

LETTERS

DUCATI FAIRING AVAILABLE THRU BERLINER

There is a smole colored fairing for the 500 Desmo Sport that is now available thru Berliner Motors Railroad St. and Plant Rd. Hasbrouck Heights, NJ 07604. I received one recently and it is very nice. Part number for this unit is #0823-88-050.

Ted Wiegel, 435 Keeney Dr., St. Charles, MO 63301

LONE STAR CYCLE MOTIVE TO RECEIVE NEW PANTAHS

"The Pantahs are coming", we hope to have them on the floor in our Moto Guzzi/Ducati shop within a few months (this letter Nov/6/80) As far as we know they are ready to be shipped or are shipped to the USA by now. I'm really excited to uncrate one of these, as you can imagine.

We, Lone Star Cycle Motive, sponsor a novice rider here in Texas on a stock 900 Super Sport (just 40s and Conti's), and the Duc with Max Brown on it finished 4th overall (1st Novice) in the open production class at Texas World Speedway, October 26th and other Duc's were 5th and 6th. In the Open Cafe, a superfast Duc (from Houston's shop Sam Salvage) finished 2nd and our Duc as 8th (again 1st Novice), they really made a Ducati-show, in total there 5 big Duc's Competing.

Frans de Weers, (service manger for Lone Star Cycle Motive and owner of Arlette M/C parts and acc. to makes things clear. 10418 Broken Shoe Trail, Austin, Texas 78750

LETS FIGHT THE EPA

I know everyone will be wondering what a letter about two-strokes is doing in a Newsletter about Ducatis but when my roommate (Sheldon Braffman 500 GTL owner) told me you were interested in anything pertaining to motorcycles I couldn't resist.

You see I have this beef with the E.P.A. (The Environmental Protection Agency). For some reason they have taken it upon themselves to prevent me and others like myself from enjoying our favorite sport....riding and owning two-stroke motorcycles. At very least they are preventing us from buying new ones. Yamaha is currently marketing an LC250/350 liquid cooled, TZ type Monoshock two-stroke which the EPA is dead set against Americans owning.

Why?

As a faithful user of Dura-Lube (a completely biodegradeable two-stroke oil) I find the EPA's logic most disconcerting when I pull up behind one of those new diesel Caddillacs or Olds. I don't know.

I urge all members of DIOC and owners of all brands of motorcycles to support the return of two-stroke motorcycles to this country before our buracracy gets some silly notion that they don't want 4/stroke motorcycles polluting our streets either. Thank you for your continued support of motorcycling despite what we ride.

Please sent any comments you might have for the EPA to me at this address. John E Keeney, Apt. 310 F, N. Chapelgate Ln., Baltimore, MD 21229 WERA # 764.

WOULD LIKE TO EXCHANGE INFO WITH MEMBERS IN THE USA

I have recently become aware of the existance of your club and wish to apply for membership. My main aim is to correspond with informed Ducati racers.

In Australia we have a class of racing very similar to your Superbike Class. At present I am heavily

involved in this type of racing, campaigning a 1970cc Desmo, an 860cc Desmo and a 750cc Desmo. The 970cc motor is test-bed for all non-standard modifications and incorporates many locally made parts. This is necessary and not because of poor parts availability but due to substandard quality components when put under racing stresses.

Ducatis in Australia are regarded as sports tourers and very few are raced competitively. This is a theory that I am eager to refute. We also have two NCR Ducatis that make irregular forays onto the race track. Unfortunately we are faced with a huge horsepower disadvantage when compared to the Kawasakis, Hondas, and Suzukis, a disadvantage that is proving very costy to overcome.

As I said I am most interested in corresponding with fellow racers to exchange information, ideas, and experiences.

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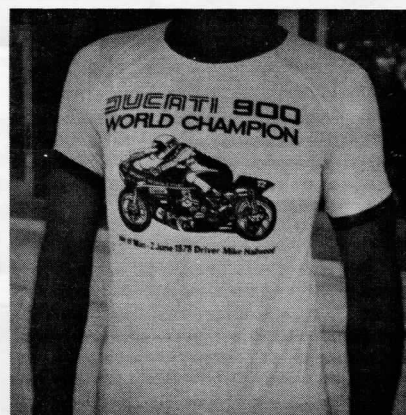
FROM A MEMBER IN ITALY

I have enjoyed the newsletters over the past year. Down here in Souther Italy there are more Japanese bikes (750 to 1000cc) on the roads than Italian bikes. But when a 750 Ducati comes through town all the Italian men stop and look to see whats making the deep throaty sound that only a Ducati can make. I've been stationed here in the Air Force for three years and I've probably seen only two or three 750 or larger Ducatis in the local area. I have seen several in Brindisi waiting to get on the ferry to Corfu, Greece. As usual all the bikers are wearing full leathers.

Having owned a 750 GTS Ducati and enjoying it tremendously I will never buy a Japanese bike again. I would rather walk. The Ducati has made an everlasting impression on me. I'm sure if 10 Jap bike owners ever took a ride on a Ducati at least 9 would probably want to own one.

The parts over here are quite expensive. A pair of Conti mufflers cost \$140, a side cover \$40 and a stock rear rim \$120! This country is taxed on everything, even on a radio in a car.

Keep up the great newsletter and ciao (chow) for now. Joe Houschild.



ISLE OF MAN T-SHIRT

This beautiful shirt was created to commemorate Mike Hailwoods tremendous comeback win on the fabulous Ducati racer. The shirt is on white 50/50 material, with red collar and sleeves. Printed on both sides in green, red and black. The drawing is very detailed. An absolutely beautiful shirt. \$6.95 plus \$1.25 shpg. Overseas shipping is \$2.50 for Air Mail service.