

D.I.O.C. NEWS

By Joel Eliel, DIOC Director

Well here we are in our second DIOC News. I can't believe how fast things have happened in the past few months. Where the @#%&*&#* are all you guys with Ducatis coming from? The mail box is full everyday, and we have been so busy, channeling information left and right that we've once again gotten behind on the DIOC News. I've been working late at night putting this thing together and I'll tell you it's a lot easier this time around. I want to thank all you people that have written in with material for our second DIOC. We've got enough material for the next two DIOC News.

Our T-shirt sales went so well, that we have a fresh supply coming in. We've got plenty of X-Large this time. If any of you have not purchased one of these terrific looking shirts, I suggest you get off your !*%&#* and buy one. This, along with other items we have for sale in this DIOC all go into the club fund, for the purchase of material to keep the club in action and serving you.

We have so many paid members at this time, that we feel the club will be solvent for the rest of the year. How about that!? Lets hear it for all the paid members and those who bought t-shirts and those who contributed a few extra bucks just to help out. YAAAAAIIIIII! Now that I'm through making a fool of myself I shall continue with whatever this is supposed to be.

Ok, now lets see. Cook, Phil, and Gordon are now dues paying members. The club will be better because of them, and I hope we get some real neat stuff to print for you guys from them. Somewhere else in this Letter are contributions by Phil and Cook. We hope to print the entire series of Racer Road articles in the near future when we get permission from Cook and his publishers.

We are no longer, or should I say, I am no longer renting this typewriter, which we use to print the DIOC, I went out and took almost 900 bucks and purchased a brand new IBM, Correcting, Selectric II, with a wide carriage and seven different kinds of types. My 900 Desmo Super Sport is going to have to wait a little longer. Rats! Well maybe I'll win one of those Reader Digest contests or something.

The Ducati Factory has not as of this day answered our letter of two months ago. We'll just hang in there and maybe they'll get to us sooner or later.

At the present time we have a State Representative in the following states, California, Mr. Len Hammes, 10216 Park Circle East #1, Cupertino, California 95014. In North Carolina, Mr. John H. Campbell, 101 Woodland Dr., Mars Hill, N.C. 28754. And representing us in the great state of Illinois is Mr. Pete Skony, 3611 N. Avers, Chicago, Ill., 60617, Phone 313 463-3465.

A special thanks from all of us here at DIOC Headquarters to Cycle World, Road Rider, Street Bike, Motorcyclist and Cycle Magazines for helping us get through to you about our club. Without their help there would be no DIOC so we hope you guys continue to buy these publications that have helped get our club off the ground.

Many of you have written in asking us questions about your machines. We have answered as many as we could, others we have referred to people who were more apt to give you a correct answer

We have received many letters asking us technical questions of one kind or another. Some that we knew about were answered directly and others we had to refer to DIOC members who were more apt to give you the correct information.

The fine people at Eugene Cycle Sports have volunteered to answer any technical questions you have about your Ducati. Jim Dewmyer has been involved with Ducatis since 1959 both as a rider and an avid enthusiast. He is an authorized

Ducati dealer in Eugene Oregon and has studied and trained at the Ducati factory in Bologna, Italy in 1974. Jim is one of the very few factory trained mechanics in the U.S.

Elsewhere in this issue you will find the names and addresses of people who have done extensive work on Dukes. We have printed their letters for your benefit. What you read in this Newsletter is what we know here at DIOC about the writers of these letters, so it is up to you to decide whether you would like to take their advice or not. As we become more familiar with our members who specialize in Ducati technical stuff we will pass on whatever info we receive from people who have dealt with these shops.

If we have not answered you letter, please hang in there. The answer to many of your questions are in this DIOC News, so we decided not to waste too much of our rather limited time writing long letters answering technical questions, questions about Ducati history, shop manuals, and would you believe questions about the Velocette Owners club.??! I work 10 hours a day, and have been putting out this Newsletter almost singlehanded, except for some great help from staff member, Harry Doby, his brother Joe, who did most of the lettering in this issue and of course you, great people out there that wrote in the material for me to put this thing together. I hope, as soon as we get caught up and more organized to distribute a lot of this work to other qualified members throughout the country who can write and are experienced in journalism. Once we get set up, the DIOC News will start coming out on time and may even look a lot better than it does now. Again, please be patient and don't give up on us yet.

The membership kits are way over due. We have been having a lot of hassles with the people making the decals, patches, and cards. The things take a lot of time to make and we have been receiving some of this stuff with mistakes that have had to go back for correcting and redesigning.

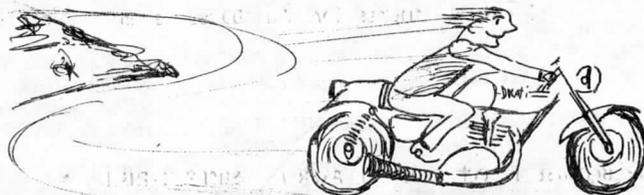
The British weekly motorcycle newspaper, Motor Cycle has a nice special issue on Ducatis and Moto Guzzis in their "Week Ending 17 July 1976" issue. There are tests on the 860 GTS, and some info on the new 860 GT MkII, some color photos of the Imola Super Sport. We are trying to get a hold of 100 copies of this special issue to sell to you who have not read this issue. Best of all they have a half page drawing of the 750 Desmo engine detailing the inside workings of this fine masterpiece.

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WE ARE PREPARING OUR FINAL MEMBERSHIP MAILING LIST. IF YOU HAVE NOT SENT IN YOUR DUES--YOU ARE NOT ON IT. SO BE SURE TO SEND IN YOUR \$8.50 ANNUAL DUES. BELOW IS A MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION, YOU DON'T HAVE TO FILL IT OUT IF YOU DON'T WANT TO, JUST SEND US YOUR CHECK, MONEY ORDER OR WHATEVER YOU WANT TO USE AND MAKE IT OUT TO "THE DUCATI INTERNATIONAL OWNERS CLUB" MARK IT "MEMBERSHIP DUES".

- . Your name, address and phone no.
- . What model Ducati or Ducatis you own
- . Where you bought 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 information you think may be useful to the club.
- . What can you do for the club: can you write, draw, get members etc.

MARK YOUR LETTERS "MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION" PLEASE PRINT.



Happiness is going home to read your Ducati Owners club Newsletter.