

DIOC NEWS

by Joel Eliel, Director

Its the 20th issue and we are still here and goin like mad, and boy have we got a show for you folks tonight starring the Pantah, the 900ss Replica, me, a buncha other guys who sent stuff in and Ian Falloon from Australia who sent the Pantah road test and Didier Campion who sent in the factory report and and.....

"quack kwack whaack twack?"

"Well, what about you?"

"Kwaack kwaq qwack, qwaackack quak."

"Now come on Thersday, goin out and buying beer and making raisin pie....."

"Kwaak kwack kack".

"Yeah so you roll some good numbers, but you can't expect to get credit for that inda DIOC, com'on, gimme some slack."

"whack ka tack whack".

"Hey..no, hey you can't go on strike, you're the club mascot, and hey...where you goin wit the stash....?"

Kwack kwak."

"That's your stash? Oh. and your copy of Penthouse?.. OK. Ok...hey I think we can figure this out and come to some accord. OK?"

And Therday our club duck mascot without whose help this column could not be written. There'satisfied?

Club Membership Up

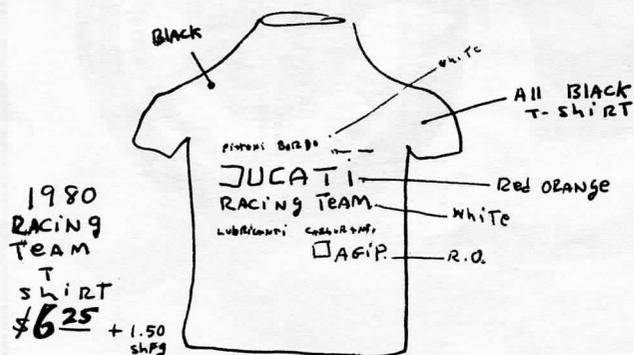
I am very happy to report that club membership is up over the same period last year and despite inflation and all that crap a lot of people have renewed and we are as strong as ever many thanks to you all.

Club Patch Coming Soon

I want to also announce that we have selected a club patch and after some modifications we will be sending out for a batch of them to send to all paid members. I want to take this opportunity to thank all of those neat people that sent in their ideas. It was a lot of fun to see the different possibilities for the club logo. I think this one is goin to be more permanent than the last one we had....if any of you do remember. Anyway I don't want to dwell on this too much, just wanted to mention it and I have so there.

We have the 1980 Ducati Racing T-Shirts Here and Now

If you guys thought the bright red Racing Team T-Shirts were neat then you ought to see the new ones. This one is a real knockout. I don't have a picture cause I just got them today. It is on a black high quality T-Shirt with bright orange-red D U C A T I lettering and white for the rest of the letters. I've made a crude drawing below cause I didn't have time to take a picture of it cause we are goin to the printers tomorrow and we wouldn't get the prints back in time. The shirt is \$6.25 plus \$1.50 for postage, packaging and handling.



The shirt is silk-screened, none of that Mickey Mouse rubber Iron on crap. It comes printed on both sides so when you are riding those jerks on those rice burners can get a good look at your tail end and know they are chasing a Ducati. Yeah! This shirt is nice and thick and when it gets all broken in

you can wear it to work and if ya gets it all dirty while working on yer scooter then it won't show all da grease and and oil stains. So come on guys and show some class. The bread goes for a good cause, to keep this rag coming out full of neat photos and good info and to pay for those patches I've promised you all, and to pay for Thersdays wages. That duck don't work for chicken feed you know.

Daytona Beach is Right Around the Corner

The next issue of the DIOC will be the Daytona issue and I am really looking forward to seeing a lot of you folks for our annual meet there. We will be staying at the Royal Scottish Inn which has been re-named and now it is called THE GOLDEN EAGLE MOTEL, so you all come to the same location:

Golden Eagle Motel, 2490 W Volusia, Daytona Beach, FL. 32015 Their phone # 1-904-255-8474. It's about ¼ mile east of I-95 on Volusia.

Come on by and shoot the breeze, we'll have plenty of beer and refreshments, pizza, chips, good times and plenty of T-Shirts to wear around Daytona. The weather here in Florida for the past two months has been absolutely fantastic and if holds up Daytona is goin to be a smash. There is goin to be more four-stroke bikes running, a limit of 750ccs for four cylinder machines and 860 for twins...I hope I got that right...I don't know if this applies to the Superbike class, but who cares, and the 200 miler is going to include Superbikes too. That means we won't have to put up with those annoying ring dings buzzing around like a swarm of bees....jeeez thank God for that. I'm thinking about staying for the 200 miler for the first time in three years. I just got sick of that Yamaha TZ750 show.

We'll be arriving at Daytona on Wednesday night. We will be having the meets at our Motel Room, just go by the front desk where you'll find directions to where we are at. We will be holding nightly get-togethers Thursday night, Friday night, and the big PARTY ON SATURDAY NIGHT till we run out of beer and we'll have plenty. Everyone welcome.

900 Replica Goes on Sale in Europe

Well guys feast your eyes on the opposite page. This is all new Ducati 900 Replica as the factory calls it. We would like to think of it as the Mike Hailwood Replica. It comes dressed with all the goodies you need to go racing on the street or on the track. It is being sold in Great Britain at this time. Syd Weiss from Sunbelt Distributing, the Berliner Rep. in the Southeastern U.S. told me that they won't be bringing any of these Ducatis into the country cause they don't meet federal standards for 1980 bikes. The EPA can't handle those beautiful sounding Contis or those hard breathing 40mm carbs. Weiss said if I wanted one it would go for around \$7,400.00. Ooooooowoooo oo eeeeh! Pardon me while I mortgage' my house and sell my Krugerrand.

The 900 Replica is basically the same bike as the 900SS. The engine and chassis, according to the brochure from which I got the photos on the opposite page, are virtually identical. Although it is called the Mike Hailwood Replica, it has very little in common as far as performance goodies are concerned. The instruments are right off the Darmah and the Pantah. Identical. Jeez I hope they put an oil light on this one instead of that stupid side stand light. One thing for sure though, you can really tuck in behind that beautiful fiberglass fairing and do some heavy duty trucking. "Chrome Avenue watch out!

COVER PHOTO by Didier Campion from Paris France. According to Didier the quality on this machine is superb. The frame is red, most of the seat gas tank and the upper part of the fairing is red. The bottom part of the fairing is green as the trim work on the gas tank. All this may be hard to tell on these black and white photos. But I hope someday to be able to print this rag in color then I won't have to spend so much time explaining the color schemes or these machines.

Well that about does it. Maybe I'll have a road test on the 900 Replica next issue. We will have some more info on the Pantah in the 21st issue. Bye

"Hey Thersdey ya wanna go take a ride over to the Railroad Mule? We'll pick up some smokes and ride ova on my pickup."

"Quack wak twack quack."

"Yeah, yeah, I know its your turn to drive."