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Special Ride Surprise

The Mother Road RallyK brings people together for better than a week. You can get to know people pretty well in that time period and our participants tell us that they have formed friendships that have lasted for years (2001 will be our 7th run).



Kirk Woodward

The Millennium Run brought me a very pleasant surprise when I went out to my bike in Fontana, CA (the last stop before the end of the Road in



Thank You Hug rode home with me from California

Santa Monica). Perched on my handlebars was a Thank You Hug. By then we had endured some RE-ALLY tough weather and riding, so I was delighted to know that at least one person had a good experience. Nobody "confessed" to putting Thank You Hug on my bike, but rumor

had it that Coffee Herrin was the culprit. Coffee, incidentally has signed up for next year's run . . . a **Repeat Offender**.

Honda Makes a Change

In November, Honda dealers will start selling the 2001 edition of their Gold Wing. For the first time in ten years, it will have a different look and a different power plant. Under pressure from Harley and other manufacturers, Honda boosted power and added some new colors to the line. The engine goes up to 1832cc's - a boost of 300 cc's - but the weight remains virtually the same: 792 pounds. Anti-lock braking adds seven pounds. Price? The MSRP still stands at around \$18,000. *(Too bad about them dropping Pearl White as a stock color . . . any other color would tip my wife off right away as to where the cookie jar went)* **Personal Complaints:** It doesn't look like they changed the way that top trunk opens. On the previous

model the passenger - or whatever else you've piled on the passenger seat - had to come off



2001 Gold Wing

before you could fully open the trunk. Very annoying when fully loaded up. And the windshield still looks too short. You can see the new models on the Internet at: <http://www.hondamotorcycle.com>.

The Goose Finds an Angel

Moto Guzzi has always been a well respected bike. CHIP's has been riding and buying them for a good many years. Financially the parent corporation has been on the edge for a good while. The news now is that Aprilia, a substantial Italian corporation has merged with them. Hopefully this will mark new stability for the Goose's many fans here in the USA.



Moto Guzzi is merged

Nieman-Marcus Bikers

The Nieman-Marcus Christmas Catalog has pretty well defined "upscale" gift giving for a long,



Nieman-Marcus Christmas Catalog Crotch Rocket

long time. Their downtown Dallas store (the flagship) has long featured scooters of various makes for years. Now the 2000 cata-

log turns it up a notch with a no name sport bike. The lead item in the catalog this year is a "personal" submarine, priced at around \$500,000.00, so the motorcycle is traveling in pretty fast company. In more ways than one.

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