

DIOC NEWS

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DAYTONA GET TOGETHER

Ok are you guys ready for this. Its Daytona time again. Do you beleive this? Like it was Daytona just a few months ago and here it's 1978 and all, and I'm still writting my checks with converted "7"s to make them look like eights. I said back a year ago. Well this time I'm going to really get ready for Daytona. Hell, I didn't count on being busy 23½ hours a day at times. Try telling a sweet soft thing at 12 am that you gotta split and get home to do a page of the DIOC. They think I'm nuts. "Whata ya married to that damn club or sumt'ng?" Ok lets cut the crap, I'm here to write this here DIOC News column, so lets not waste any more time. Here we go with professional journalism.kk kkkk kko088-0 k--78kkkkkkkk; 4j139-2 kk3u2½203 5 kk11111ekellle1311.....!

No really. This year I am going to follow the the format that came natural last year. I mean we had a get to gether planned and the most enjoyable times we all had was the Bull sessions we had at my motel room after the days activities. I mean after you spent the whole day running around looking at everyone else, or sunning or seeing the shows, if you had some time left you went to the bull sessions, drank some beer, and listened or BSed.

I'm bringing my projector and some pictures from the DIOC collection. I don't have any Ducati movies. I would sure appreciate if any of you have some of your own, then bring them by, the same goes for photos. If you have some Ducati gadgets that may interest members, like an old magazine collection of Ducati road tests and stuff like that, bring them and we'll share them with everyone. If you have any Coors, bring some along, we'll chip in and help pay for it.

I'm heading for Daytona on Tuesday March 7th after work, at about 6 pm and I'll be in Daytona in the morning. I've got a lot of things to do so I'm starting early.

I just got off the phone to the Royal Scottish Inn, DIOC headquarters in Daytona Beach, and I have some bad news, the Damn hotel has been converted in some kind of Dormitory for school kids and now we will

THE DIOC WILL NOT BE STAYING AT THE ROYAL SCOTTISH INN THIS YEAR. The place has been rented to some college kids as a dormitory or something. We will be staying at the motel listed below:

ROBIN HOOD MOTEL
1150 NORTH ATLANTIC AVENUE
DAYTONA BEACH, FLA. 32018

At the time of this writing I do not know much about this place and I can only hope that it is suitable for our meetings. I just found out the good news about the Royal Scottish Inn last night. I've had reservations there made and paid for from last year, but they said they refunded my money and that they regret the inconvenience, blah, blah, blah Oh well. I will leave a notice at the Royal Scottish Inn for those of you who may go there looking for the DIOC folks. I don't know if this whole thing is going to upset things, but I'll leave all messages of importance at the Royal Scottish Inn, if you can't find the motel we mentioned above.

Again this year I hope that Cook, Phil, Gordon Jennings, Paul Ritter and the other Ducati celebrities will be able to attend the meetings at the Motel. The schedule these people have is very hectic, but like I said I hope they have time to talk to all of us who attend the bull sessions.

We don't have any official pre-arranged "THING" so its going to be a play it by ear kind of thing. If we get enough bikes, we might go for a club ride.

Anything suggested by members is game. Far out! This is my phone number where I work 305-524-8659. if any of you have any questions to ask about Daytona give me a call.

900 Super Sport owner impressions are needed for our 900SS owners article or owners survey, like the ones they have on Road Rider. So you guys with 900 Dukes, please send us your opinion about your bike so that others may share the information. We will start printing the various letters we already have by issue 11.

THE MISS DIOC PHOTO CONTEST IS HERE!

Yeeeah, yeah, yeah. Alright! Ok people here is a chance to get your honey on the front page of the DIOC and win the Grand Prize of...ready for this \$50.00 and a lifetime membership in the DIOC or for as long as we last.....Second prize \$25.00 and a DIOC t-shirt, third prize a t-shirt and a years subscription to the DIOC.

You can send color photos, black and white any size, except small ones that fit in a wallet...well you all know what I mean. No slides or Polaroids, or instant camera photos. They don't reproduce too well. The bigger the photos the better. All entries become the property of the DIOC unless otherwise adviced. Photos to be returned must accompany a self stamped and addressed envelope.

The photos sent in for consideration must have a female and a Ducati motorcycle as the subject. We don't care how you dress the bike or the lady. This whole thing is void where its prohibited and all that jazz. The judges will be the DIOC staff, and the decision will be final. OK? The deadline is the 15th of June 1978 .

Here are some BITS AND PIECES of things that I'd like to pass on to you all:

*DUES ARE GOIN UP. To offset the increase in printing and mailing we are raising dues to \$10.50 a year. The quality of the paper we are using is heavier and many letters are costing us .26 cents to mail. There is more artwork involved also and the printer is charging us for it. We also have plans for enlarging the letter to 14 pages for every issue. PLEASE BE SURE AND CHECK FOR THE " X " ON THE LAST PAGE, WHICH MEANS YOUR DUES ARE UP. OK?

*Be sure to get your friends who own Ducatis to join up. The more people we have the better the club is. A note of some kind in your friendly bike dealer's bulletin board would help a lot.

*The front cover was done by John Campbell, last months front cover of the Darmah was designed by yours truly and executed by my friend Gil Hanson. Gil and I also worked on the Daytona T shirt design. This shirt is a real beauty. If you haven't bought one, then you should ad it to your collection of DIOC t-shirts. I'm bringing a buch of DIOC shirts to Daytona if you all want to buy some there. I hope to see a lot of you there. Till Daytona...bye!

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