

**HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE. I HOPE YOU'RE STAYING WARM AND HEALTHY. AS WINTER CLOSES IN FOR REAL, WE HAVE BEEN PREPPING AND REBUILDING BIKES FOR THE UPCOMING SEASON. THERE IS AN ADDITION TO THE FAMILY: A SECOND MOTO GUZZI IN THE FORM OF A 1979 V50. IT'S A VERY COOL LITTLE BIKE AND WAS WELL RECEIVED ON A FEW TOURS AT THE END OF 2012. I'LL GET PICTURES UP ON THE WEBSITE SOON ALONG WITH AN ACQUISITION STORY. ALSO THE RICKMAN ROYAL ENFIELD IS FINALLY BACK ON LINE. YOU SHOULD DEFINITELY RIDE IT!**

**WHAT DO YOU DO TO KEEP SANE WHEN LONG RIDES BECOME IMPRACTICAL? EXCESSIVE DRINKING SEEMS TO HELP, ALONG WITH THOSE LITTLE LIGHTS THAT FIT ONTO THE BRIM OF YOUR HAT BUT THE *BEST* MEDICINE FOR LACK OF RIDE TIME IS *PLANNING* TO RIDE. SPRING IS NOT THAT FAR AWAY AND I HOPE YOU WILL OPEN THE ATTACHED 2013 SCHEDULE AND READ IT AND DREAM A LITTLE BIT.**



### **PLAN TO RIDE IN 2013!**

**KEN WORKS IN CAIRO, EGYPT AND WAS IN DC FOR A FEW MONTHS. HE CONTACTED ME ABOUT HIS DREAM RIDE: THE BONNEVILLE, THE XLCR, THE NORTON COMMANDO, THE MOTOGUZZI AMBASSADOR AND THE DUCATI 860GT ALL IN ONE JANUARY WEEKEND BEFORE RETURNING TO THE FAR EAST.**

**A LITTLE COLD PERHAPS BUT DEFINITELY HAPPY!  
AND HE WANTED TO LEARN TO DRIVE A SIDECAR OUTFIT.  
KEN'S RETROTOUR HAPPENED LAST WEEKEND. THE WEATHER WAS LESS THAN PERFECT BUT THE OUTCOME COULD HARDLY HAVE BEEN BETTER. DESIGN YOUR OWN "DREAM RIDE". JUST PICK AN OPEN DATE AND PROPOSE IT TO ME. I WILL DO MY BEST TO MAKE IT HAPPEN FOR YOU.  
CHEERS! JOEL @ RETROTOURS**