

DIOC NEWS

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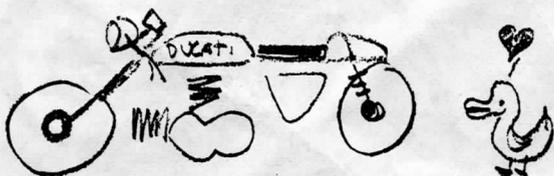
by Joel Eliel DIOC Director

For whatever it may be worth, this is the Ducati International Owners Club. As far as I know there are no other Ducati Owners Club in this country. We have heard of a couple of Ducati organizations in England but that is about it. Basically we hope to help all you Ducati freaks, and would be freaks with your Ducati problems, to inform you about what Ducatis are all about, to share happy and unhappy moments our put downs and our moments of glory on what has got to be the most enjoyable motorcycle in the world.

This thing is nothing if we don't hear from all you Ducati owners out there. If you have any suggestions on how to do something on your bike to make it better, we don't give a damn what it is we want to hear about it. Send us your notes and comments, we'll fix it up and print it. Got any gripes against your dealer, having a hard time finding parts, wondering why your duke won't run right, let us know and we'll get you an answer, one way or the other.

Lets face it we are few and far between. We got to stick together. We hope to hear from you and pass your gripes over to someone who can help. We know a lot of people over at Berliner Motors and we hope to have some connections with the factory. You all know that the bike is not all that perfect, right? So if we yell loud and long enough maybe they will start making Ducatis with good electricals, maybe we'll get some switches that work past the warranty, maybe we'll get some decent paint on our new bikes, maybe the fiberglass work on our Sports will be free of bugs, curly hairs, and packing saw dust. There is a good chance that we may get more parts out of all those lousy dealers who just sell the bikes and don't give a damn about stocking throttle cables or gaskets. Maybe, just maybe, if we Ducati freaks holler long enough the factory will get off their fat asses and print some shop manuals that are worth their salt.

I don't know how you feel about your Ducati, but if you feel like I do, and like a lot of my friends do about their Dukes, we are willing to pitch in and get this thing rolling and help each other out so that the bike that we love will run like it should. So that it will run so beautiful you'll go down the highway giggling like a goddamn fool to yourself from feeling so good.



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We need writers. If you know how to write, we need you to write short stories true or fictional about Ducatis. Any of you who have taken a trip, gone to a race where Ducati raced, write down a small or large article or letter send it in. If you know how to fix something write it in, no matter how unimportant you may think it is.

We need technical advisors, who can take the time to answer some of the questions our readers may have concerning the repair or installation of new parts in their scooters. We'll also pass any useful information on to our readers in the Newsletter.

If any of you know of someone who makes something for a Ducati, let us know. There aren't many accessories available for Dukes, so we are very desperate for this kind of info. It doesn't matter if its a tail light, or luggage rack, a sissy bar, a big bore kit, seats, tires, anything at all, even stock Ducati parts that are popular, like conti mufflers, or oil filters, and manuals, send it in and we'll distribute it on to people need this kind of info.

Overseas Ducati owners, we need the names and addresses of foreign motorcycle publications, for the purpose of advertising our club. We would like to service Ducati owners world wide. We think they have models of bikes we don't get into this country which may be of interest to our members. We speak Spanish, Italian, French and a little German. In time we hope to print the DIOC in several languages if the response from other countries is favorable.

We also need photos, black and white, color, or whatever you got. We prefer black and white because it is easier to print. We will return any photos sent for evaluation if you enclose a self addressed envelope.

Cartoonists, we need cartoonists. If you can draw halfway decent, send us your renderings and we'll make a celebrity out of you.

The club would like to have state representatives all over the country to help organize and recruit new members. If some of you more lively Ducati enthusiasts would like to help the club out by organizing rallies, checking on race events, dealers, new members etc, or whatever a state rept can do please write in to us c/o State Rep. Dept. and we'll look over your credentials and all that stuff. By the way, we hope to have our first Ducati get to gether next Daytona Motorcycle Speedweek, March of 1977. More details will be forthcoming. We think this way you can attend the festivities and have our Duke gettogether. If any of you know of a better way or location for shits sake let us know. We are always open for suggestions.

Well enough bull I guess most of you know what we are trying to say here: THAT WE NEED YOUR COOPERATION, ENTHUSIASM, SUPPORT, MONEY, HELPING HAND ANYTHING YOU CAN COME UP IN ORDER TO HAVE A GOOD STRONG CLUB.