

LETTERS

Here is a list of all the Ducati distributors across Canada that I know of which may be of some help to any members and to the club in the way of getting new members.

A. Burke Montreal Ltd.
1270 Saint Gregoire
Montreal Quebec, Canada

R & K Cycle
11 NAS Cres.
Oromocto, New Brunswick

Cycle World East
3160 Kempt Dr.
Halifax, Nova Scotia

Ray City Cycle
935 McCavour Dr.
St. John, New Brunswick

Northern Cycle
4504-118 Ave.
Edmonton, Alberta

B.V.W. Cycle Center
534 Fleet Ave.
Winnipeg, Manitoba

K. C. Cycle Ltd.
1089 Somerset St. West
Ottawa, Ontario

Grimbsy Machinery
21 John Street
Grimbsy, Ontario

Pitstop Cycle
4294 Kingston Road
Westhill, Ontario

Scugog Motorcycles Ltd.
88 Water Street
Port Perry, Ontario

Snyder Equipment Ltd.
1977 Notre Dame
Lachine, Quebec

Continental Motorsport
893 King Street West
Sherbrooke, Quebec

Capitale Motorsport
315 St. Paul
Quebec City

Firmot Motors
1312 Notre Dame West
Montreal, Quebec

OUR THANKS TO Vaughn M. Blacmore
81 Thames Street
Appin Ont. Canada for this info.
A list of US dealers in the form
of a booklet will be coming soon.

A tip that I'd like to pass on is Rissman Motors, 8414, 4th St. N.W., Albuquerque, New Mexico 87114. Henry & Elsie, (his wife)

Rissman raced Duke singles in endurance races for the factory and German distributor in the '50's, and I believe he was also employed by Berliner in a technical capacity before he opened his Duke/Moto Guzzi/Norton dealership. He knows his stuff and keeps a large inventory on hand. A real Italian Oasis in an otherwise Japanese wasteland.

You might also mention I'd like to get in touch with any Duke riders in this area (North La.) The south doesn't seem to have many Dukes in it. Whenever somebody goes out to buy a bike, they don't want a motorcycle, they ask for a Honda.

Anyone needing Dell'Orto carbs or parts should contact Richard Liebmann @AMOL Precision in New Jersey, 201-384-1103. He's a distributor and is quite willing to COD parts. Michael Moore 307 S. Farmerville, Ruston, Louisiana 71270, 318-255-4987

DUCATI TEAM JACKETS FROM ENGLAND

I received my first issue of the DIOC March-April. It is excellent. It must be a huge amount of work. To the best of my knowledge I lack the services of a Ducati dealer..(don't feel like the Lone Ranger, Jim. ed) for hundreds of miles. I am unsure that Ducatis are ever sold in the South Western states. Your publication is invaluable.

I was able to learn of the source of Ducati team jacket in England. COBURN & HUGHES LTD., 25 Crawley Road, Luton Beds, England has them. Sizes are S, M and L. The price is significant 12 lbs plus shipping. (12 pounds of what? ed). I haven't yet received mine but I am already excited about a pair. One for me and one for my bird.

I live in the Arizona desert with my '74 Ducati Sport. I was able to install a dual seat from a '76 Kawasaki 400 4-stroke twin. It matches the frame width very closely. I removed the Commonsaki logo from the seat with acetone. The seat does look disproportionately small relative to the long, long orange Sport tank but the result is acceptable. Of course the tool box is lost with the removal of the original seat. I added a small chromed cylindrical toolbox from a Hodaka trail bike. I attached it to two small tabs on the left rear frame tube. It looks terrible but my journeys frequently take me 30 to 40 miles from the nearest telephone. Tools and extra fuses are a must. I also have K&N filters on the carbs. The engine is still good at about 14,000 miles.

I have a Lucas ignition system but I haven't yet installed it. I need to buy a timing tool before I can install it. I tried to time it with a homemade tool but the oil--itflooded my driveway. How foolish I felt. The \$26 for the timing tool is reasonable after my experience.

I would also like to ask if any of your members can supply me with the following. 750 Sport Owners manual, issue #1 of the DIOC, color 750 Ducati Poster in Italian. J. R. GRAHAM, 1955 Santa Teresa, Sierra Vista, Arizona 85635, (602) 458-4852

GLEN FARMER STRIKES AGAIN

"Jive Ass Story"

Back in the late part of summer, my boss on his 500 DOHC Yamaha and I on my Duke made a run south of Kansas City to Eureka Springs, Arkansas. The stated intent of this ride was that of playing on the curvey roads of Arkansas. However it ended up being an economy run, race, and something very sinister.

On the way to Eureka Springs we traveled interstate highway for about 200 miles. My average mpg was near 48, while the Yamaha got 45. But once we got off the straight rader patrolled interstate the Ducati econo machine began to flex the pumps on the side of the carboretors. With the economy run over the race had began.

From the Missouri state line to Eureka Springs the road is custom made for the likes of a Ducati. For an old Kansas boy, the sight of more than three curves in twenty miles is a sight to behold. With a smile on my face and the boss getting further behind I was playing the part of Wild Man of the Road.

The boss and I found each other in downtown Eureka Springs amongst the tourists who come to see what is advertised as being Little Switzerland. This town is similar to what the old James Bond movies show Switzerland as being.

Around noon time we decided to head west to the Oklahoma state lige. This section of road was loaded with hair-pin turns and steep drop offs.

A little sinister music please.

Since I envy my boss'es position at work, it seemed like the perfect place to make a move. As we entered the hair-pin section I allowed him to take the lead in hopes that he would over-cook in a curve and make me the new boss. Well, trying to intimidate as hard as I could he just rode like the conservative person he is.

We made it to Oklahoma and he was still the boss and I was frustrated knowing it was nothing but interstate all the way back to K.C.

On arriving at his home twelve hours from the time we left, the boss was already starting to plan the next trip. Me to, maybe through Death Valley.

Before you start to think that I am a mighty cold dude to think such thoughts, you should know that I am writing this on company time. My boss, one of the three people who own the company, is going through this and correcting mie spellin.

DEAR JOEL AND PEOPLE:

Please enter me in the DIOC. I am Diane Elizabeth Robinson #C4 1561 S. Foothills Hiway, Boulder, Colorado 80303. I have a 1970 450 Desmo and a (1969 or 70 or 71) 350 single basket

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