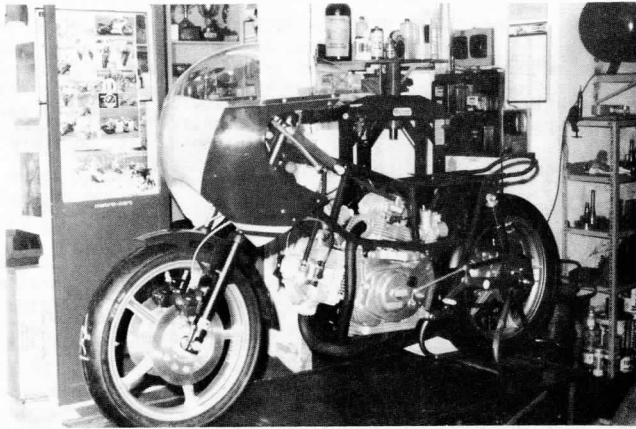


# LETTERS

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## STEWIE WAS SCREAMING...

Dear Joel: I just returned from the Isle of Man and the 1st Vintage Race Bike meet of Italy. My friend Perrone loaned me a Mondial to run and the whole affair was unbelievable. Super bikes, people, track, and the largest banquet dinner I have ever seen. Many ex-champions including Franco Farne and Bill Lomas.

Stopped by Ducati and toured the plant. 600 Pantah is stunning. Quite a few Hailwoods being made in spite of D.O.T. verdict here. Finally found N.C.R. (it's a bit less hidden than a missile site) and was shown some very pricey race bits. i.e. gas/oil shocks for \$800! Pantah in photo has 600cc kit, special discs, exhaust system, etc.

Brought home a special full fairing with a street top on a racing bottom. A friend in Rome used his sources and the darned thing had it's own seat on the plane. Stewie was screaming something about against FAA rules, which is all they ever do. If all the rules they shout about were true, the book would be 50 volumes.

I have started a deal with a friend in Italy which may result in my owning his 902cc NCR Ducati Super Sport. By the way, my original ride was to be a 250 Ducati. It was taken to the track and then refused to start. I think it's explained as "electrica no buono."

One of the members was super kind and made me a form 3 seat from his. Now the bike is finally done.

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## THE SPORT IS MY BABY NOW

Dear Joel, I have been putting this off for way too long. Please don't let me miss any more issues of the newsletter. I have collected all the back issues from friends and have avidly read them all - then turned other friends on to the club and newsletter.

Of course, the sport is my baby now - my first love but I bought an 860GT before the Sport (not liking it as well) because it was available and cheap (relatively). Let me tell you, I really grew to love that motorcycle. It's heaviness and less responsive steering gave it a sort of stability that the Sport doesn't have. It was a perfect sport-touring bike and I chose it over the Sport for several 1500 mile trips through the Sierras last summer. I'm real sorry I don't have that 860 anymore but the one consolation is that it is still in the family. A friend and D.I.O.C. member, Steve Silverman of Tucson, AZ, has it now. I even grew to appreciate the zoomy squared off cases; of course, nothing is as beautiful as a 750 motor. I'm so happy the Japs are blowing it so badly with all their new models. It just makes Ducati stand out all the more with it's sleek, classic lines. Only the Italians can capture the essence of motorcycling so well.

I have an interesting body of facts and experiences with Ducatis built up which I will share in a future letter. Thanks.

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## A DUCATI WITHOUT CONTIS IS LIKE A DAY WITHOUT SUNSHINE!

Whew! Finally received my Conti mufflers. Put 'em on - post haste! Had to cut 5/16" off each lead pipe in order to catch the bolts at the passenger pegs. Just wouldn't cram in enough and I didn't want to stress the head nuts and threads of the pipe collars.

Ya Hoo! A Ducati without Contis is like a day without sunshine! Had to raise my needles and I have jets ordered. May have to change slides also, as it has a low throttle stumble. Runs out of gas at the top. Stock 122 jets are too thin for it. The mufflers really are neat! Heavenly sound and add balls over the clamshells. At least it seems that way.

My son recently picked up a '73 750GT. Really nice bike. A little lighter than the 900GTS. Nimble and nice! We had to go immediately w/K-marts and Mallories. Now at least it has 2 cyls. He came home from Laconia on 1 cyl due to a loose and dirty condenser fit in the housing and one pr. points singed themselves out of business. We fixed it pronto!

This is why I was pissed about the stacks. His scoot had 'em and I only had a receipt!

I have read all the D.I.O.C. Newsletters a dozen times and have sopped up a lot of invaluable info. Please keep up the good work, we appreciate it - really.

I don't know how your relationship is with Berliner, but they impress me little. I think they are interested in business as usual and not much else. I write a letter to them and ask a question - they refer me back to the Dealers that couldn't answer me in the first place - slick! Too bad such a nice brand got stuck with a bunch of 9 to 5 klunks. I'll bet a couple of little slant eyes could get you better satisfaction and move out more Ducks than they float out in a year's time. Really! Hang in there.

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# ROAD RACING TEAM

NCR ROAD RACING T-SHIRT

A limited amount of these shirts have been commissioned for overseas shipments. We have them for sale through the club for a limited time only. Shirt is Hanes white with red ringers, red, navy blue and sky blue colors used. It is a beautiful shirt that stands out of the crowd of mediocre shirts you see for other brands. Price is \$6.95 plus \$1.25 shpg and handling, Canada add 20% overseas shipping is \$3.10 air mail.