

DIOC NEWS

by Joel Eliel, Director

Hi gang! Hope you all are well and fine after a nice summer of riding and enjoying the warm weather. Frankly I haven't been aware that summer was here. I have been extremely busy lately. I closed down my motorcycle shop permanently. I have come to the conclusion that "breaking even" is not a winner unless you gamble. It was an enjoyable job but I have decided to seek something a bit more profitable, I am going into prostitution, smuggling and gambling.....nah, I'm only kiddin. I am starting a new business and it has no relation to motorcycles whatsoever. I have invested into three 14' step-up-trucks that contain a small restaurant kitchen in its interiors to service construction sites and factories in South Florida. If it doesn't go I won't ever have to worry about finding a good place to eat while traveling cross country, and if I run out of money, I'll just park somewhere and sell from the truck. Neat huh? Oh well hope it goes.

I have dedicated much of this issue to the Technical side of owning a Duke and have made an attempt to cover the folks with the Singles and the folks with the Twins. I wish I had more room for other features but we had two pages bought out for advertising and I would like for you all to take a look at it and see if you can use our new advertiser' MAC MOTOR WORKS's services. Hopefully if we retain our larger advertisers on a more permanent basis we can add 4 more pages to the DIOC Newsletter with only a 50¢ increase in the dues. We'll see what happens. I promise to have the regular features in the next coming issue and I hope to have some news about the DIOC ANNUAL MEET AT DAYTONA.

NEW PHONE FOR DIOC

If you would like to talk to me about anything here is my number. (305) 963-4716. You stand a good chance of getting in touch with me after 10PM 7 days a week. If you get into South Florida and would like to come and visit DIOC headquarters here is the address 7732 Harbor Blvd. Miramar, Florida 33023. Directions: I-95 to Hallandale Beach Blvd., west several miles go over turnpike overpass, two blocks to Island Drive, south on Island Drive to Harbor Blvd., west on Harbor to 7732.

AUSTRALIAN REPRESENTATIVE APPOINTED

Due to the large DIOC population in Australia we have appointed Mr. Rod V. Glue as our Rep there. All you DIOC members in Australia can contact Rod for further information at R. V. Glue, D.I.O.C. Australian Rep., PO Box 214, Blackburn, Victoria, AUSTRALIA 3130. Good luck Rod.

CANADIAN DIOC RALLY IN THE WORKS

Ducati owners in Canada who may wish to participate in a Canadian Rally or Get-together are urged to contact Mr. H. J. Evers, #1 1007 Burdett, Victoria, B.C. V8R 4K4, Canada. 381-1037 phone.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE WINNERS

We will be announcing the winners of the DIOC membership drive contest.....remember? Well a lot of folks have been very active in campaigning for the dear ole DIOC and we will announce the winner in the 25th issue. I am sorry to say that I have been overworked and I am a bit behind on just about everything. I have to pick the winners and go out and find the prizes and stuff so please hang in there and bear with me until I get a bit caught up. Jeeez if I could afford it I would get a full time secretary for this club. Any volunteers in the Ft. Lauderdale, Hollywood, area?

NEW BATCH OF DECALS JUST ARRIVED



98¢ each.
with S.A.S.E.

FROM THE FACTORY

Sunday Sept 7, on the Nurburgring Circuit, has taken place the last but one trial of the German Championship for production bikes and once again the Bolognese bikes have triumphed.

The PANTAH 500 driven by H. Knatz, who assured himself the title of German Champion of the 1980 season on the class TT2 with one round in advance, has dominated the race.

A result of great prestigious and signification, obtained with a bike strictly of production series, utilizing original tyres and instruments.

The German title, added to the others already won in Italy and in Spain in the same class, are an evidence of the validity of the Pantah 500 produced in the plant of Borgo Panigale. Signed: Ducati Meccanica S.p.A.

PS Anyone wishing to obtain a translation of the above, write to Guglielmo Passideri c/o DIOC.

SUPERBIKE SCHOOL

If you own a Ducati and you have been wanting to sharpen your riding skills a bit, then you may be interested in this school. Although I am not all too sure about their choice of riding-teaching equipment (Kawasaki KZ 550s) but who knows if you can learn how to ride one of these things well you stand to be a real Kenny Roberts by the time the course is over. Here is a statement from the California Superbike School.

"The CALIFORNIA SUPERBIKE SCHOOL provides everything that you need to take the most incredible ride ever on a motorcycle. We provide the leathers, helmets, boots, glove and the fantastic KZ 550 Kawasaki. You ride 40 Miles at the famous Riverside Raceway, as fast as you want to go, as safely as it is possible. For more info you can call them at (213) 484-9323 or write to them at California Superbike School, PO Box 3743 Manhattan Beach, CA. 90266. Cost \$125.00.

DUCATI PARALLEL TWIN REGISTER

I would like to mention that I'm trying to form a register for 500 parallel twin owners. I've contacted several other people and asked them of the idea. The response has been encouraging. I've owned my 500 for two years and have gotten to know it closely. I also know of some improvements, cheaper replacement parts and other tid bits that might help others in getting greater enjoyment out of their Dukes. Anyone interested please contact me. MARK MILLER, 12 Blackwell Ave., Morristown, NJ 07960.

CLOSING LINES AND PREVIEW OF COMING ATTRACTIONS

Ok, this is about it, time to get this thing to the printers before I start getting the letters inquiring where the hell the DIOC is and all that stuff. Before I go I would like to mention that we have some really fine issues coming up full of some excellent technical articles. I know that there are a lot of you mechanical geniuses out there who have never, not once, contributed one iota of your wealth of knowledge to this club....come on guys how about helping out a bit and getting involved. I want to thank all those that contributed to this issue. I've got the new Ducati patches ready to be ordered and as soon as I get them I'll send everyone who is a current member at that time one for free. Take care you all and my warmest thanks for your constant support. Bye. Thersdey is a bit ill, but he says HI! Hello, I'm back, still got a couple of inches to go before I fill this page. Oh, I forgot, for those who sent in your columns for this issue, I apologize for not getting it in. I'll try and put your work in the coming issue. OK? Hope you all like all the tech stuff in this one. The one about the little 250 racer in the SINGLES SPOT is excellent.