

**SUPER KAW CAFE**  
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First stop: Dick Pearce's of Los Angeles where he picked up a Read Titan full fairing.

Markel handed the fairing over to his painter friend, Heckman, who went to work with the candy apple combination of red, blue and orange.

While Heckman worked his wonders on the fairing, the engine got rebuilt by Mark Aurech — the

former owner of California Kawasaki in Santa Monica.

The rear skirts of the pistons had a millimeter shaved off. The mill was ported and polished and the heads and barrels were glass beaded for better lubrication. The compression was dropped just a touch for top end purposes.

Originally Markel went with stock gearing and a Denselube chain, but more recently he switched to a Denco 48-tooth rear sprocket with a D.I.D chain. He preferred the

Denselube chain but it would not work with the Denco sprocket. The countersprocket is a 14-tooth Denco unit.

Markel picked up his J&R power pipes from Racecrafters in Hollywood. He describes them as "outstanding pipes." They are tucked toward the frame so that they won't scrape the pavement and they emit a low sound as well as giving good torque output.

Other goodies on the machine included Tommaselli clip-ons, Koni shocks and a custom butt-holder by Arko Upholstering.

Amazingly enough, the only speeding ticket that Markel got that stuck was for doing 60 mph in a 50 mph zone.

He admits, however, that he has had a number of tickets issued to him, but they were all issued much later than the alleged violations occurred.

Markel's explanation for his ticket evasion is quite simple. He insists that he has never had to run from the police because he has always been oblivious to their pursuit. He says that he has always been in the middle of a speed run and, as he so aptly puts it, no fool in the middle of a speed run looks anywhere except straight ahead.

So naturally Markel never noticed the Keystone pursuit boys. But, as he so well remembers, they sure as hell noticed him the next time they saw his blue/orange/red streak slowed down to the pace of the rest of the human race.

But, in case you are getting the wrong impression, Markel is more than a fun-loving speed demon. He is a fun-loving 20-year-old student at Pierce College in the West Valley.

Markel had only met the effervescent blonde girl in the photos two days before our photo session. She filled in gracefully when one of Markel's girlfriends turned out to be a no-show. Her name is Deana Sparlin — a wistful child of the sun — who hangs out on the beach a lot and looks cute.

Aside from that, Ms. Sparlin is learning how to do porcelain fingernails at "The Great Put On" in Tarzana, which, coincidentally, is owned by Markel's mother, Barbara.

Let the record show that, contrary to earlier reports, Deana did not lose any of her porcelain in Ed's chest when he was practicing his first gear wheelies.

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