

DIOC NEWS

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Mmmm let me adjust this seat of mine (one old chair with two, sofa cushions piled up together) and get my table all set up for this column.....Let me see, my Jimmy Buffet album's on and the fan is blowing some cool breezes from the pool and mmmm.....Ah yes, excuse me while I go get my cold glass of Heineken. Hum de dum....! pop ! glug, glug, glug...."Lord thats good". Okay gang I'm am ready to write this column. And now coming to you live from Miramar Florida, (the real home of the DIOC, Ft. Lauderdale is just our mailing address) is the DIOC News starring Joel...whats his name... Eliel....Yaaaaaa. Clap clap clap clap. Thank you, thank you. In tonights column we have, the Miss DIOC results, and some news about the club, and whats goin on in the World of Ducatis.

Well, after delaying the results of the contest for ever, we finally picked the finalists and some honorable mentions in the Miss DIOC contest. We have been getting photos all along, and have been collecting them and evaluating the ones that would end up in the final line up.

We got some very interesting photos in, which we can't print since this rag goes into some family homes. We still enjoyed them very much fellas, but I guess you all knew we couldn't print them. This isn't Easy Riders. Besides Polaroids don't come out too good when reprinted.

Now I can't sit here and explain to you all just what we went by when picking out the finalists. We all got together, and we voted (10 of us) for the photos we liked most and the ones with the most points got it, simple as that.

Okay here are the results:

1st place goes to Rev. Robert Fords entry or Miss Gail Mello. The bike is a 1969 350 Desmo. For the grand prize she gets to be on the cover of this issue \$50.00 and a lifetime membership to our club.

2nd Place goes to Dennis Hatch's entry of his girl friend by a Ducati 500. She gets \$25.00 and a DIOC T-Shirt and a years subscription to this rag.

3rd place goes to Julie Louise Tunstall, age 20 years and a 36-24-36 cosmetologist from St. Pete, Fla. She was in a tie for second place until a second vote was taken and she was edged out by one vote. The call was so close we chose to give her a cash prize of \$15.00 (big deal) a DIOC t-shirt and a years subscription to the Newsletter.

We didn't have a fourth place, so we had some Honorable Mentions. These go equally to : Stan Steadmans' entry of his girl friend on the 860 Ducati. Fifteen year old Joan Paula Tunstall, a red haired and lovely young lady who graces the Ducati 900SS was also chosen as Honorable mention, and from Japan the entry submitted by Mr. K. Murakami of Tokyo. All these ladies will receive a complimentary T-Shirt, Key Fob, and DIOC pin.

Well that about raps it up for the Contest until next year. I really would like to thank all you peope who sent in all those photos and gave it a try. Better luck next time and all that crap. Anyway, the photo winners will get their prizes as soon as I get this Newsletter out to the printers.

THE DIOC GOES BULK RATE

If a lot of you got your newsletters a little late, it was because we went to a bulk rate system. We are sending so many newsletters out all over the world that we had to cut our costs. As you all know the postage rates have gone up drastically and the newsletter would have been costing us around .22¢ a copy to mail out 1st class. If we went this route we would have to raise the dues, and who needs that, so we decided to go to the bulk rate system. It takes more time, but at least it won't cost you folks any more bread. This whole thing is really getting out of hand, we have so many members now that it takes more and more time to get the letter out. The mail does not seem to stop. We work on this thing on our part time and since the number of members is increasing it takes more time too. The T-Shirt and accessory orders take a lot of time to fill. Anyway we are not complaining, we just want to let you know that the Letter does not got out late on purpose, there is just too much work to be done and I know you all appreciate it.

STAMP DRIVE STILL UNDER WAY

Got any old stamps laying around? Then put some on your Duke and take them for a drive. This is a stamp drive and we are trying to collect stamps for the club. OK? Tanks a lot.....Jeez I'm sick.

CONTI MUFFLERS GO UP A G A I N !

Jeez can you beleive this? Ducati has really gone nuts, or is it Berliner? Who the *&%% knows. When we received our last order of Conti mufflers there it was staring us in the face \$84.00 E A C H ! I nearly had a cardiac. \$One hundred and six ty four bucks a pair. No way Jay. Who the #\$\$\$* is goin to pay this kind of bread for a set of mufflers? I'm glad so many of you took advantage of that sale we had a while back when the things were goin for \$79.00 a pair. Oh well, if any of you find a good replacement muffler for the Ducati, let us know.....but then what can replace a Conti. Jeez! I wonder if we can get a hold of the factory (FMC) I think, in Italy and buy them Direct. MMMmmm. We can go right past Ducati and Berliner and say us all that bread. Mmmmm. We are still goin to keep our old price of \$117 and \$5.00 shpg. Once we have exhausted our present stock, we shall re-adjust our prices

AUSTIN TEXAS MEMBERS GET TOGETHER

Here's a photo sent in by Jeff Calechman of a group of Duca#i freaks. Have any of you ever have the experience of riding in a group of Ducatis, all rumbling down the road like the wrath of God is coming. Jeez, its enough to curl the hairs on your chest....?..come to think of it most chest hairs are curly...? Anyway its a great feeling and I'm sorry to say not too many of us ever get to do it. Ducatis are just not that common. Too bad. Anyway if any of you get together for a group ride be sure to send us a pix and we'll try and get it printed.



RACE INFO WANTED

If any of you have copies of the publications that covered the Isle of Man Races, and the Sears Point Race and any other race that has taken place in the past few months where Ducatis have done well P L E A S E be sure and send them in to us so we can splash it all over the Newsletter. I was hoping someone would get me some info on the Isle of Man TT races and Sears Point National but as of this deadline date ZERO. Oh well, I'll keep my fingers crossed for next time.

JOEL GETS A 900SS

So what? Well I'm very happy to inform you all that I have a 900SS and it is killing me. I haven't quite gotten used to the low riding position, and I haven't quite learned how to drive it slow, so I'm getting tickets left and right. I have had to limit my riding to a few times a week.

I went to Sanibel Island, a 350 mile round trip from where I live and my back was killing me. I took a couple of Aspirins with me and I felt a whole lot better. Now I keep some Excedrin in my tool box for when I got on long trips. The speedometer started acting real funny on the way back, it would go to 150 mph then to 70 and eventually it gave up the ghost. Oh @#& I'm out of room. Well good-bye gang.....