

# LETTERS

## BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAIN TOUR IN THE BREWING STAGES

Dear Joel: Thanks for the speedy reply and the fantastic DIOC t-shirt. I appreciate your asking me to be state rep for North Carolina. I accept your offer of state rep. Let me spring some of the things I have been thinking about. First is a dealer's directory. This can be compiled with a small amount of work. Then I thought I would send a post card with a reply card attached explaining what the DIOC is and asking for their support and interest, and to let their customers know. On the reply card would also be a space to let us know of their parts supply, status of their mechanical ability to work on Ducatis, and the like. I may be able to get some small posters printed up here at the college and if these dealers express interest, mail them one to place in their store.

Concerning the Blue Ridge Mountain tour, there is a gentleman living in Asheville (the nearest large city, about a 20 minute ride from here) who is president of one of the two BMW organizations. He surely has experience in organizing tours, so I thought I would pay him a call and find out all that is involved in bringing such a tour off. I suspect that a tour such as this, particularly if we have upwards of 50 or so cycles, would take a fair amount of work to prepare. I have no idea of how much money it would make for the club, or really, how to bring it off. Right off the top of my head, I can see we would need reservations at camping areas or motels letting the local law enforcement know we're coming through, a parts supply of some sort with someone who is mechanically inclined, and on and on. Let me know your feeling on this.

Did you see the article on the 750 SS Desmo in the last issue of Street Bike? It was up to their usual level of incompetence. Incredibly, there was no a single picture or drawing of the motor.

Well, I had better get back to work. I look forward to receiving the next issue of the newsletter. John H. Campbell. PO Box 5, Mars Hill, N.C. 28754

### Sporting a 750 GT

I was glad to see a Duke owners club finally come to be. I own a '75 750 GT that has been "Cafe-ized" somewhat. The engine runs sport pistons and wears a pair of K&N air-filters from a V-7 Motoguzzi. Sparks are provided by a pair of Bendix automotive coils. Low clubmans sit behind a Camber 1/2 fairing. A headtemp gauge and ammeter complement the tach and speedo to keep track of what the engine is doing. A Rockfactory aluminum rack sits on the back. This winter a second disk will find its way onto the front wheel. Everything is either red, black or chrome aluminum.

That's about all I've done to it so far. The Duke is an extremely underrated machine. With a little help it'll go fast and with no help it'll go around corners better than anything else on the block except maybe my Commando. The basic problems arise from a lack of tuning, modifying, and adjusting information. So far I have been kinda going by feel and rumor. If we all can trade rumors and what's worked by trial and error tips, it could be easier on everybody. It's kind of odd that a Duke club would start in Florida. At Daytona this year, I had a little argument with a truck and cut some holes in my alternator cover. After \$16.00 worth of calls all over the state, I still couldn't come up with a new cover. I had to have the old one welded. I got the impression that Dukes weren't too common down there. Well, no matter where it's at, I'm glad it is. Pete Kogut, RD #1, Box 400, Plattsburgh, NY

WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE BLACK AND WHITE PICTURES OF DUCATIS OR SUBJECTS HAVING TO DO WITH DUCATIS. WE ARE PLANNING A PHOTO GALLERY FOR OUR NEXT DIOC NEWS. WE NEED BLACK AND WHITE BECAUSE IT COMES OUT CLEARER AND SHARPER THAN COLOR. SEND ALL PHOTOS TO "DIOC c/o PHOTO GALLERY. IF YOU WANT THE PHOTOS BACK PLEASE ENCLOSE A SELF ADDRESSED ENVELOPE.

## Volunteers

Count Us In! Most happy to hear of DIOC. Wife Nancy and I both ride and repair Ducks and between us we own a '70 MKIII 450, '73 750 GT and Gobs of parts and info (thanks for the letter to A.J. Lewis, Reno Leone, Cook Neilson and a jillion others).

Will be happy to share with others and help when we can. Send us your info and tag us for necessary dues.

Anything we can do to help with organization will receive our immediate attention. Bill & Nancy White, White Motor Sports, 2504 Pemberton, Tupelo, Miss. 38801



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