

# KING OF THE ALPS

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It's those deer. Our editor got one in NorCal. Somehow, he rode the GS home.



**10** Painter Don Francque lost a lot of weight on the way to Laguna Seca... from the RS, that is. What happened to the pretty fairing? He says it works good without it.



What's this? Escondido's finest at Brattin Motors on the Boulevard. He's giving the OK to a new bike Rich Flores just set up for him. (He rode in on a Kawasaki.)

Have you noticed the handsome and no doubt expensive new "corporate" signs on the Brattin shop at Winona and El Cajon?



You can't keep up with who's on first or on which bike. For instance, Todd Stahly appears to be on the lovely K75S that was the pride of the Ciccone fleet, and Todd's just about ready to show some road to Tom Mooney, who's been off in the Alps.



Here, Todd's smiling 'cause he's going to show that San Diego road to Harold Dorr and Harold's friend Craig as well as Tom.



Here Bill Siebold is smiling in his helmet 'cause he's on the 1150GS that was the pride of Todd's fleet.



And Dan Toporoski is smiling about the good deal he got on the pretty Mandarin 1150GS that he bought from Mort Mirmontazeri.

Then Dan sold his famous 1100GS, the one oft-photographed in the sand and mud of Baja, to Marty Moore. Marty already had an 1150GS, and plans to give Dan's to a friend so they can ride together to Prudhoe Bay.



P. J. Monday is telling Doc Williams about the wonders of his new 1150 R.



And Rich Kapushinski's friend Peggie is really smiling on her new 1100 RS.

There's a new race bike in Jamie Lenore's garage—you know, the garage atop Japatul Road. It's a 250 Aprilia.

**SAN DIEGANS ABROAD... SUMMER OF '01**

Photos courtesy of Tom Mooney and Stacy Silverwood.

Hugo and Martha Schreiner went to Oslo for their daughter's wedding.

Wesley Stark took a Yamaha to Bulgaria (and later met up with San Diego folk in Austria).

After leaving his K75 at the center of the BMW world for service at Munich last fall, Herm picked it up with confidence in late May.



Here, Herm watches troubleshooters Stacy Silverwood and Tracy Cate trying to figure why it quit running the first day out. The scene was a tiny road in the Dolomites at a hotel that was closed. The closed hotel called

the Italian Auto Club that sent an Italian truck that took the bike to a dealer in Brixen, Italy, that fixed it the next day after which it ran fine for 4200 miles.



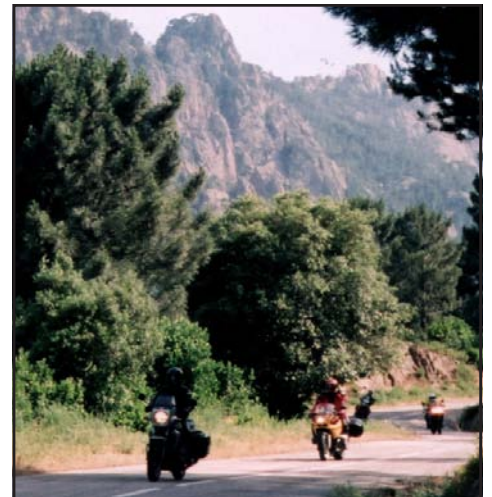
So Herm could take time to savor some good Italian gelato high above Cinque Terre.



On to Corsica, where there was a bit of a traffic jam getting by a bus. The rest of the Corsican roads were wonderful.



A wave from Herm as he passes an ancient Genovese watch tower on Corsica.



Don Walker and Bruce Redding and Lionel of Interpol follow Herm on Corsica's Col du Bavella.

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Herm on the Corsican road called *Les Callanche*.



After a hard day on the roads of Corsica, Bruce Redding and Lionel and Carol Alley and Stacy Silverwood anticipate dinner at Porto.



At a Corsican mountain overlook, Bruce and Lionel salute the "free Corsica" graffiti on the stone bench.



Another Corsican evening found the gang relaxing by their hotel rooms after a swim in the Mediterranean. Lionel, Don Walker, Bruce Redding (back to camera), Tracy Cate, Tom Mooney, Carol Alley and Stacy Silverwood. (Barbara Cate in distance.) The rooms are right on the white sand beach. The water is crystal clear.



Back on the mainland, in Andermatt, Switzerland, the gang included Nanna Frye on a Deauville Honda.



Here, Herm is photographing Nanna against some high snowbanks on Nufenen Pass, Switzerland.



Ira Grossman with an R1150 GS, here checking tire pressure from a Euro-style cannister while Nanna fuels in the background.



Traffic was stopped for construction on *Col d'Allos* in the French Alps. Little does the French rider know that Tom Mooney is going to beat him to the top of the pass.





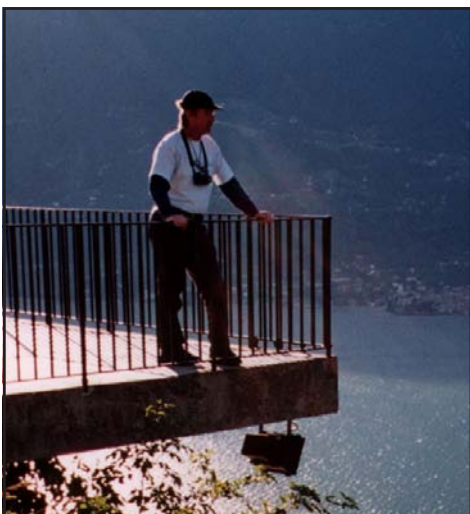
So Tom was parked, ready to photograph the rest of the gang as it reached the summit. That's Tom's R100GS at left, with Herm, Tracy and Barbara Cate followed by Don Walker.



Right on the hotel terrace a sumptuous fest was enjoyed by Nanna, Ira, Herm, Kit and Mike Lynch and Tom Mooney. After salad, pasta was flambéd in an Asiago cheese, then all sorts of meats were brought from the grill. Ah, yes, and tiramisu!



There's this balcony high, very high, over *Lago di Garda* in Italy, at the Hotel Paradiso. Nanna looks south with the village of Comolongo far below.

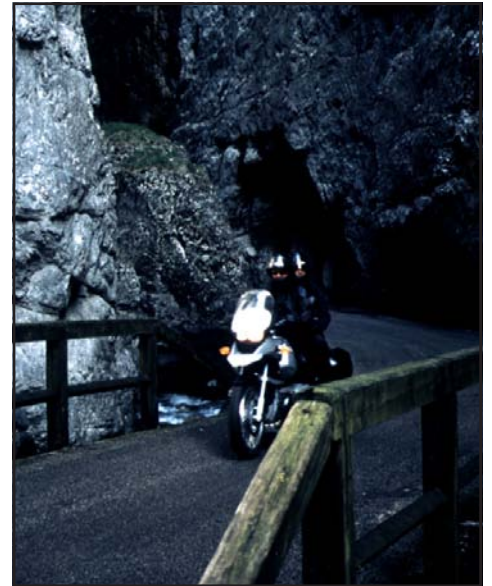


The view with Mike Lynch is to the north.



*Passo San Boldo* in Italy climbs a mountain with stacked traverses,

connected at each end by hairpins in tunnels. Herm is heading into a tunnel and will daylight at the exit, down left. Stacy Silverwood and Don Walker are recording the trip on film.



Stacy Silverwood and Carol Alley on an R1150 GS wend through the Sottoguda Gorge in the Italian Dolomites.