

# WHATEVER COLUMN

1980 ANNUAL MEET OF P.W.D.H.A.D.B.W.T.H.T.D.C.

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I would like to report on the first meeting of the P.W.D.H.A.D. B.T.H.T.D.C. (People Who Don't Have a Ducati But Wish to Hell They Did, Club) which was mentioned in Issue #16 of the DIOC News. It was a great event, lots of Hondas, Kawasac-o-crackers, Bultacos and even a Marusho. As we were all banded together by our common interest, there was a great deal of club spirit.

After the morning address which was simply titled "Longing", we broke up into workshops according to our specific interests. Some of the topics were, "What wanting a Ducati Means to Me," "Casing a Ducati Showroom Over and Over," "Knowing Someone Who Owns a Ducati," and "Pretending to Own a Ducati."

Later over a spaghetti lunch, the awards were presented. The award for "Wanting to have driven the greatest distance to the meeting on a Ducati" went to Don Without of Idaho Falls who wanted to have driven a Ducati all the way from Temple City California to the meeting. An extra vote of appreciation was given because the route he wanted to drive had no Ducati dealers along the way and he would not have taken Berliner's phone number with him. The award for "Wanting the Fastest Ducati" went to L. Speedo, who wants Mike Hailwood's Isle of Man winning Duck. He just nosed out Johny Quick, who would really like to have Reno Leoni's NCR. The final, and most coveted award, "Most Inspirational Wanter," went to Hank Kerchief, who desperately desires good old Number 31, Cook "where is he now" Neilson's 1977 Daytona Winner. Needless to say, there wasn't a dry eye in the house when that award was made. The meeting was adjourned after announcement of next year's contest entitled, "Guess who has wanted a Ducati the longest". We are hoping that when some of our guys get Ducatis and we have to boot them out of the club they will join the DIOC.

## BLUE RIDGE ROAD RIDERS of FREDERICK, MD's 1980 GRAND TOUR

The Blue Ridge Road Riders of Frederick MD. Annouce the 1980 Grand Tour, an AMA sanctioned, year-long event that any rider in America may undertake, regardless of residence.

Enclosed is a set of directions similar to the ones each G/T participant will receive upon purchasing our Grand Tour Pass-book, which will be available in December 1980. My district and Club request that some mention be made of this Tour in your association's newsletter. I believe Ducati owners will enjoy doing this Grand Tour, as it may be easily tailored to fit each individual's needs and riding style.

Here's how the thing goes gang (ed)

BLUE RIDGE ROAD RIDERS M/C 1980 Grand Tour.

The rules for the tour as as follows:

1. Your tour must be competed between Jan. 1 1980 and December 31, 1980.
2. You select all 33 checkpoints; You must photograph your motorcycle next to a sign that shows that you visited a city or town whose name begins with each of the letters in: BLUE RIDGE ROAD RIDERS MOTORCYCLE CLUB.
3. At least 12 counties in you base State must be represented in your Tour.
4. To make you spread yourself out a little bit more, we require that at least three of your checkpoints be located outside your base state; at the same time, no more than five of your checkpoints may be from out of State. No less than three, no more than five.
5. To complicate matters for you out of state entries must represent at least two states
6. You may choose any of the 50 States as your base State.

It doesn't even have to be your State of residence. Any of the other 49 states may be your choice for the required out-of-state entries. You may even use the 10 Canadian Provinces as a base State or as a foreign State.

7. You may photograph your bike, sidecar rig, or trike next to any sign that shows the name of the town school, church, municipal building, recreational facility, civic organization, or city limit sign.
8. You may use print film, black and white or color, Polaroids, or slides.
9. Price of the 1980 Grand Tour, while as yet undetermined will be favoring AMA members, since the Tour is AMA Sanctioned.
10. Address inquiries to: Nick Diaz, 8208 James St., Middletown, MD 21769 (301) 371-7273



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