



DUCATI OWNERS CLUB OF CANADA

NEWSLETTER #1

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Dear Member,

Welcome to the world of cafe racers, restored and rebuilt Ducatis and riders of very discriminating tastes. This club is set up to provide the new owner as well as the long time owner with a central clearing house type service with reprints of owners' letters, news on the latest developments at the factory in Italy, lists of names and addresses of Ducati owners in Canada and recommended and tested products for restoring and keeping machines and riders in perfect condition. There is also a recommended book list. This service is designed to bring together all the owners of Ducati machines across Canada. The ultimate would be a National Rally meet once a year, but this is just a start and a small one, but much better than nothing at all. Question: Who do you know that rides a Ducati?

The Factory Scene:

Production is well under way with the 350 GTL, 500 Desmo. Sport 860 and 900 SS models as well as a 125 I.S.D. In the research and development department at the works Fabio Taglioni is putting the finishing touches to a 350 cc Desmo. single with toothed belt drive to the camshaft. The engine has an adapter so that an electric starter can be fitted as an option. This model will probably be available for sale at the end of 1977 or early in 1978.

The Local Chapter:

Our first meeting was held Jan. 16th; the weather was very cold, more like Arctic conditions. In spite of this four Ducati owners turned up and we had a light discussion on patches, paper work, records, membership fee and advertising. We had a movie with a 1960 DUCATI as the star attraction followed by coffee and donuts. Meetings in the future are set at the 2nd Sunday of the month from 1 to 4 p.m. at 1786 Windermere Road, WINDSOR, Ont. Arrangements were worked out for our trip to Florida to watch the race at Daytona and ride our Ducati machines in a better climate. We also at this time have one corresponding member.

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230 miles - As New Condition
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Hints and Tips:

Handle bar end mirrors are fine for the DUCATI, order continental style Model 422 by Stadium. If you lose the screws for the clutch springs or the screws holding the alternator coil assembly in place 5MAX12 & 5MAX15, these may be purchased at your local V.W. Dealer. On a restoration to remove rust, use NAVAL JELLY by Duro, it's available at Home Hardware and Canadian Tire. Buy a spare headlamp bulb and pack it in a small box with cotton wool and tape it to the inside of the headlamp shell. Don't forget to grease the rear suspension joint every 1200 miles; on the Mark III you have to remove the tool box covers, the grease nipple is just inside the frame member to the rear of the engine - use a grease gun with a flexible hose and an extra pair of hands will help on this operation..

Footnote:

This is our first newsletter for DUCATI owners of Canada and I would like to thank all those riders who were interested enough to write in for information or to come to the meeting; you are the people who make this a success and a help to Ducati riders across Canada - this is your club, please help support it.

Best regards,

S. James Collins.

250 MKIII DESMO

