



DUCATI OWNERS CLUB OF CANADA

NEWSLETTER #2

Feb. 28, 1977

Dear Member,

It has been at least 11 years since the 200cc single s.s. appeared on the scene and attracted such an interested group of riders. We still hear stories of poor service; long waiting periods for parts, over 4 or 5 months sometimes; driving for miles with the Ducati in the back of the van to our nearest Ducati Service Dealer and Shop; having a breakdown in the middle of a touring weekend and getting stuck until the dealers open their store on Monday morning or Tuesday. But really, is this happening now? I had a very pleasant surprise when I ordered some parts from Snyder Equipment in Lachine, Que. The order was filled and returned within 14 days which in my opinion was very good and it was well packed and complete. I sent another order to Continental Motor Sport in Sherbrooke, Que. and it was returned complete within 9 days; this is terrific and proves that the service has improved many times over the years. As we are all very busy people these days, here are a few hints regarding the ordering of parts from the dealer. If you order a major part like a piston or a crank assembly or a set of front forks, always send a stamped, self addressed envelope and ask for a price first and then send in the order as some parts have a very slow turnover and the price may be higher than you thought. Always print the name of the part and the part number if you have a catalogue and even a small drawing of the part and what it looks like. State the year, model and size of engine or write the complete engine number on the top of the order. Give small deposit to hold order if not in stock. The new rider who has purchased a used machine may be scared off by all the stories about parts availability and become discouraged - well we don't want that, do we. We should always remember that the men who hang out that sign - DUCATI SERVICE & PARTS - have been trained to do a good job and are there to help all the riders, so when you need parts ask your friendly Ducati Dealer, he is 100% on your side of the counter. That other bit about getting stuck on a weekend tour will disappear too with the use of the Ducati Owners Directory - now let me see, what is that phone number?

The Factory Scene

Special desmo. head for use on Speedway machines is finished, after development work extending over a period of 18 months by a team consisting of Mazuccato, Taglioni, Franco Rango, and Luigo Moro. Special electronic ignition to go with the head by Bartolini and Farne of Ducati Electronics and MTMR. Engine has 15 - 1 compression ratio and develops 60 H.P. at the crankshaft. The performance is equivalent to the Australian Riders Machine (Crump). The development team is to be congratulated for such a fine effort in the face of Westlake, Eso, Jawa competition. The test machine was ridden by Giannini.

The Local Chapter

Our second meeting was held Feb. 13th, the weather was still quite cold. A design was submitted for approval for the Ducati Owners Club patch, it was approved and is now out for pricing. It was decided to use a plastic badge for the licence plate denoting in white on a red background Ducati Owners Club of Canada. In the printing department we have posters to be placed at the Ducati Dealer parts counter which will be mailed out as soon as they are ready at the printers. The original disc brake kit was shown that was used on the 250 Mach I that was raced at Daytona. To date we have over 20 corresponding Ducati owners. NOTE: NO MEETING MARCH 13th BECAUSE OF DAYTONA RACE MEET.

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CLASSIFIED:

WANTED: Rearsets to fit 1967 Monza and same year side covers from a MARK III

New seat covers made, as original. Send me your old, ripped seat cover and I will make one of fine quality naughyde, any colour, waterproofed seams, for the price of materials and postage.

STEPHANIE COULSHAW, 561 Gilmour Avenue, Apt. 2, OTTAWA, Ont. K1R 5L5

WANTED: Front Fender for 350 Ducati Sebring.

RICHARD SOUTH, 1166 Jarvis St., WINDSOR, Ont. N8P 1C9

Hints and Tips:

For a better shine on enamel finishes and glass fibre tanks and fairings use Silicone Glaze, it is detergent resistant and can be buffed up weeks later. For preserving electrical contacts on switches and clip connectors inside headlamps use WONDER MIST. Both these products are available from the Amway distributor listed in the white pages of the phone book. For a better pointer for that degree wheel, use a crocodile clip and solder a ground wire from some electrical wire 6" long. The clip will hold tightly to the fins on the barrel and the wire can be bent to indicate T.D.C.

Footnote:

Please send me a printed post card if you change your address, with both the old and new address. This will ensure that you will not miss any important notes, newsletters, or the directory. If you see someone with a Ducati, please tell him or her about the club and some of the benefits.

Best regards,

S. James Collins

