

RAm Blings

Hi Gang! Just an introduction to one of our new staff members Patti Pillion. She sounds like a real Ducati freak and she is really putting her heart into working for the DIOC, so this section may be appearing from time to time depending on how much junk she sends in for us to put in her column. Like I stated awhile back we could really use some more people to work for the club on a regular basis. If you have some spare time and would like to know what you can do, just drop me a line c/o "STAFF INFO".

Ramblings

by Patti Pillion

I own a 350 Desmo and while back I went in search for some manuals to work on my bike, so I decided to check my local library and see what I could dig up. I found these three books that deal with Dukes.

1. Motorcycle Service Manual vol. 2/Four Stroke Models. Technical Publications put this book out in 1972 and it deals with information for the Ducati 160, 250, 350, and 450 models. It has an exploded view of a Ducati 250

2. Chiltons Italian Motorcycle Repair and Tune-up Guide by Ocee Ritch, 1968. Not a great deal of info but it might help. Covers 160, 250, 350 Dukes. This book mainly deals with Aermacchi Harleys.

3. Motorcycle Sport Book, by Lynn Wineland and Hot Rod Magazine, 1966. It has black and white photos of Ducati machines starting with Ducatis Sport 80, 125 Bronco, Diana MkII, Scrambler and that is about it. It gives specifications along with the weight of the bike and price it sold for.

For the money the Haynes Shop Manuals for Ducati Singles is tops and it is also available thru your friendly DIOC Store.

While at the library I ran across this poem by Jefferson Spivey. Thought you all may like it.

I'll saddle up and I'll be free
I'll find a dreamer just like me
We'll ride where we have never been and we'll be
drinkers of the wind

I drink the wind while I am young, do the things
I've never done;
I'll find the sunsets in my mind;
And taste the wilderness of natures wine

KONI SHOCKS FOR \$25.00

I recently acquired a pair of Koni shocks for my 350 Desmo from this company.

Mayfair Corp,
PO Box 1851
Hackensack, NJ 07601

Be sure when you write to them to ask for the "application for shocks at \$25.00 a pair. Also tell them you own a Ducati and that Koni shocks are the only shocks that will go on your bike.

You will not be able to send them \$25.00 and get the shocks. You must have the application from them.

GETTING RESULTS

Recently I tried and had a hard time trying to find a headlight and a wiring harness for my 350 Desmo so I wrote to Ducati in Italy and they wrote to Berliner. Here is the letter that Berliner sent

me. A little writing effort goes a long way at times.

Berliner Motor Corp. April 10, 1980

Dear Miss Pillion:

We are in receipt of a photocopy letter which you had sent to Dr. Taglioni at Ducati Meccanic in Italy.

Since we are the importers of Ducati in the United States, we would like to try to assist you in obtaining parts for your 350 Desmo. As to your deference in trying to find one in the United States, we are enclosing the names of Ducati dealers in your vicinity who will be able to obtain these parts through our premises in your behalf. Being the importer and working strictly on a wholesale basis, we are unable to deal at the retail level. We are sure any of the following dealers will be more than pleased to obtain the parts for your 350 Desmo Ducati. When contacting these dealers be sure to be specific on the year of your motorcycle.

To your request to parts, I am sure a headlight complete, brand new, is available also the wiring harness. Unfortunately, Ducati never did supply seat covers or the plate or the trim separately and only complete seats were available since this machine has been imported into the United States

Hoping this information is useful. Always our best intentions. Pete Dimeck, Berliner Motors.

Here is the list of dealers in the Massachusetts area.

Farco Scooters
320 Watertown St.
Newton, MA

Ron's Cycle Sales
215 Lancaster St.
Leominster, MA (DIOC member)

Metropolitan Motors
1661 Hyde Park
Hyde Park, MA

Cycle Mart
1252 So Washington St.
No Attleboro, MA

George Vincensi
Gee Vee Ent.
68 Main St.
Westfield, MA 01085 (DIOC Member)

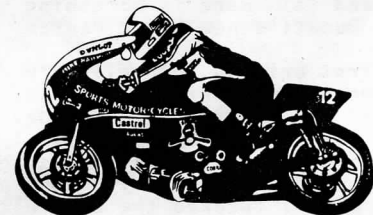
Well that is all the stuff that I have for this issue. I would love to hear from other DIOC members who have 350 Desmos or similar bikes,

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PS: Went to Rons Cycles and he ordered the headlight and harness for me. Few days later I had my harness complete with a brand new headlight. Neat!

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Sleeves

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This shirt was created to commemorate the tremendous win of Mike Hailwood at the famed Isle of Man races. It is silk screened in three colors, red, green, black on a white back ground. Printed on both sides. \$6.50 plus \$1.25 shpg & handling.