

# DIOC NEWS

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Greetings Pilgrims this here is your Dee Eye OH Cee Dierector and right about now I'm dying. Just got back from Airport Beach in West Paam beach and I am well done. I look like a damn lobster, but the tan I'm gonna have a couple of days from now will be Dynamite. Lord have mercy on those poor unsuspecting sweet young things I'm going to be hustling as soon as I get through with this issue. Hope you all had a nice Labor Day weekend. I sure as hell did. Went up to Alabama with my buddy Mike the Psyche and took my gorgeous Sport behind his Toyota Pogoda or something like that. Anyway they got some real nice winding roads up around Dothan Alabama where my friend and dye in the wool Duke freak Jimmy Getto lives. Of course most of the people down here who know me know the real reason I went up to Dothan. To see Susan. Ah yes, "Susan looks like I am loosin.....I'm loosing my mind, la la la la." (thats a song by the Buckingham). When ever I get together with Jimmy all we talk about is Dukes. And Susan. They don't have many Dukes in Dothan. 'Sa matter o 'fact 90 per cent of those guys up there don't even know they exist. Of course me and ole Jimmy visited some of the bike shops in the area on My Sport and he on his red 750 GT. Anyway it was sure good to get out of flat Florida and get into some hilly and curvy roads on my Sport.

In this issue we have the 900 SS road test from REVS magazine and coverage of Sears Point and Laguna Seca Nationals. A bit of bad news at Pocono where a broken chain eliminated Cook from competition. We'll have a full report in the 9th issue. And as soon as the folks from GT Racing in Lansing Michigan get me the pertinent facts and story I'll be able to tell you all about how their Ducati won the 24 hour Endurance Race at Nelson Ledges.

We are still compiling information for our Owners Report of the 900SS. So you guys who own a 900SS, how about taking a couple of minutes to scribble us your coments and opinion on what you like and or dislike about your Duke. We have been getting some weak response to this request for info so we'd really appreciate it guys.

For those of you who have been having a hard time getting a hold of the picture book shop manual for the 750 GT and Sport well we have a bunch of them in stock for \$8.00. Once again we appreciate all of you who support your club by buying things from our DIOC classifieds, especially our T-Shirts. They seem to be our main bread and butter item. if any of you would like any of our back issues, these are the ones that are available a handful of #3, plenty of #4s, 5, 6, & 7. They go for \$1.00 donation, postage included.

Technical help and assistance can be had from anyone of our advertisers. Our tech. Rep. are the good folks at Eugene Cycle and Sport, but anyone of the other folks whose address appears in this issue can be contacted for help. Please don't send any Technical QUESTIONS to DIOC headquarters, we don't have the staff or knowledge to answer your questions competently. We are also extremely busy processing orders and putting the newsletter together. Right now I am so short of help here at headquarters that I may decide to hire someone to come in and help me put the Newsletter together here at headquarters. By the way our headquarters are not at the 1447 address. That is where I work and where we receive our mail, so that it doesn't get lost or stolen, left out in the rain, or chewed up by the neighbors dogs. We keep our office at 7732 harbour Blvd. Miramar Fla.

I know this is kind of early but we will be having our regular get together and annual meet at Daytona Speedweek. I will be staying at the Royal Scottish Inn. I've called them two days ago to confirm my reservations there. They don't have any vacancies for 1978 Speedweek. They are booked solid. But it doesn't hurt to keep checking, maybe someone will cancel? Hope to see a lot of you there. I strongly suggest that you start making plans ahead of time for this greatest of all motorcycle events.

This small bit of news from the May issue of Cycle Guide was sent to us by John Campbell, our North and South Carolina state Rep. The article was by Carlo Perelli. Here it is:

MV Drops Out. Sad news for racing fans worldwide. For the first time in 30 years, there will be no MV racing team. Count Corrado Augusta, MV president, has shut down the racing shop and declared 1977 to be a year of suspension, in hopes MV will be able to return to the tract in 1978.

That isn't likely. MV and Ducati are both part of an industrial conglomerate controlled by the Italian Government. The motorcycle companies are not bringing money into the system, and the men at the top, who answer to their directors just as in any large organization, have decided to rationalize and merge their two semi-parallel operations. The MV trademark has been assigned to Ducati, who in turn refused to take over the road-racing shop. Presumably one or several of the Ducati road models will either be based on or will use portions of MV components. There was some hope that Count Augusta would take up the burden of supporting the racing team himself, but times are hard for the Count too.

After 30 years, 75 world titles in all solo classes except 50cc and no fewer than 3028 victories, the chances of the MV fire engines ever appearing on the track again look very slim.

It's been some time since that bit of news appeared. I've been keeping an eye on Italian publications sent to me by James Collins of the Canadian Duke owners club, but I haven't seen anything that resembles an Ducati MV. There was a very interesting article done by Moto Sprint an Italian bike mag, on how a motorcycle is born and it has some nifty photos all taken at the Ducati factory. In one of the photos it showed an assembly line full of 900cc Darnahs rolling along ready for shipment. The Darnah for those of you who don't know is a 900cc street version of the 900SS. It is a desmo with an electric start, fiberglass seat-tail section and gas tank, trippie discs, smaller carbs, and more comfortable to ride than the Super Sport. I heard that there were brochures in Canada. Hey guys, how about one of those brochures for the DIOC so we can run it for the rest of the club.?

We have gotten a lot of information about the Apollo V4 and I'll have a full report in the 9th issue. I hope none of you get all pushed out of shape because I didn't print any letters. I'll try and squeeze a handful in the coming issue. If we can get away with 14 pages at 13¢ first class mail. I may start putting out the DIOC in this size. Another thing I haven't been getting to my mail as often as I should. But my life is becoming more and more complicated. I have just finished goin through some personal problems and a bunch of shit has been goin down but I'm getting a lot of cooperation from fellows like John Campbell, Gil Hanson our staff artist, Roy Godwin another artist who has been doin my ads and all the other Club regulars who send in stories and reports. My new State Rep. in California, Curt Relick is doin a terrific job for the club. Keep it up Relick.....I mean keep up the good work.....Jezz does that sound right? Hell, who care you all know what I mean. If any of you want to call me and shoot the breeze my number, after 8 pm is 305-963-6903.

For those of you who live in the area of St. Louis, Michigan the DUCATI OWNERS CLUB OF CANADA are having a distric get together on November 13th at 1 PM at 128 Fox Drive, St. Louis, Michigan, 48880 Phone 517-681-5825. So if any of you Ducati freaks in the area would like to get together with people who are as wierd as you are then drop by.

Well this is it, its about one oclock in the freaking morning, this guy named Sugar is Better called me up with the above info about the Oners Club meeting. I figure, hell how am I goin to squeeze this info in the 8th under classified, they are full. So I figure I eliminate the cartoon on this page and fill it in with this bulshit. Right now I am half asleep so I cannot be held responsible for what I say in these last few sentences. Sugar is Better. Can you imagine someone called Sugar is better this is too much for me to handle. If I can't get to sleep tonight I am goin to cancel that guys membership. Maybe I'll call Sunde and see what she's doin at one in the morning. I'll tell you all about Sunde later. Or maybe Wysong and Racing Jason would like to do some high speed runs down at Chrome Avenue. ??/ Let me see....what else can I say to fill in this remaining space Well.....I hope you all enjoy this issue. God knows I put enough work into it.....and..be sure you send in your dues when they become due.....I got to pay for the bills in the club with that bread you know....nothin's free anymore....Wysong just got his bike together again...after a year and a half. Very Busy guy....got very jelous when he saw how much nicer my sport was than his. Well, hey..I'm at the bottom of the page at last... Good Night Pilgrims.....where the hell did I get that from????