigger wind screen. (Herm thinks it's nicer with no wind screen at all). So she's checking with John Sullivan about his big screen.

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12 Don Picker got a BMW reflective suit for his wife, Peggie. Then he got one for himself. It's supposed to reflect the sun and stay cooler.



Wouldn't you know it. As soon as they spotted the camera, they lined up neatly. Hugo Schreiner and Gary Walker and Ken Shortt and Dan Toporoski outside Margarita's on Newport. So it must be Friday.



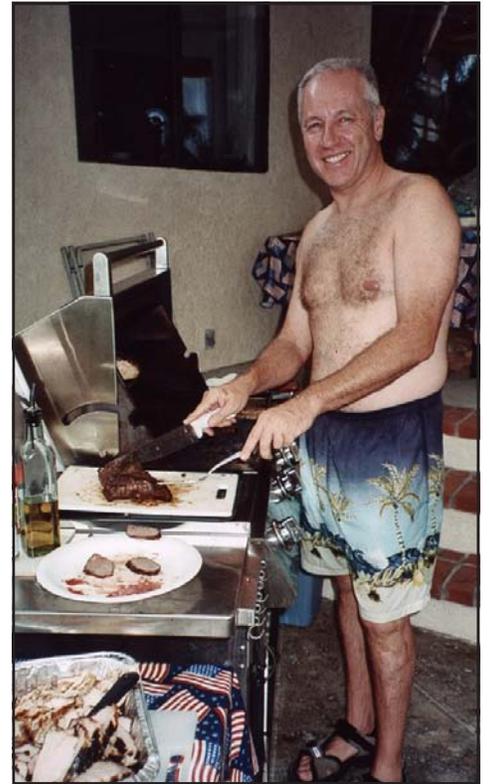
Always happy, our Social Chair, Frida Silveira with Ariel, got the party started at South of the Border in Mira Mesa, with Cuca and Gary Walker, right.



There was a big crowd that night, with club secretary, Dick Sackett in the foreground, his wife Louise and Bill Edwards at right.



Now, there's Dick waving in the distance, and Cuca and Gary Walker, left, and Henri and Dottie Warren, right.



Then there was the famous pool party at the Walker's hacienda. Grill wonders galore from the expert chef, Tony Cash. Tony's wife and son graced the event.

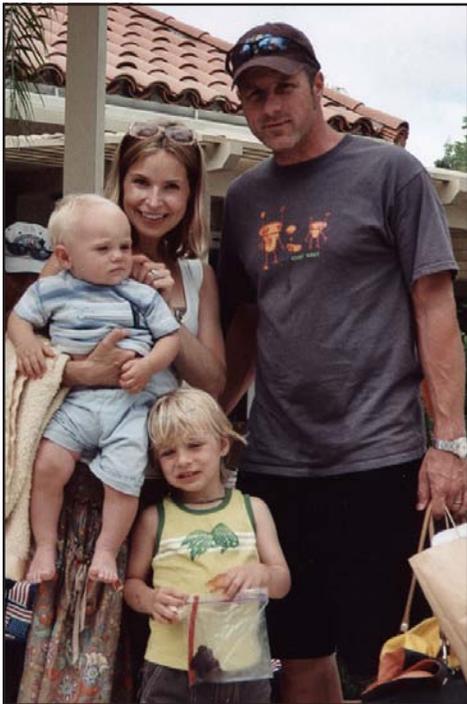
Ask Tony how he became an expert on the Alps.



Also at the pool side, former president Eddie Webb, here talking over rides with Bill Siebold.



And in the water were Pat and John Wagner's granddaughters, Morea and Ciana. The kids are visiting from the Bay area.



And Ken and Pat Shortt's son, Ralph King and his wife Shirley, and Tyler and Trevor, all from San Francisco.



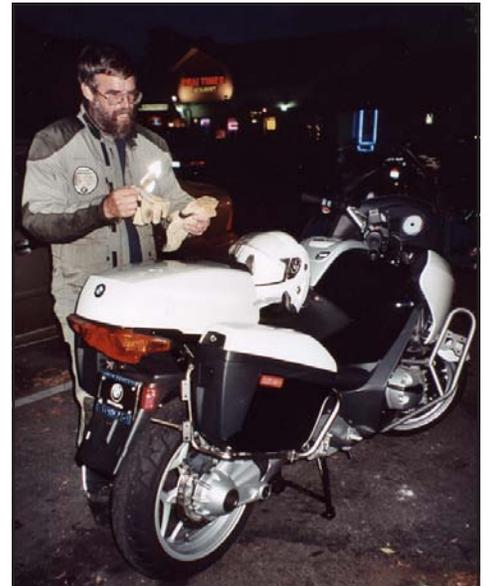
Can you believe this. Hugo Schreiner on a new 999S Ducati? Look how small it is. It came from the newly relocated store in Escondido, just under the overpass from BMW Motorcycles of North County.



Hugo, center, got the Duck all the way up to Mother's atop Palomar Mountain, where he compared notes with Brian Muldoon and Mark Pohlson. Can you believe, Pohlson was on four wheels?



But, doesn't this road lead to Fat Ivors Rib Rack? Not to worry. Sharon Kepple, left, and Richard Amiton and Gary Kepple, did make it to Ivors, with Herm drooling all the way.



Don't worry. No tickets from this rider, none other than our editor, Fulton Martin, on an enforcement R bike from SD BMW MC. He rode it to the club board meeting at Jimmy's on Midway last month.

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Out of Naples, like Napoli, Italia, comes **Bob Bourcier**. He managed to get a US spec RS while he was working in Italy, and brought it almost straight to Giovanni's.



That's **Rick Johns**, right, the famous parts guru at North County, and the usual leader of the usually brisk Wednesday evening ride. Be there at 6 PM, ready to go. Rick knows all kinds of devious ways to get about in North County. It's okay, says North County jefe **Emery Masters**.

All BMW riders, and north county folk especially, are concerned about **Bill Foeppe**, who was on staff at North County and is now very ill.



NNN is the motto of **Keith Palmateer**. That's "never north of Nimitz." He runs big job painting crews on Point Loma when he's not out playing on his LT or GS Adventure.

Annual family barbecue and fundraiser, Saturday, September 2, 11 AM to 4 PM. At the Palomar Mountain Volunteer Fire House (around the corner from Mother's). Not a bad idea to support those volunteers.



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

DICK SACKETT

The meeting was called to order at 1900, 15 August 2006, by President **Bob Miller**.

Bob welcomed speaker **Gary McGee** of *The Ride for Kids*, plus **Mike Moore** and **Hugo Schreiner** who will give their impressions of their recent tours of the **Ducati** factory in **Bologna, Italy**.

The binnacle list consists of **Tom Mooney** and **Don Picker**.

New (and former) member **Glenn Thomson** introduced himself. **Glenn** rode to the meeting on a newly acquired **R1100 RT**.

Vice President **Brian Muldoon** reported that there are **332** active members.

Secretary **Dick Sackett** reported that the Executive Board voted to accept the minutes of the July Executive Board Meeting as published in the August issue of *Road Signs*. (There was no July General Membership meeting; the Beach Picnic took its place.)

Treasurer **Ken Shortt** reported \$7807.27 in the club account on 31 July 2006. He further reported \$300 income, \$274.29 expenses, and \$25.71 net income for the month of May 2006; net profit for calendar year 2006: \$2089.14; cash in account as of 15 August: \$7146.55. **Ken** also reported that the deposit for the Big Bear rally provided by the club has been repaid.

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