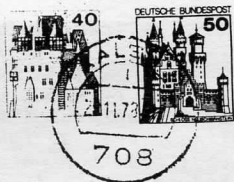


LETTERS



COMMENTS ABOUT SYD'S CYCLES AND THEIR WORK

Dear Joel: After enjoying my Sport for the past year or so, I recently decided that it was about time that I do it a favor for a change and give it a decent tune-up. I rented a U-Haul trailer locally and trailered the Duke up to Syd's Cycles in St. Petersburg. Syd and his son Malcom gave the Duke a thorough all-over massage from front disc to tail-pipes. The work took practically one complete working day.

That night I was so excited about riding the Duke and even having it idle for me that I couldn't sleep. So at something like 2:30 a.m. I checked out of the motel (the clerk looked like he thought I was wacky - but what does he know?... bet he's never ridden a Duke...) and drove for six hours straight until I arrived home, with Duke in tow.

Well, it used to be a nice bike. Now it's indescribable. I also had my Guzzi Sport tuned at Syd's the same day, but really can't comment on the work, since I dig riding the Duke too much to try the Guzzi.

Just thought I'd write to recommend to the other members a really first-class Ducati shop run by dedicated Duke freaks. Keep up the nice editorial work. Russ Bellow, 6 SE 13th Ave., Ft. Laud. Fla. 33301.

900 GTS Ramblings

I've traded my 750 GT that had 24,000 miles without any engine work, for a 900GTS this last summer. The GTS has about the same max power as the 750 GT but is more pleasant to ride because of much greater mid-range torque.

Marzocchi shocks are sure fragile - one failed at 7000 miles on the 750 and one failed at 2000 miles on the 900. Now having rear wheel spoke problems on the GTS. I've snapped two in the past month. I will probably have the thing relaced with heavy duty stainless steel spokes as was necessary on the 750.

Otherwise the GTS is very nice in spite of the increased weight. Both bikes work very well with Koni shocks and springs.

I have been riding bikes since 1949 and seldom buy the same brand twice but I did like the 750 Ducati enough to buy another one. Don Matthews, 4961 Lamont Street, San Diego, Calif. 92109

NEW CLUB NOTICE NEW CLUB NOTICE NEW CLUB NOTICE

I did that just to get yer attention. So you all calm down here a bit while I type the rest of this notice.

Dear Joel: I am contacting you with the hope of placing a short announcement in one of your upcoming newsletters. We are in the process of forming an Allied Health Professional Motorcyclist's Association to be associated with the Motorcycling Doctors Association. The reason I am contacting you is that the president of the MDA is Dr. A Ranald McKenzie who is a member of the the DIOC and rides a 1974 750 GT, and I myself am a member also and ride a 1973 750 GT. Since we are obviously persons of good taste since we are riding Ducatis, we felt that there are probably other persons in the health care field of similar good taste, and perhaps we could reach them through the newsletter. The notices which I am placing in the various publications read as follows

"All allied health professionals interested in forming a motorcyclist's association (title to be determined) to be affiliated with the Motorcycling Doctor's Association, please contact J. David Girard, PA, Lakeland Medical Associates, LTD., PO Box 549, Woodruff, Wisconsin 54568, Telephone 715-356-3292."

It might be of interest to you that at our last meeting of Motorcycling Doctor's Association in Billings Montana, in August of 1978, we had the unusual circumstance of having three Ducati riders present out of approximately 25 participants, these being Dr. MacKenzie, myself, and Gary Winn, an honorary-member of the MDA from the AMA (MC) who attended the meeting. Dr. MacKenzie was going to forward a photograph of the three of us standing in front of my machine, however, I don't know that he has done it to date but should do so in the future.

Thank you for your time and trouble, and if I might be of any assistance in return please do not hesitate to contact me. J. David Girard, PA-C, Lakeland Medical Associates, LTD.

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