

DIOC NEWS

BY JOEL ELIEL, DIRECTOR

OUR ANIVERSARY ISSUE. THE DIOC NEWSLETTER IS ONE YEAR OLD

Hey, hey, hey for Matuse Rose⁹ we are a year old with this issue and we are stronger and bigger than anyone had anticipated. One year ago the first DIOC went out to some 300 people who had sent in their dues or addresses. After that issue things really started rolling and now we are rolling along just great. I was looking back the other night at that first raggedy ass little issue I put together and that editorial I wrote one night when I was stoned out of my mind..God what a blast. We don't have anymore of that first issue. I had three left now I have just one. The last one I sold went for \$25.00. That is how much the guy offered me for an original first DIOC. I think that if I get enough requests for that first issue I'll have about 500 of the little buggers printed and they'll have to go for a buck a crack.

If you see an X by your address on the last page it means your dues are up. They are up a buck to \$9.50. Please be sure to get the money in to us within 30 days of your notice so you won't miss out on any DIOC newsletters. A lot of you have been sending your second year dues early and we sure do appreciate it. Hopefully with the increase in the dues and with the sale of DIOC shirts and accessories we can raise enough money to have some color in our forthcoming issues.

Along with this issue you will find several cards for you to carry with your wallet or purse so when you see a Ducati rider you can tell him about the club and all that good stuff. We have over 6,000 of these cards so if you need any extra ones, we'll be more than glad to send you some.

I know a lot of you have been asking about the 6th issue which was very late, well, here's an explanation. Our printer in Cawker City Kansas decided to retire and did not inform us in time. So we lost a couple of weeks in that little foul up, We get the Letter back and one of my members friend tells me that his school, where he teaches has this printing department and they would be glad to print our letter for a very low fee. When they got ready to print the damn thing the school yearbooks comes up and that takes first priority. So we wait some more, then when it is our turn, the printers have a strike and we lose three weeks more. Well I had to throw my budget out the window and hire a local printer at double what we had been paying. So that's where we stand now. I cannot stress how important it is for you to please help us out by buying DIOC parts and accessories, shirts our biggest income items so if your shirt is getting a little ragged remember you DIOC.

By the way, we have been printed in Road Rider magazine, in the August issue. Pete Kogut sent in the info. We got a couple of nice photos printed and a little advertising for free. Thank you Road Rider. And thanks to you Pete.

Coming up in our 8th issue, we'll have a 900SS road test that you will all enjoy. The new 900ss are selling like hot cakes all over the country in my area alone there are about five 1977 900ss's. They are going for \$3995.00 all over the country.

ATTENTION DUCATI 900SS OWNERS!

We are going to get a report from the owners of this model for an up-coming issue. Basically what we want to know is your impression of the bike.

*How reliable is it?

*What kind of problems, if any, have you had?

*How have you coped with the Desmodromic valves servicing end of your bikes maintenance?

*Comfort. Have you gotten used to the low riding position?

*What changes have you made to the machine to suit you better?

*What carburetors are you running most of the time, the 32s or the 40s. Do you use your Conti pipes or the clam-shells.

*What kind of performance do you get with the 32s and the 40mm carburetors.

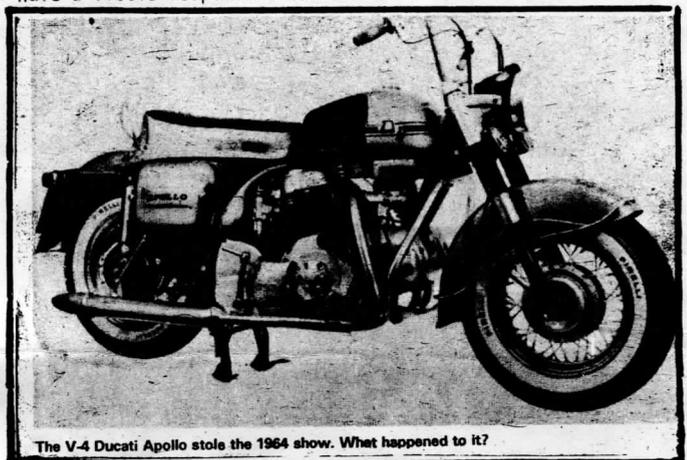
*What kind of riding are you doing mostly with your 900ss.

* How is it holding up generally?

I just thought of these question from the top of my head to give you some kind of a guide as to what someone who intends to buy one of these models may ask you if you were stopped

on the street and asked. If you have something to add to what I just wrote by all means please do so. Oh, be sure to indicate how much you paid for it and where you bought it. Try and keep the letter as brief as possible so we can get as many as possible in our letters column. OK? OK. Lets see how this thing turns out.

WHATEVER HAPPENED TO THE APOLLO? The V-4 Ducati Apollo stole the 1964 show. I believe it is sitting in the Berliner warehouse in New Jersey. Does anyone have any information about this model. Below is a photo th at Curt Relick from San Jose California sent me. It is a cut out from a cheap motorcycle magazine. The paper is rather cheap so I don't know how it will reproduce on this paper. Anyway if you have any technical information about this HARLEYCATI please sent it to me and we'll put something together so we can share it with the other members. I'm inclined to delegate the project to Mr. Charles B. Clancy III, our N.J. state Rep. since he is so much closer to the Berliner warehouse than other members.....I think, well anyway send any info you have to the DIOC and if Charley accepts the project I'll just mail the info to him. I love handing out these short notices. It gets me in all kinds of troubles. Well here is the Apollo. God those fenders are awful and those handle bars right out of "THE WILD ONES". Wow, wouldn't it be great if we got to do a road test on thisDucati. It is a Ducati you know, so you all will stop laughing and have a little respect. I wonder if it handles?



The V-4 Ducati Apollo stole the 1964 show. What happened to it?

The 860 Shop manuals are in and we are currently mailing them out. There are none for the 750s. I think you folks with 750s will have to buy the "750 picture book manual" along with the 860 manual and take it from there. What a drag. What can we say, right. Those guys don't have a lick of sense pass the biscuits please.

We also have a shipment of CONTI MUFFLERS in. They are going slowly. It took us almost six months to get these Jewels so you better get them while they are here, the way the EPA thing is going they may quit bringing these gorgeous mufflers into the country. A Ducati without Contis is like a day without sunshine. Gee that sounds familiar. Ah, yes, the ever popular Anita Bryant. Boy have we had a belly-full of that broad. We ought to put her on one of those Four-Into-One garbage cans and push them off the Grand Canyon. And what all this jive has to do with DIOC News is beyond me.

Anyway, moving right along, the front cover of this issue was designed by John Campbell of Mars Hill College, John is also our North and South Carolina state rep. He has been doing a fine job for me with his Desmodromic article and the Carburetor piece in last months issue. He also puts together my letters section whenever I get around to sending him some stuff to work with. Thanks a lot John, we love ya. Also Z. B. Jagst from Chicago Illinois deserves some credit for all the nice photos he has been sending us. The Sport featured in the 5th issue was done by Z.B. By the way this machine is for sale. From what I hear it is in excellent condition. For more info contact Z.B. Jagst, 5920 N. Artesian, Chicago, Illinois 60659.

Well, enough of this for now. I think I'll go and wake Racing Jason (900SS) and see if he wants to go out to Chrome Avenue for a little racing. I just got this absolutely gorgeous 750 Sport that I cant seem to stay off of. Some turkey in Miami, whose name I won't mention sold it to me for a bag of peanuts. \$1500, 1974, mint condition. he,he,he.