

DUCATI INTERNATIONAL OWNERS CLUB

"Serving Ducati Owners Worldwide"

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HERE'S INFORMATION ON THE CLUB

We at DIOC Headquarters would like to thank all you Ducati freaks for writing in and providing the encouragement we needed to get this whole thing going.

We have been trying to answer every letter individually, but we have gotten behind on the Newsletter so we had to cool it with the personal answers; not to mention the fact that we've been getting an average of 10 to a dozen letters a day. (and some of you thought there were only 23 Ducati owners in the entire country.)

Before we decided to give the club the green light we had to put out some feelers in several Motorcycle publications. We got the response we needed so we begun work in earnest about a month ago. Many of you wrote requesting info on the club, others wrote and had something to say. We printed the letters and comments of those who said something worthwhile.

Club dues will be a lousy \$8.50. We hope this will be enough to cover costs. As more funds become available we will give each member a club card, patch, decal and the Newsletter. If some of you can afford to donate more we would appreciate it immensely. This is an honest endeavor on our part and we hope to get your trust and support.

This whole thing, like everything else costs money. Right now we are paying for everything out of our own pockets. If any of you out there would like to pay for your dues in advance, we would appreciate it very much. But some of you would like to wait to make sure this isn't some kind of a joke, we understand. My wife keeps asking me why I am doing this, why should I care if some Ducati owner gets parts or not? Well, I happen to love Ducatis very much. They are a part of my life, and they create some very enjoyable moments in this life for me. I think that this kind of enjoyment should be shared and I sure as hell enjoy sharing the good vibes I get from my Duke. From the letters I've read so far 99% of all you Ducati owners share my enthusiasm, and that makes it all worthwhile when you can share your good times with others.

As of right now things are beginning to get organized. Berliner Motors, the Ducati distributor has offered to help us out. Many other dealers have extended their helping hands. We hope to get in contact with the factory and get some line of communication going with their public relations dept. so we can keep all you Duc owners posted on what is going on at the factory. By the way if any of you have seen the April 76 issue of Motorcyclist, you will get a glimpse of the new Ducati vertical twins that they will be coming out with. Don't get too excited about them, I almost cried when I saw them. They do have an 860 GTS with new styling all around, a real beauty, I'm waiting to get my hands on one.

We have no idea how many members we will eventually have but right now we have around 200 requests for membership and or information on membership. We need more of you to go out and see if you can get some of your Duke friends to join and help keep the club going. If they do not want to join, maybe you can persuade them to write into the club with any information they may have that may be useful to other club members.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

PLEASE FURNISH US WITH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION AND ENCLOSE A CHECK OR MONEY ORDER OR WHATEVER YOU MAY WANT TO USE. MAKE THEM OUT TO "THE DUCATI INT'L OWNERS CLUB"

- * YOUR NAME, ADDRESS AND PHONE NO.
- * WHAT MODEL DUCATI OR DUCATIS YOU OWN
- * WHERE YOU BOUGH YOUR MACHINE
- * HOW LONG HAVE YOU OWNED IT
- * YOUR AGE, OCCUPATION, MARITAL STATUS
- * WHAT TYPE OF RIDING YOU DO MOST
- * WHAT YOU LIKE BEST ABOUT YOUR DUCATI
- * WHAT YOU DISLIKE ABOUT IT
- * ANY ADDITIONAL INFO. YOU THINK MAY BE USEFUL TO THE CLUB.
- * WHAT CAN YOU DO, OR THINK YOU CAN DO FOR THE CLUB CAN YOU WRITE, DRAW, ORGANIZE RALLIES ETC. (you don't have to answer any question above that you don't want to answer)

THANK YOU ALL IN ADVANCE. PLEASE MARK YOUR LETTER "MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION, AND PRINT THE INFO IF YOU CAN, SO THAT OUR HELPERS CAN PROCESS IT MORE EFFICIENTLY.

DEALERS DIRECTORY

WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE YOU DUCATI FREAKS TO HELP US OUT IN COMPILING A DUCATI DEALERS DIRECTORY. THE DIRECTORY IS TO HELP YOU FIND A DEALER WHEN YOU TRAVEL OR WHEN YOU WOULD JUST LIKE TO TRY SOME OTHER FRANCHISE WHO CAN GIVE YOU BETTER SERVICE. WE HOPE TO GET SEVERAL OPINIONS ABOUT EACH PARTICULAR DEALER SO WE CAN MAKE A SMALL ASSESSMENT ON THE KIND OF DEALERSHIP YOU ARE BOUND TO ENCOUNTER. WE'D HATE FOR YOU TO TRAVEL 100 MILES TO ANOTHER DEALER AND FIND OUT HE IS NO BETTER THAN THE ONE YOU JUST LEFT. SO BY GIVING US YOUR OPINION OF THE DEALER YOU DEAL WITH WE CAN DRAW UP OUR OWN CONCLUSIONS. WE WILL TRY TO BE AS FAIR AS WE CAN IN DRAWING UP THE SUMMARY.

PLEASE FILL OUT THE QUESTIONS LISTED BELOW AND SEND THEM TO US AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. MAIL THEM TO DIOC c/o DIOC DEALERS DIRECTORY. THANK YOU.

1. NAME OF DEALER
2. address
3. business hours
4. full time or part time
5. stock of Ducati parts: exc. good. fair. lousy
6. service dept. exc. good. fair. do it yourself.
7. phone number and name of owner

NOTICE

OUR NEXT ISSUE OF DIOC NEWS WILL ONLY BE SENT TO MEMBERS WHO HAVE PAID THEIR DUES. NON MEMBERS WHO WOULD LIKE A COPY, PLEASE SEND US A DONATION OF \$1.50 OR MORE, IF YOU CAN, FOR EACH COPY. keep on handling.