

DIOC NEWS

by Joel Eliel, Director

HAPPY NEW YEAR GANG! Hope you all had a pleasant holiday season. I certainly had a good time despite the fact that my honey had to move back to Cape Girardeau (pronounced Cape Garage-door) Missouri which brings me around to the questions of why in the world they abbreviate Missouri (Mo.). Like who cares, right? I can just see the guys in Germany, England and Australia saying to themselves "what is this guy talking about?" But who cares right? The hardest part about writing this column is how to start the damn thing, so now that I have begun it, it is out of the way and now I won't have to worry about starting it.

"Qhack, whack quack."

Oh, Thersday our club duck mascot says hi and hopes everyone has a good season and a prosperous new year with the new Reagan Administration and the possibility of lower interest rates for the housing industry. As a few of you may know Thersday is going to try and get a Real Estate license.

Ok now down to some serious business.

DIOC TO SUE POST OFFICE

I am going to sue the post office here in South Florida for outright negligence and pure utter incompetent performance of their duties. As you can tell by the return address on page 16 we now have a post office number, I have had the mail forwarded to my home at 7732 Harbor Blvd. Miramar, Florida, or should I say tried to. The post office sent back my mail marked "Moved left no forwarding address" and promptly proceeded to re-route my HOME mail to the 1447 address I had just vacated. I mean are you guys ready for this? They send back mail for over 15 days until I started getting suspicious as to what was happening to the mail. So if you got a letter returned send it to the PO Box address. I have not packed up and left town. I'll keep everyone posted as to how much we recover in damages, for loss of business and new members that think we are out of circulation. I have sold my home in the past week so I will not use the Miramar address after all. Please use the PO Box. OK?

DAYTONA 1981, DUCATI INT'L. OWNERS CLUB ANNUAL MEET

Well, here it is again Daytona Speed Week and this year promises to be a great one for Ducati and all the folks that race, spectate and enjoy the sport of motorcycling before the Jap multis took over everything in road racing. The Twin-Cylinder event which is all new for Daytona Speedweek will give the Americans and European factories a chance at the Glory Circle. Anyway we will be holding our annual meet as usual with our headquarters at THE GOLDEN EAGLE MOTOR INN (previously known as the Scottish Motor Inn), 2480 VOLUSIA AVE, DAYTONA BEACH, FLORIDA 32014 Phone (904) 255-8474.

The club will be holding nightly meets at the Motel Headquarters with the usual beer-rap sessions, photo show etc. Bring your bike by or come look at what is there. Plenty of T-Shirts and accessories for sale. This schedule is subject to change by March so drop by the Motel and check out the revised schedule. I'll be getting into town late Tuesday night March 3rd. Hope you can make it.

WINNERS OF THE 1980 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The Membership drive (remember?) is now officially over and here are the winners:

FIRST PLACE: A landslide win, ROB JOHNSON, JR. 5300 W First St. #62, Santa Ana, California 92703. Grand Prize, a 1981 Ducati of his choice at Dealer Cost. Prize is not transferable and a 1st Place trophy.

SECOND PLACE: CURTIS RELICK, 22 Avenida Espana, San Jose, CA. 95139. Prize a Second place trophy.

THIRD PLACE: PATTY PILLION, 290 Newtonville, Newton, MA 02160. Prize third place trophy

FOURTH PLACE: SYDS CYCLES, 6600 Haines Road, St. Pete, Fla. 33702. Special prize 1/4 Page ad in the DIOC and Tiger T-Shirt.

I want to thank everyone who has worked to keep this club healthy and strong for the past five years. A special thank you note to Cycle World, Cycle, Revs (Australia), Cycle News East, and West, Motorcyclist, Cycle Guide, Road Rider, Rider, Didier Campion, The Norton Owners Club all the dealers that inform their customers about us etc. etc. THANK YOU! if I forgot anyone which I probably did please fill in your name here X.....

LAST MINUTE DAYTONA SCHEDULE

1 hour before this went to the printer the good folks at Syd's Cycles Racing phoned in the following info so you all can know what's goin on at Daytona. By the way Syds Cycles Racing will be involved in the Novice race, the battle of the twins, the Vintage race, the 100 miler Superbike Race and the 200 Miler on Sunday. Possibly also in the Expert Lightweight race. That is a very busy race schedule if you ask me all on Dukes.

This schedule should be of interest to Duc owners.

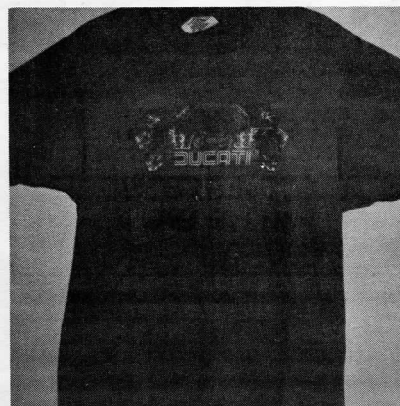
Wed Mar. 4 : Amateur Road Races 12 noon. Afterwards Vintage Race, bikes 1965 and earlier. Vintage show after race.

Thurs. Mar 5: Expert, Novice, Practice.

Friday Mar 6: Novice race 12 noon. Battle of Twins 1:pm (50mi) 2:30 Superbike 100 miler.

Sat. Mar. 7: 10 AM Expert 100 mile Lightweight. *New 500cc 4-stroke singles can go against 250 2-stroke twins.

Sun. Mar 8: 200 Miler, show starts at 12, race at 1 PM. Get there by 7AM for a good spot to see the race. Have fun ya'll.



TIGER T-SHIRTS

We now have a new Club T-Shirt and it's the Tiger Shirt. It comes on a bright-orange shirt with white/blue/yellow high quality oil screen paint. Shirt is 50/50 material of high quality and printed on front side. The center of the two tiger heads has a drawing of a Darmah SS. This shirt is a real knock out. Great gift idea. \$6.95 * \$1.25 shipping and handling, (overseas shipping is \$2.50 for air mail postal money orders in U.S.A. funds only.) Sizes SM. MED. Lg. XLg.