

DIOC NEWS Cont'd.

NEWS FROM DUCATI MECCANIC S.P.A. Bologna, May 1980

The Ducati made an impressive debut in the 1980 racing season obtaining a series of successes, both in Italy and abroad, with the 900 SS and especially with the new 500 Pantah.

The official bikes and the ones of our distributors obtained the following achievements:

- 5/3/1980 Daytona USA - Stock Class - 500cc
1st overall - David Fleming - Pantah 500
- 3/3/1980 Misano Italy - 1st round of Italian Junior Championship - Formula TT 2, 1st overall - Menchini - Pan.500
- 4/5/1980 Hockenheim, West Germany, - 1000 km - Class 500
1st overall - Knatz/Nagei Pantah 500
- 4/19/80 Nuerburgring, West Germany, - Class 500
1st overall - Knatz Pantah 500
- 4/20/80 Vallelunga, Italy - 2nd round of Italian Junior Championship - Formula TT 2
1st overall - Francini Pantah 500
2nd overall - Valdo Pantah 500
3rd overall - Del Piano Pantah 500
- 4/27/80 Ledenon, France - Coupe Promosports - Class 1000
1st Guichon - 900 SS
- 5/4/80 Mugello, Italy - 3rd round of Italian Junior Championship Formula TT 2
1st Francini - Pantah 500
2nd Del Piano - Pantah 500
- 5/11/80 Calafat, Spain - Calafat 6 Hour - 1st Round of Spanish Endurance Championship.
Class TT 1 - 1st Herrera/Rapizards 900 SS
Class TT 2 - 1st Duran/Rejes 500 Pantah

We would like to request from all DIOC members to please send us all information about races in which Ducati motorcycles have been entered and especially:

- Victory or standing, name of Circuit, rider date, average speed, lap record and final results;
- Photos (if possible colour transparencies) showing the race and Ducati motorcycles with indications of the race;
- Information about eventual final victories in national championships.

We are sure that the DIOC members will understand the importance of our request and we thank you for your kind co-operation. Please direct this information along with some information about yourself too, to Mr. Cuppini, Ducati Meccanica, Ufficio Stampa, Ducati Meccanica S.P.A. (Borgo Panigale) Casella Post. 313, Bologna, Italia. Thank you.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE DATELINE EXTENDED

The deadline for the membership drive has been extended from June 30th to August 30th, (which is also my birthday) Oh nooooo I'm getting older. Yeeeech! This update has been due to the speed with which the days are going by. I don't know if you notice this like I do, but time has been speeding by a whole lot faster since I passed my 25th birthday. Jeeez look at this year. What is it now? Oh yeah 1980. At times I'm still writing 1978, or 1979. Here is the 6th month of the year. Half of the damn year has gone by. Does anyone know what the hell happened to the last six months? If you find out please let me know cause I sure dont. Just a few weeks ago I was celebrating New Years.

Oh, here comes Therdey, back from visiting with Bell, his turtle friend "Hi, whatcha got under your wing in that brown paper wrapper?

"Kwack quack wack."

"The new Penthouse magazine? I thought I told you you shouldn't be looking at these kinds of magazines, Cammere, let me have

that. You naughty Duck. Shame on you!

Kwack wack quack quack."

"Oh, yeah? Page 84? Mmmmmm let me see. 79, 82...84. Mmmmmmm Mmmmmmmmmmm! Jeeeezpeeezee. Mmmmmm wow. Mmmmmm yeah.

"Quack waack whquack!"

"No! Go to bed. You shouldn't be looking at this kind of stuff. It might stunt your growth or something." Besides I've got to get back to this column. I'll just keep it for you until you grow up." Good nite.

Those
who
smoke...



And those who own Ducatis might want to add this sand-cast brass ashtray to their collection of Italian odds and ends. It's bead blasted with a brush finish highlight and measures 4" wide, 5-1/2" high and stands 3/4" above the table top...\$16 apiece, postpaid, orders of 5 or more, \$13 each. Send check or M.O. (allowing 6 weeks for delivery) to:

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Well, gang looks like I'm out of room. Please be sure to send me some more tech tips. I am really low on them and I need more. Please take some time and help your club. I want to thank all of you who have renewed your memberships and for your constant support of our DIOC Store Thank you all.