

# Letters



## Striking Fear

I am inquiring about the Ducati Club as I am interested in joining. I am the owner of a 1966 Scrambler which was purchased as a basket case about two years ago for \$65.00. My father and I slowly got it restored to running condition. Berliner had quick service when we first got it, but now it's the cold shoulder routine. We need parts and practically all of them are hard to get. The nearest dealer is about 50 miles away and all he has is a couple of posters on the wall.

I would like to join because I realize the potential of Ducati. At school a lot of dopes talk about the so called King of the superbikes the Kawastinky 900. I laugh at them because I've been at the road track in Loudon and saw the 750 SS blow the Kawasaki off the track. I also saw a 900 SS which is only available in Canada, blow off the Japanese DOHC Four.

I aim to make the 250 into a cafe racer. It's got the power. We replaced the 60 tooth rear sprocket, (incidentally the bike has been clocked at 85 MPH with the 60 tooth sprocket) and put a 45 tooth on. The top speed is up a good 10mph but acceleration pff the bottom isn't as good. The machine has potential and I intend to send fear into the hearts of Honda 350s, Electra-Glide Hardly Ablesons and KZ400 owners. I hope I'm not boring you, but what do you expect from a Ducati freak.

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## Good bargains available

Please include me in. The comment in RR did not indicate any dues, am inclosing 1 buck for some stamp money. If there are dues please let me know. Right now I'm mostly interested in getting a shop manual some sources for parts. I have put 1500 miles on my '74 750 GT in about 5 weeks and have had no problems. I need the following: Source for parts, shop manual, parts manual, valve shims .1410in 3.5814mm, .1540in 3.9116mm, .1685in 4.280. Shims .02 to .03mm thicker would be OK.

Does any one have a solution for a kit wrench for the large rear axel jam nut?

Motosport, 6115 Gravois, St. Louis, still has two new 1975 750 GTs in stock.

Twin City Honda, HWy. 61-67 N. Crystal City has a 1974 750 GT, new, and they are also selling up parts at their cost as he is dropping Ducati.

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FOR SALE

Previously owned bikes: 100cc Kaw., 1966 BMW R69S. Presently own 1945 Indian Chief in addition to the Ducati.

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## A GHOSTLY RIP OFF!

I am delighted to hear that someone is finally forming a club for this marque. I own a 1974 750 Desmo.

I would like to share with you my experiences with Ghost Motorcycle Sales. I bought my Desmo used, and in shipping broke the bubble part of the fairing. I was told Ghost Motors could get anything, if for 125% of its value. So I called Ghost Motors up, yes they even had the part in stock, never mind sending away for it. I sent \$30 in the mail; I received a COD charge of \$202.63. Unfortunately another member of my family paid this sum. Meanwhile, Ghost sent a postcard notifying the Post Office they had missed a couple of decimal points and would you please only charge \$4.25.

I immediately called Ghost, yes, they would send me the difference as soon as the money reached them. Weeks passed, I called again; they had'nt forgotten, the money would be sent, unless I would like to buy a Guzzi LeMans. No, I said, Just my money. Weeks passed, I called again, and had to call several times before a Mr. Griffin said "yes, but wouldn't you like to buy a Guzzi? No! I said, and demanded the sum due. Needless to say, I am now going thru other channels to get my \$200 back. Ken Prescott, N.Y.

## "...same problem.!!?"

I recently read of your organization in Road Rider and am interested in joining.

I have a 1965 250 Mark III and would like to correspond with others having the same problem. JOHN P. TIERNEY, 9832 Key West St. Temple City, Cal. 91780

## BORE KITS, TRICK VALVES, TRICK GUIDES

We are a Ducati dealership and enthusiasts in Eugene, Oregon. We would like you to forward any information you might have about your organization and we will be glad to assist you in any way we can.

I received part of my Ducati training in the factory at Bologna, Italy and am quite familiar with all the models of the marque. We offer a free diagnostic service should anyone be having difficulty with their cycle. We also offer many parts that are normally only available in Italy.

e have a big bore kits, expert crank rebuilding, race bike preparation, special valves and guides, and porting services for all models.

May the great Ducati fairy protect your electricals!!! Jim and Carol Dermeyer, EUGENE CYCLE SPORTS, 4065 W 11th Ave., Eugene, Oregon, 97402

