

KING OF THE ALPS

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I won! I won! The most I've ever won at a club drawing is a weighted key ring. The Scott Mastrocinque from Brattin Motors offered a *full service* as a door prize at the May meeting. And I won! The faithful 1100GS is just a few miles away from a major service.



I made it! I made it across the Fremont River in Utah's Capitol Reef National Park. Blair Balsam took this picture as he shouted "Keep the rev's up, Herm!" (Note that Blair with the camera is standing in the middle of the route I have to take out of the river.) This bike was a R100GS, several years ago.

Scott from Brattin Motors promised a demo of the new Adventure R1150 GS at the May meeting. Two problems. His only Adventure was sold, and it had to get into Giovanni's. That meant that the owner-buyer had to bring it.



That's he, Tom West, left, holding the door for Scott to Gelande the GS through the door.



That same meeting, long distance member John Gilmer of Jacksonville, Florida, rode up, more or less fresh in from Jacksonville on his K1100, getting to San Diego on a 50CC... you know, fifty hours coast to coast. That very same evening, more local member David Mishalof headed out for Jacksonville on his own 50CC.



He pilots lots of things... like this brand new 1150GS with the nifty black powder coated Al Jesse bags. That's the pilot, Jim Moore, center, with the glasses on his head. Admirers included Ken Seaver, Doc Williams, Bill Siebold and Susan Martin. This bike will fit in the garage beside the R1100 RT.



What's this. Sort of looks like a Ducati engine. Will Creedon reports that it's a deal, and it's red, and it is sort of like a Ducati, but it's a Cagiva and it's called Capo Nord, which is Cagiva-Italiano-speak for North Cape, which apparently refers to the northern point in Norway which is sort of like calling it a "Baja." Checking it are Rich Kapushinski, Ira Grossman, Bob Ingram, Don Picker, John Ciccone, and the owner.



Here's Mary Parks without the coffee pot. In fact, she has flowers presented to her by the club president, Tom Mooney, in the name of the club on Mother's Day.



Also recognized with flowers was Ericka Carpenter who keeps Giovanni's running and knows every member of the club and what they had for breakfast last year.

Esther Hays arranged the flowers, and Butch got them to Giovanni's.



Chuck Parks got Mary to Giovanni's in this BMW.

Every week, John Barnes gets several well-traveled club members together for lunch. Breweries seem to be the preferred spots, although the riders don't drink much.



This was the recent gathering outside B.J.'s Brewery in Grossmont Center, with John, left, Ron Spicer, Bill Siebold, Tom Mooney and Ken Shortt. Ron Spicer and Bill Siebold report on sunny successful runs in the southern Sierras, including a few less paved



Well, it is a BMW suit, shipped especially from Europe. But the Aprilia from Oceanside has been taking its owner to a bunch of track time.



Here's another view of the same rider, Stacy Silverwood, getting ready to face the evening chills after a fine meal of *Fat Ivor* ribs, preparing to mount his R1100 S. That's Carol Alley with her R1100 R at left, and Herm's 1150R in the foreground.

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Remember that fairing that Doken of Japan made for the R1100 R. Well, Painter **Don Francque**, right, fabricated and fabricated and made a bracket that mounts that fairing on his Triumph Speed Triple. Don's also been experimenting with various shocks and fork springs, and by golly, he says he's got it dialed. The tires look like he has.



Norm Heath flew into town from Ventura county to help a friend get a new BMW. It was a K1200 LT, and when this picture was taken, it had 59 miles on the clock.

As you read, so to speak, some San Diego club members will be exploring the canyons, mountains and beaches of Corsica.



Where's this neat road... Lyon's Valley, just east of the store. And the rider is **Bill Siebold** on the mighty R1150 GS.



Aha. Two lovely K75C's. In the foreground, **Ron Spicer's** all clean and painted up. That's Ron, left. (Remember this bike's history... from Herm to **Don Petrick**, to Ron, to a few repairs after a curb climbing effort.) Eyeing it all is **Ken Shortt** from his also blue K75C.



Another K75C showed up at Giovanni's with this couple heading for law school in San Diego this fall. **Ken Shortt** welcomed them. This C was red.



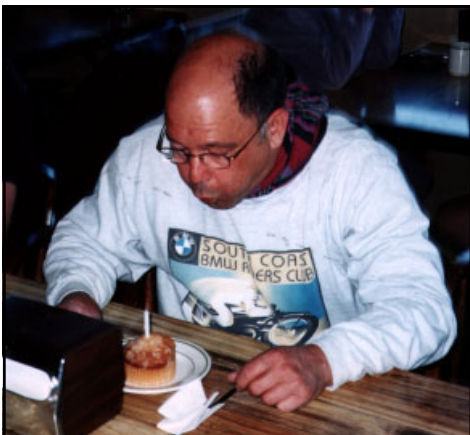
We need more ribs. These guys keep losing weight. **Don Nimon**, right, worked so hard that he lost weight and needed smaller leathers. He got new ones, and **Rich Kapushinski** lost so much weight that Don's fit him perfectly. What a deal. Then Rich took off for Spokane.



There was a flea market Sunday at Giovanni's, and **Ron Jensen** unloaded. His potential customers here included Wesley Stark, Don Nimon, Cheryl Nemec and Walter Gates.



Ron did so well at the flea market that he went out and bought this V Strom Suzuki. He was the first on the block. Here, he goes over some details with **Bill Siebold**.



Summoning his full lung capacity, **Amos Robinson** managed to extinguish the birthday candle. Probably, there should have been more than one.



Kit Lynch also had a birthday, her 29th. That's **John and Pat Wagner** sitting on the sofa with Kit, and a school friend. Back to the camera is **Ira Grossman**.



Remember, **Herm's** almost new R1150 R fell over in the Motel 6 parking lot in Porterville, after a

raining day ride following **Hugo Schreiner** through Angeles Crest and Lake Isabella. The handle bar end bent and scratched the lovely tank. This photo was taken through the window at Jimmy's Restaurant on Midway one morning as **Dr. John Ciccone** applies his special potions to the scratch.



What to our wondering eyes should appear at Giovanni's of a Sunday? Why, Oilhead number one, **Steve Coburn**, former editor of *Road Signs*, here conferring with **Doc Williams** as **Gary Adler** and **Butch Hays** look on.