

LETTERS

DIOC's Dealers Directory...cont.

3. MAYBE this directory should be a list of how we can get along with our dealer better. There are probably better strategies for service and parts. Let's campaign to make relations with Ducati dealers more rewarding. After all, the guy on the corner with the Ducati sign out front is doing us a big favor. S.I.B., SUGAR IS BETTER, 128 FO'DRIVE, ST. LOUIS, MICH. 48880, 517-681-5825

DIOC T SHIRTS KNOCKS HIM OUT

Hi Joel: I just received my DIOC-t-shirt on Saturday and it just knocked me out! This is one beautiful shirt and I will really treasure it. I just wanted to say thank you for a fine club and please let me know if I or my business can be of any help to the club. Please let me know how membership is from Washington state. I will help in any way possible if you do not already have a representative from this area. Again..lots of luck with the club and let me assure you of my help 1000%. Cheers. BOB DOBSON, BRITISH M/C SUPPLY, PO Box 590T, KENT, WASHINGTON, 98031

THE THIRD EDITION OF THE DIOC-T-SHIRT IS NOW IN. THIS IS AN IMPROVED VERSION OF THE FIRST ONE. WE HAVE MADE SEVERAL IMPROVEMENTS ON IT THAT MAKE IT EVEN BETTER THAN WHAT IT WAS. WE ARE PUTTING TOGETHER PLANS FOR A T-SHIRT FOR OUR DUCATI SINGLE CYLINDER OWNERS. HOW ABOUT THAT?? FAR OUT! LETS HEAR IT FOR THE ONE-LUNGERS.T-SHIRTS; YAAAAAIIIIIIIIII ed.

FEELS INSULTED

I just received my first newsletter since joining the club. I must say I can't remember the last time I was so insulted. The newsletter came addressed to my husband. I sent the membership in my name because I - not my husband - own the Ducati. My husband rides a Moto Guzzi. Is this going to be for men only or can a female who loves Ducatis join? PATRICIA KOHLSCHEN, SUNRISE MOBILE HOME VILLAGE #9, IOWA CITY, IOWA 52240.

Sorry about that Pat, the change has been made, and we are more than happy to have ladies joining our club. I think its really great to see women riding Ducatis, why should men be the only ones to enjoy this machines fine characteristics. ed.

COMMENTS ON TOURING EUROPE WITH AN 860 G T S

Dear Joel: Thanks for a great Newsletter, which I received today. Keep up the good work. It was interesting to see your article on the new 860 GTS, of which I am a proud owner. My wife Melanie and myself took the bike across to Holland a month ago, and she ran as sweet as a bird. (That Ducati that is.)

The bike handles like a dream in the wet, and if it would stop *&¢\$#(*@ down rain for a few days, I may find out what it is like in the dry.

The switches are still rotten, let hope they change it in the near future, it spoils a superb motorcycle.

I may add that the guys in Holland really freaked at the sight of the Duke, and I spent the best part of my vacation wiping greasy finger marks off the tank.

Your Newsletter contained a lot of useful info, and I would like to add a little myself, concerning Glen Farmers letter about vibrating fuses. This happened on my GTS and not only that but the two leads from the rear lamp and indicators fused together inside the fuse box. I have since rerouted the leads outside the fuse box and I would advice all other GTS owners to do the same. Needless to say I have taken Glens advice, and invested in a set of rubber bands.

Finally I would like to add that I belong to the London Branch of the Ducati Owners Club, and we meet every Wednesday Night at a Pub, The Fox and Hounds at Chiswick which is about four miles west of London on the great West Road. If any of your Stateside members visit London at anytime we would love to you. I may add they serve the best ale in London.

I look forward to receiving your next Newsletter and please Hurry the Membership cards decals, etc. and tell me if I owe you anymore cash!!! HA ha ha. SIMON MANNERING, 14 Grove Road, Twickenham, Middx. England.

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Eds. Note: Dear Mr. Mannering, I hate to tell you this but the \$8.00 you sent in are not going to cover your complete membership, ha, ha ha. Dues for everyone is 8.50 and we have just found out that overseas mail is a bit expensive and we are going to have to raise, the overseas dues to \$10.50.

About the membership kits, which seem to be taking for ever, well the entire kit is already here, except for the club patches. When we finally decided what it was going to look like, we finally found someone to do it cheap and good enough. We chose Voager Emblems, in New York. I don't want anyone to think that we are not coming through with the membership kits, although very, very few of you great people have ever questioned anything that we have done or are doing here at the club. I would personally like to thank all of you for your trust. I think Ducati people are really heavy. That's no &*&¢\$# @*#@.

TAKING A CRACK AT DAYTONA

Let me thank you for your drive to get the DIOC started. It has been a big help to me already. I'm now having my engine rebuilt by a professional, Jim Dermeyer, at Eugene Cycle Sport. I asked him to build me an engine that would be AMA production legal so that I can race at Daytona next year. Even though I'm not a good rider I think it will be fun.

Is the club planning any type of get together at Daytona. I really think we should. For those of us who race Ducatis why don't you get a T-Shirt with DIOC Racing team on it? I would love to have something like that when I go to Daytona. Maybe you should get Cook and Phil to wear them too.

I need to know where I can get information concerning Daytona, production racing in particular. I need a rule book, so that I know exactly what I can do to engine and frame. I want to know if I need a special license and if so where to get it. I you can put me in touch with the right people it would be a great help. RUSTY ALLEN 2408 Houma Blvd. Metairie, Louisiana, 70001.

We are getting together at Daytona this year. Details are forthcoming. Anyone wishing to help organize the event get in contact with me, please. I need all the help I can get. Also anyone who can help Rusty out with his questions please do so. We have little info here at Hqtrs. on the subject.