

DIOC NEWS

by Joel Eliel, Director

Anwat Sadat is assassinated, the Third World Nations wait and hope for help from the First World Nations to throw them a few crumbs, I purchase a new TV and my Moto Guzzi Falcone develops strange electrical problems after sitting with a Ducati 750 GT. Good evening folks this is DIOC News Update. I'm Joel Eliel and your're not. These are the top stories that we are following with this issue: Powerhouse Products gets blasted by irrate customer, Syd's Cycles win at the October Battle of the Twins race, and the DIOC gets a honest to goodness full-time secretary. Yeah! Her name is Betty Appleton and she has been helping me with the club work for quite some time now. With her help I have been able to implement some new ideas that I've had in back of my head and have not quite had a chance to put into action. Her services have been invaluable to me and she has taken a huge load of the work off of me and has left me free to work on the Newsletter, practice my new Gibson Les Paul, 20th anniversary edition guitar, given me time to sip Myers Rum with OJ and lime while I listen to Leon Redbone. No, I'm only kidding. Her work with the club and her dedication to club is such that I have given her the rank of "Club Coordinator" whatever that means. OK? Enough of this non-sense and on with the show.

Welcome Australia

Our membership in Australia has grown so much that I just wanted to take this opportunity to thank all you great folks for your support of the club. We are very pleased to have you Ducati freaks along and hope we can continue to bring to you enough good Ducati info to keep you coming back for more. Yeah, Ok.

POWERHOUSE PRODUCTS

Bob Braverman, owner of Powerhouse Products has been advertising in our publication for quite some time now and the revenues from this company's ad has helped to cover the costs of running this club. The club sees an obligation to provide advertising space we make available for purchase, but the fact that we advertise the products of any one firm does not constitute an endorsement of that company.

I have received 8 letters of complaints against Powerhouse Products. Powerhouse does a large volume of business with DIOC members. In that volume there are many people that are satisfied with what they got. I've never gotten any letters from PP customers telling me that they were pleased with Bob Braverman and P.P. This does not mean that PP does not have customers that are satisfied. We just have not heard from them. We have heard from those that have something to complain about.

The reason for all this is to ask you folks to use due care when dealing with any advertiser or companys in this magazine, or any publication advertising mail order goods.

KENNY'S IN JAPAN RIPS THE CLUB OFF

After several years of dealing with Mr. Kenny Murakami of Tokyo Japan the club regrets to announce that Mr. Murakami has ripped the club off for over \$700 in goods sent to him on terms. I chose to deal with Mr. Murakami on the assumption that the majority of Japanese people are honorable and trustworthy. I have been mistaken. After repeated calls and letters Mr. Murakami has chosen to ignore us, without as much as an explanation. We have chosen to expel Mr. Murakami from our club.

PRICES CONTINUE TO CLIMB

Whenever you order any parts from the DIOC please check the prices with a current issue. Due to the inflationary spiral we have had to change prices on many items. We receive orders from people who have old issues and have had to return the orders due to insufficient funds to cover the purchase. So please try and use a current issue when you order stuff. We have resumed the practice of listing the two months the Newsletter covers so you have an idea of how current each issue is.

STREET RIDERS GET READY!

B TO V III IS COMING!

CYCLE NEWS proudly announces the third annual Barstow to Vegas Motorcycle Road Ride and Poker Run. This year's classic is, as always, open to all motorcyclists and will run on Saturday, November 28, 1981. Registration will open at 8 am Saturday

adjacent to Barstow, California, near the Harvard Road exit on I-15 heading east toward Las Vegas.

This year riders may pre-enter by calling CYCLE NEWS at (213) 427-7433 for an entry form or by filling out an entry form which will be running soon in CYCLE NEWS.

There will be a \$5.00 donation requested at sign up with all the profits going to the Phantom Duck of the Desert Legal Fund and the AMA legislative fund. The best poker hand will win \$150.00, 2nd wins \$100.00 and 3rd wins \$50.00. Plus, there will be a lot of merchandise drawings and special awards. Each participant will receive a handsome, three color polished metal commemorative event pin.

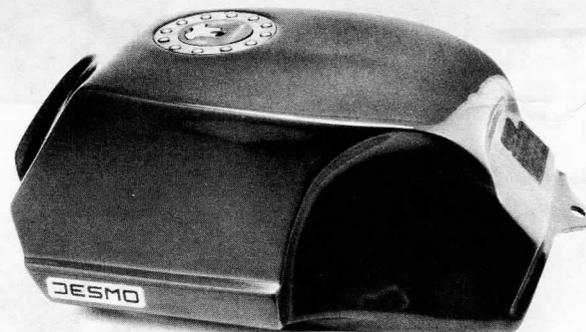
An AMA Sanction is being applied for and the CYCLE NEWS Staff will be assisted by the world renowned Victor McLaughlen Motor Corp. of Southern California and the Silver City Scramblers Motorcycle Club of Las Vegas, Nevada in all phases of the event.

Watch CYCLE NEWS for more details of this exciting event or contact CYCLE NEWS at P.O. Box 498, Long Beach, CA 90801, (213) 427-7433 for further information and/or registration package.

PARTING IS SUCH SWEET SORROW

Well, I'm finished with this issue. Except for page 12 which I've got to finish for one reason or another and a good movie is coming on. I know I say this a lot and it's just that I mean it a lot. Thank you to all the guys that wrote stuff for this issue and who sent the photos that are in this issue and the material that we have for the next one and to the guys that write and tell me what a great job I am doing (insert big grin on me, right about here) cause I just love it to death. I want to thank my dear friend Betty Appleton for her great help and that I am so glad she is helping us out. And I would like to thank Syd and his Battle of the Twin Magazine friends for the promotion of our club in that magazine which gives an up to date information as to what is going on in this racing class. Write Syds Cycles, see ad somewhere else in this issue. OK? Bye everybody! I'm outta room. Except for this small part here which I'll bring here.

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