



# Club Newsletter



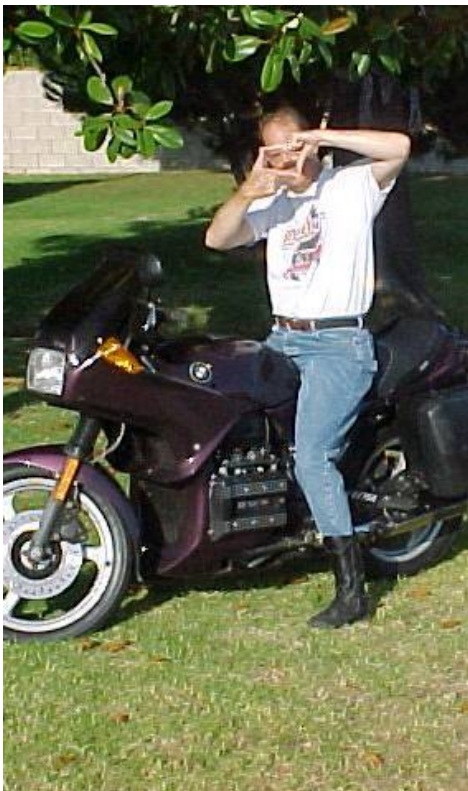
## Requiem for the Old K bikes, "Flying Bricks" (by John White)

When I was young, I visited my elderly Grandfather in Indiana. He had been living alone for a long time, his wife passing from cancer. A neighbor came up to me one day and said, "He's quite... quite melancholy". I knew that meant he was sad but I had no idea the depth of meaning.

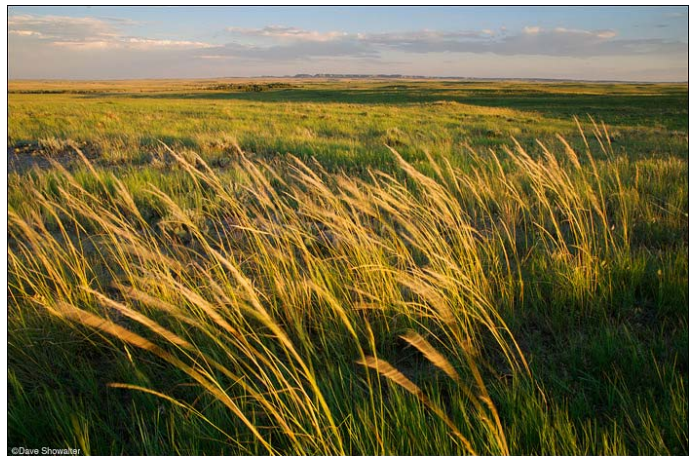
For tonight's listening pleasure is "A Case of You" by Joni Mitchel. Now, it's an interesting melody with Joni singing the song with an Appalachian Dulcimer on her lap and that's it. There are just a few words of this dirg that are apropos such as "Oh Canada".... Which brings us to the National BMW Rallye in Missoula, Montana 1998.

Chris do you remember your matching outfits with Bruno?....the daily 4 o'clock windstorm? How about all of us waiting for a large enough table (multiple tables put together) for my birthday celebration? We were all so famished! Memories and Rides, funny how a song just brings them back.

Oh yes, back to the song, reminds me of how Phyllis and I took off after the rallye for Glacier National Park. Did you know the name of the Park changes in Canada? Looking at the map tonight I see the southern area of the Park below Logan Pass has the same name but above the Pass it's now called Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park and into Canada now Waterton Lakes National Park. Ask Phyllis some time about the encounter with Mama Bear and her Cub up there....



We eventually found ourselves on Hwy 3 traveling West and stopped for the night. As our custom we either take one bike or a stroll to a local diner and in mid-July Oh Canada is so beautiful! The days are longer the farther North you travel and here we are walking in/near a very tall field of wheat? with the setting Sun just brightening all the colors around us. The walk was stunning with the tall grass singing, swaying in the wind. I always enjoyed my K75s, never left me stranded, and it only asked to be maintained. With my K1100lt I tried to recapture some of that past but not to be. It has been difficult for me the past 6 years. I sold my K1100lt Saturday to Bob. Bob, all it asks is for maintenance and it will take you on pleasant journeys. When Bob said "I'll take it" a bit of depth, sadness hit me.







Happy Holidays



So much riding

So little time

*Unless you're Mike.*





I need some hot sand right about now. It was a chilly 0° F this morning. Actually, I'm attempting to convert all of you to ride Hondas. How do you like that Africa Twin? Yes, it's there.



**Editorial**

Saturday, Liza and I went to the BMW shop Open House. We looked around and tried some gear on. Then the Triumph Explorer caught my eye. I asked to sit on it before throwing a leg over the saddle. It felt big but I had already designed my new handlebar mount in my head. Then I remembered reading about a comparison test of these luxu dualsport/touring bikes and after lunch we headed to another shop to test fit the Yamaha Super Ténéré. YEAH BABY!!! But wait. I just bought this FJR1300. Hmm... I could turn that into a sidecar rig and ride it throughout the winter. My mind is racing at 2000 mph. Try to keep up with me.



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## In case you didn't know...

- The club meeting is Monday, December 17th at Cody's Café.
- 26 more days until the start of the Dakar but who's counting?
- Flash Gordon returns to Dakar. Robby Gordon will again attempt to shake the establishment.
- In MotoGP, Rossi back to Yamaha, Stoner retired and Nicky Hayden stays with Ducati.
- MotoGP will be in the US for three different dates, one of them is Austin, TX 19-21 April. Hint hint.
- Did you know the FJR1300 makes a great hack mule?

Jim Rowley, Editor.

Have a story to tell? Want to set up an upcoming event?

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