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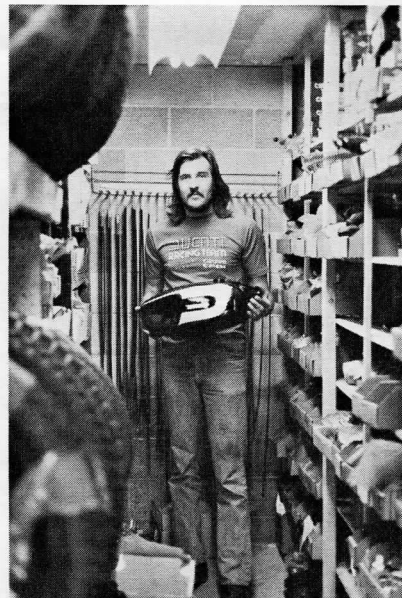
On early summer mornings when the fog still hangs low and the cool morning dew keep everything kinda of wet and if you have goggles or a shield on your helmet you gotta keep wiping it cause it fogs ups, if you stand still and listen you can hear the sound of a single cylinder machine winding its way through the mountains. The sounds cuts through the stillness and you are alerted that a rider approaches. In the distance the faint orange glow of a headlite appears and soon the sound grows louder and like a swoosh of wind it passes by you, the thundering of a four-stroke single shaking the droplets off the trees as a blue Ducati Single speeds by.

Chances are you are in the Apalachian Mountains in Virginia near the town of Lebanon where DIOC member William Richardson has a small Ducati shop. William specializes in selling and restoring Ducati singles. He has bought out several dealers that have gone out of business and he now devotes a great deal of time to bringing back to life Ducati singles that other people have given up on. From his vast collection of parts he has created brand new machines that look just as good and at times a lot better than when they come to our shores years ago.

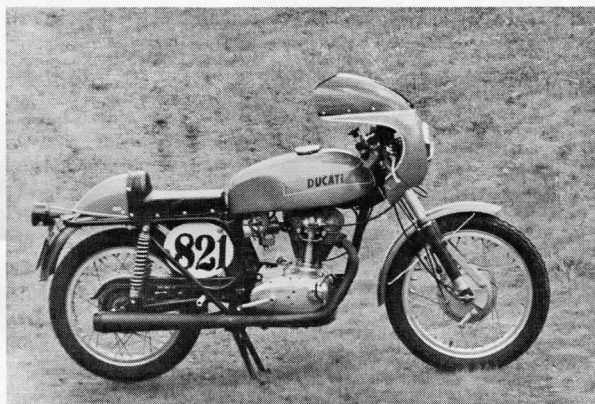
Out of his shops have come Ducati 350 Desmos, 200 Street, Sebrings, Monzas, Monza Juniors and 900SSs. In a small town like Lebanon William claims to have about 12 or 13 singles running around loose. The owners of these machines have come to depend on William to keep their machines in top condition. When you have roads like those in the Apalachian Mountains, roads that beg to be driven by motorcycles and what better motorcycle to exploit those fine winding roads than a Ducati. Yeah! Jeeez lemme outa this office and out to those Mountain Roads! These Florida flat roads have got me down.

I met William at Daytona this year and on the back of his small pick-up he had three Ducati Singles in various stages of abuse. It won't take him long to turn these little buggers into fire breathing machines that will delight their owners with their fine handling qualities and reliability that keeps these machines alive and well in the homes of many Ducati owners. These machines refuse to die. They are raced, on flat-tracks, in road-races and on the streets. All they need is a little attention and love.

If you are looking to get a hold of a fine little single, then get in contact with William Richardson, Route 3, Box 150, Lebanon, VA 24266. He probably has the Single you want or he can build one for you.



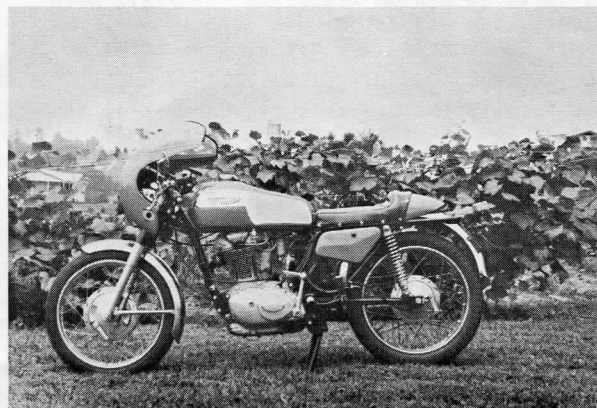
In this part of his shop you can see some of the parts William sells. Most of these parts are brand new. Here he is shown holding a 1965 250 Scrambler gas tank complete with decals.



This 1973 Desmo has F3 megaphone, Borrani Rims, Marzocchi racing components, electronic ignition and a 32mm Pumper. It is street legal and on race days it burns the tail off of 500 cc machines with its power and outstanding handling.



View into Wm Richardson's garage. Here he puts together bikes for sale and well as having parts for older singles and new V-twins. Left to right: Bob Watson, Wm Richardson



This immaculate 1970 350 Desmo MKIII belongs to Bill Glover of Abingdon, Virginia.