

Armchair Biker-buddies!

Today **Mr. Jaguar** took me out to do chores (including a stop at the fabulous Asian Grand Buffet) and then over to Del Amo Motorsports as I needed oil and hey, why not look around a bit?

As I did chores, Mr. Jaguar waited under a tree...



And then took me to Del Amo Cycle where even in 80+ heat the engine not only did not overheat but ran normal-temp all day (?). This is appreciated, “not normal”. And yes, the guage was working!

Here we are...



The motorcycle eye-candy is not limited to the bikes inside... Parked were a Kenny Roberts Edition (Yamaha) RD-350, about as rare as street-bikes get...



And an Aprilia Tuono with (aftermarket) all-titanium Akrapovic exhaust (about as expensive as street-bikes get at approx \$20K)...



Moving inside... I headed over to the always-interesting **Ducati** section...

Hey, what's this? Ducati on sale?



Oh yes! This price for a 2006 Ducati Multistrada "S" which has the \$2,000 optional Ohlins suspension...

"Ohlins" is evidently the Swedish word for ***get out your wallet!***

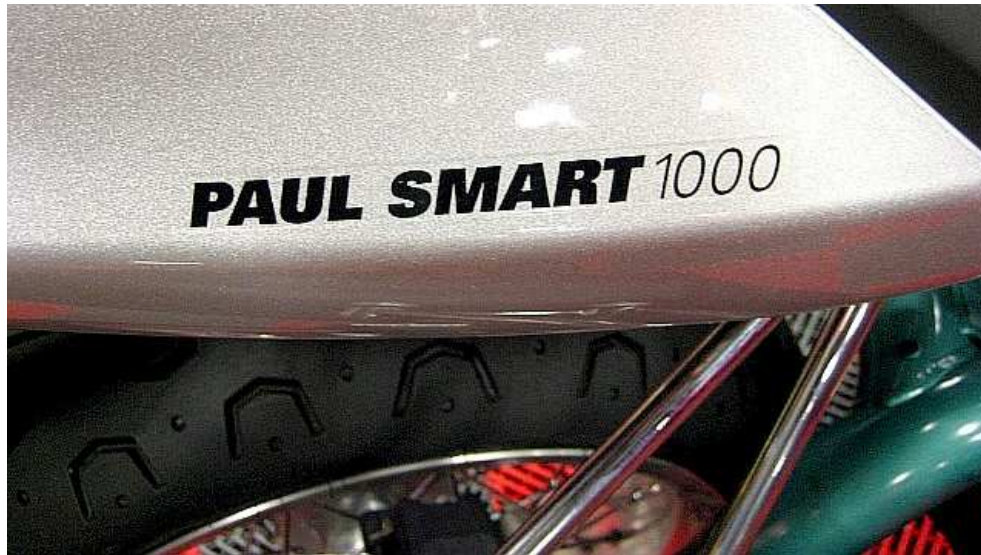


Here's the Multistrada...



...which was stunning but... Ducati is the only remaining “big name” bike-maker not offering ABS (**A**nti-skid **B**raking **S**ystem) on their bikes. So, at any price, Ducati’s are a no-go for me...

Del Amo also had two quite rare Ducati models for sale, the *Paul Smart 1000*...



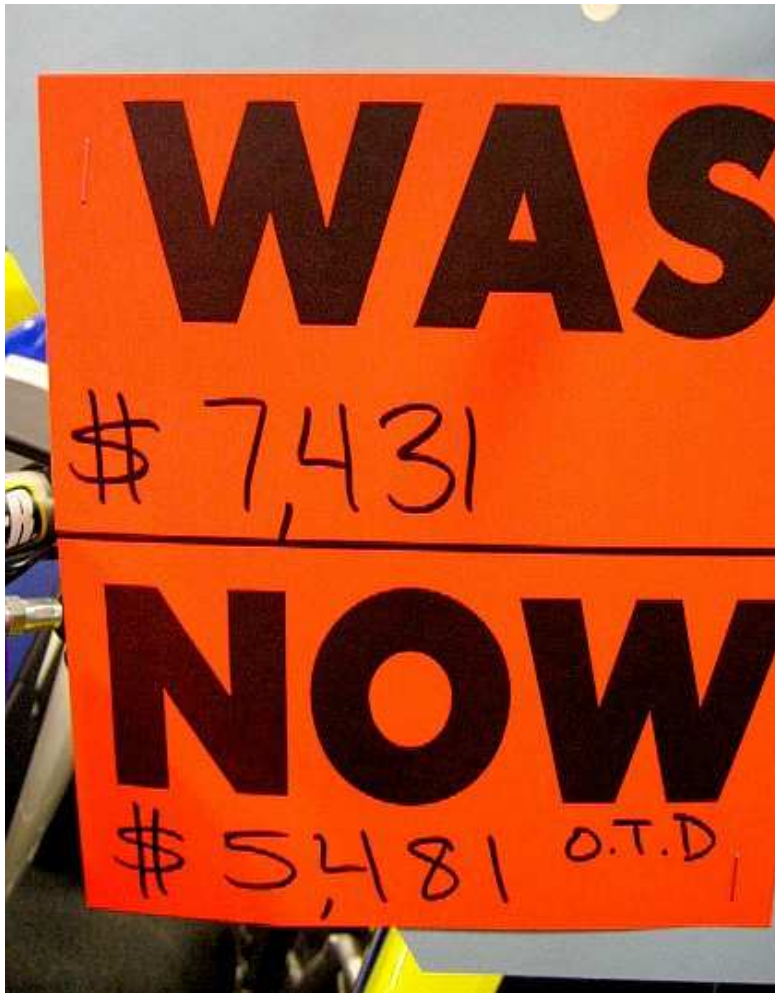
Here’s the bike (apologies I couldn’t get a better angle)...



The best-looking bike in the place, a Ducati **S4 Monster** (in “Tricolore” color scheme) simply awesome...



And then I turned around... ***Stunned! I froze in ecstasy!***



This for a ***2-stroke dirtbike! I must have it! Must have! Must have!***

What a price! Stunningly cheap!!! 2006 Suzuki RM-250 race bike!



What to do? Call my buddy Al, in Bristol, CT! After pleading with him to “talk some sense into me”, he did, telling me...

- 1) The bike is a race bike, “peaky”, not good for any sort of general use
- 2) I already have “the last of the great 2-stroke dirt-bikes”, my KDX-200

What makes Al so great is not that he said “Don’t buy *another* dirt bike” just... “Don’t buy *that particular* dirt bike” and then Al went on to offer suggestions (“DR-650 Suzuki is awesome!”)...

Hey that’s what buddies are for!



Well, anyway, nice pic eh?

Moving right along... **Kendon** motorcycle trailers... The Lexus of trailers!
Too big/heavy for me, awesome nonetheless...



KTM (motorcycles from Austria)... Very expensive, “hi-tech” bikes...

Going to Dakar? Here's your ride...

[Note: I had to look up "Dakar" on the web, in Africa somewhere near the Sahara. It seems most off-road bike-makers have a "Dakar" model.]

But I digress... The KTM *Dakar*...



Approx \$16,000 for this baby! But then again, "Dakar" ain't like going to the local burger-joint!

Interesting KTM point: After both big-time motorcycle magazines (Motorcyclist and Cycle World) proclaimed the KTM **Duke** (paraphrase, but not-by-much) "...the worlds most exciting street-bike..." **it does not sell!** Every time I stop in a KTM shop, Dukes there are languishing, deeply-discounted, "collecting dust". Bummer, but **Duke** does not offer ABS, and maybe it should? **Duke** pic below...



Too bad <sniff>. The Duke really is awesome!

Every time I go into Del Amo, I admire their bike-hanging-upside-down exhibit...



Mr. Jaguar says goodbye from Del Amo Motorsports!

