

DIOC NEWS

by Joel Eiel, Director

Well its me again and here we are in the 18th issue and I need some tissue on account that my nose is running and I feel just awful and I just got a pair of glasses today cause my contact were killing me from wearing them so damn long into the night, its 15 past one in the freaking morning and here I am typing away at this thing and these stupid glasses I bought to releive me from using my contacts so much are making me sick aughtighwrrrrhugh, uhhtr, yhh, hh, hh stupid things I can't even see the damn uhh
print on this paper I'm typing on. Other than that I'm just fine, and how are you nice boys and girls out there in the wonderful world of being a member of the Dee Eye Oh C? I'm very happy to still be here. Hurricane David did not blow DIOC headquarters away but from the looks of my new office it looks like he did....I mean this place looks like hell. How I ever get a Newsletter out of this confusion is beyond me. Oh, I'm happy to report that with the money we raised selling T-Shirts we have purchased one slightly decrepid, but none-the-less useful four drawer cabinet spray painted gold, beige, early American rust and brown, eight pieces of garden bricks, six pieces of shelving, one Kopy Aid, some more type-writer ribbon, a years supply of erasing tape for the coming month, enough 20 cent stamps to mail the DIOC to those guys that live in a tent and move around like gypsies and keep loosing their Newsletters, several hundred vanilla, or Manila envalopes to mail out da t-shirts, four calling birds, three french hens, two turtle doves and a partridge in a pear tree. Everytime I go shopping for office supplies the DIOC checkbook gets a case of the shakes. Oh well on to other things.

1979 MISS DIOC

Well the Miss DIOC for 1979 is over and the winners are on the opposite page. 1st place will get a trophy and a life-time membership to the DIOC, second also gets a trophy and one year free membership to our rag, some goges for third place. Honorable mentions receive a Ducati racing T-Shirt.

I want to thank all of you that entered. I had nothing to do with the choosing of the Miss DIOC so you clowns that have something to say about it, refer your letters to: Miss DIOC 1979 Judges c/o the DIOC. And that un-named individual who keeps sending us thos Polaroid shots of his friend on a Duke well let me tell you something buster.....
.....keep those photos coming. Jeez what a bunch of sickies we are here at DIOC. And those of you who sent in those fuzzy photos, the ones with half of the girls head cut off, or the bike and girl so small that you'd need a magnifying glass to see, well try and do a little better next time..... if there is a next time. You people let me know if you want a 1980 Miss DIOC contest.

CLUB LOGO....Continued...

Jeeeee, what is with you people? I haven't gotten a single entry in the NEW CLUB LOGO thing. Come on. Give me a break. (yeah Joel, where ya want in in an arm or a leg....) Ok cool it guys. Hey, no, really, this is awful. All the members we have and none has any ideas about an original DIOC logo. I really want to get some patches made for everyone and some club pins, but at this rate we'll never get them unless we get some action from you folks so come on get those pencils and pens goin.

DUCATI PARTS GO UP, AND UP AND UP

Somebody get me an Alka-Seltzer I think I'm gonna be sick. Well gang, I guess a lot of you who have been buying Ducatis parts have noticed a substantial increase in price, a good example has been the Conti mufflers which were retailing for \$98.00 each last month (July) well they are gonna go up some more I think. Jeez no wonder we have been selling Conti mufflers left and right lately at \$145.00 a pair. Mmmmm. We just placed another order with Berliner. I can hardly wait to see what they are going for now. Anyway here is a letter circulated to Ducati dealers all over the country.

Dear Dealer:

Since the latest price list was printed and distributed, we have received numerous increases, shipping insurance as well as parts costs. For the above reasons, we must inform you at

this time that, effective August 15, 1979, a 15% surcharge will be added on all Ducati spare parts.

We are sure you will understand this action, as it only reflects our cost increases. We have, and will always endeavor to keep prices to the bare minimum. Signed Berliner Motor Corp.

Well what I want to know at this time is if Berliner has been sitting on thousands of parts that they bought prior to the NEW increases from Ducati, how come they are gonna jack up the price on the old parts that THEY GOT AT THE LOWER PRICE! I mean surely they have singles parts from way back when, and frames for 750 GTS and 860 GTs, why can't we pay the old price instead of this higher price? This don't sound Kosher to me and I think that the dealers and the customers are getting a pretty unfair shake in this deal. I don't mind paying the new higher price for items received after the factory price increase but to go back to the shelves and jack up the price on old stuff this is'nt fair at all.

I think that some kind of systems should be worked out to identify the new higher priced parts from the lower priced parts and give the consumers a break in this inflationary economy that we are all struggling to live in.

The factory gets this newsletter, I would like to know just for starters how come the CONTI MUFFLERS have gone so high in price? If and when I get an answer I'll let you all know what they have to say.

To be fair about all this I hope to get a letter from Berliner explaining this new price increase, when I get it, I shall print their version of the story.

LETTER FROM DUCATI MECCANICA

(The Boys at Main Office)

Dear Sirs: We are grateful to you and your DIOC members for the interest you show towards our new Pantah motorcycle. At present we have available only black and white photos of this motorcycle, as the one enclosed (OUR COVER) herewith. Illustrating sheets will be available later.

We confirm we are receiving the Newsletters issued by your Ducati Owners Club and must express our best thanks and compliments for same and for your organization. Kindest regards, Ducati Meccanica SPA.

About our cover, well this is all we have for now and as soon as we have more details available we shall let you all know. We are hoping that Ducati Meccanica sends us the specifications and other interesting data on this machine soon. Our thanks to the factory for their letter and photo. "GRATZIE"

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