

# DIOC NEWS

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Well here I am again writing another DIOC News at this very expensive IBM Selectric II Correcting typewriter that I almost own, (3 more payments left). I want you guys out there to know that the money I've put out of my pocket for this contraption has helped to keep me from getting my 900SS. Maybe the extra \$75.00 a month that I'll have after its paid off will help me get my new love; a 900 Sport. Pictures are somewhere else in this issue along with some information I translated from Italian to English. I like this machine better than the Super Sport because of the confort and because its a Desmo also. Since I ride a bike most of the time I like a little confort. Speaking of confort, I also need a car. My old lady traded off my VW camper for a Corvette that she now uses 100% of the time. Now I'm left riding a raggedy-ass 1954 Pontiac that DIOC member Chuck Hoagland gave me for free. I found out why he gave me the thing. It has a heater that is on all the time and a thirst for gas rivaling that of a 747. Another thing too, I had to lay off riding Ducati twins for a few months. I have gotten enough tickets in the past year, (all Ducatis) to keep four people on suspension for three months each. No kidding. Everytime I get on the things I feel like some kind of European road racer ripping down some winding country road in England somewhere early in the morning with the fog and the dew hanging over the land and my racing leathers on with goggles, crouching low and accelerating hard and fast through turns and fast right handers.....WOW! Where are my keys? Hell, I'm going riding the hell with this article.

OK I'm back. Now lets see where was I. Oh yes, hey did you guys get a chance to read the Racer Road piece in Cycle magazine. The article deals with the Cook Neilsons racing adventures during the past year on his world famous Ducati 883 Super Sport. There is a lot of very useful Ducati technological information in the article and I think you all should read the article on Magnafluxing in the same issue. "Magnaflux" is the improper terminology for a process used to detect flaws in components." The Cycle issue is the February, 1977 one and the articles are on page 34 and the Magnaflux piece is on page 40. You'll find a lot of enjoyable reading in this issue. Cook Neilson is one of the finest writers around and one of my very favorites. If you can't find a copy of Cycle on your own let me know and I'll get you one, just send me a buck and a quarter to cover postage and handling.

Last year I was at Daytona with Cook, Phil Schilling and Gordon Jennings in the pits and I got a close look at what big time racing is all about. The enthusiasm was overwhelming. I got so wrapped up with the people there who were racing Dukes that I decided to form this club so everyone can share the love we all have for these exciting motorcycles.

As you all well know despite all the hard work that Cook and Phil put into the Ducati the season was a little short of being a winning one. I am very upset at the Factory for their lack of interest and help to Cook and Phil. These guys could have done more for Ducati than anyone else has ever imagined. I would sure like to see a change in Ducatis attitude towards racing and the promotion of our favorite machines. In my book Cook and Phil proved one thing, they are brilliant enough to do the job on their own with or without the help of the Ducati administration. I would hate to see them take credit for what Cook and Phil accomplished. Bologna, we have we have upped our commitments towards making Ducati a success UP YOURS!

Alright lets get on with other things. In the past few months we have been selling a lot of t-shirts and a few of you folks have not gotten your threads. Some of the shirts have been lost by our Lousy postal system and some I beleive have been stolen after they have been delivered by your postman. If any of you have any reason to beleive that a package can be ripped off before you get home to your mail, then you should make arrangements to have the

shirts delivered to a place where someone can receive them safely.

We are tightening up our controls on this end. When we mail a package, we are now keeping a log on what was mailed, when, where etc. If a package is not received by you then all we can do is have the post office trace it. If nothing turns up then I hate to say this but you are out of luck. The reports of non-receipt of t-shirts has been around six out of a few hundred packages we have been mailing since the start of the club. But there is always the chance that the next loss may be yours. So be sure that your shirts get delivered to a safe place.

A lot of you have been asking me when are we going to get together and when do we hold rallies and meets. Well to tell you the truth I don't know. But I just got an idea from the Vincent Owners Club magazine MPH. Local owners have formed what they call "Sections". They have regular meets and rides. These sections have leaders or organizers who pick a place where they all meet for some fun, to exchange parts, technological info, help get a friends Duke going again, all kinds of things.

The size of the Section is not important, what is important is the sharing of a common bond, Ducatis. We need some people to start things rolling. Go to your Ducati dealer and try and get the addresses and phone numbers of owner in your area. Get in contact with them and organize the meet. As things get rolling, a name can be found for your section, notes and pictures for the DIOC would be great, and then the Chicago Owners Section will know what the South Florida Section is up to, oh well you all know what I'm driving at. I hope to start things rolling by having all the Ducatis around my area meet over my house. We'll round up some broads, some booze and.....Nah, I'm only kidding. No, really, I think this is a great idea and I hope to hear from you people with some suggestions.

I would like to thank all you great people who donated money to the Stamp Fund. It was a success and we recovered just a little over what we lost. I can't tell you how good it makes me feel when I see this kind of co-operation. We would also like to remind you that we are always in need of technical articles, photos, magazine clippings, personal stories, things to make the DIOC more interesting. You don't have to be a writer first class, just write down what you would tell to someone else you speak to face to face. Its as simple as that. I know that a lot of Ducati shops have racing machines. We would sure like to hear from you people. How about writing some technical stuff for our members. You can get some publicity for your shop and help your fellow members as well.



Dear Mr. Cook Nielson and Mr. Phil ....Chilling: We've beenah so beesy here at Ducati Racing, that we gonna and forgetah you parts for the 450 RT, or GT that your newspaper race at the U.S. I go to very shur you can a getta alla de parts you a wanna at Berliner Motors or you friendly Ducati dealer.....