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PANTAH "ON THE ROCKS"

A Ducati Pantah ice-racer is the latest thing these days, so all you Ducati lovers up north with that long cold winter there is no reason anymore to stay inside. No kidding, Alfa Romeo and Ducati are organizing a series of ice-racers with cars (Alfa-Sud) and motorcycles (Pantah). These ice-racers are not just run on an oval track but left-hand and right-hand turns are part of the course. Nice features on the bikes: No brakes front or rear, 190 spikes in the front tire and 235 in the rear, suspension is next to nothing and no instruments of course. Every attempt has been made to minimize the weight. The Racers are only being tried in Italy. Back on hard surface again, we would like to report that Ducati is going to be supplying some new Pantahs in touring trim. We don't have a photo for you, but as soon as we get one we'll pass it along. The touring Pantah will have a small streamlined fork-mounted fairing and factory equipped saddlebags. Our thanks to Frans-DeWeers for this info, Fran operates ARLETTE in Austin, TX. Ed.