

was made following the 1982 Daytona Motorcycle Classic at Daytona International Speedway. In the featured Daytona 200 for Formula One machines, a TZ 750 Yamaha two-stroke piloted by Graeme Crosby of New Zealand was victorious but that win was secured only because Team Honda riders Freddie Spencer and Mike Baldwin made unscheduled pit stops on their four-stroke machines. Throughout practice qualifying for the Daytona 200 itself, restricted 750cc two-stroke machines were consistently slower than the bit four-stroke machines, and also slower than the unrestricted 500cc grand prix machines.

"Removing the restrictor requirement from the 750cc two-stroke should serve to equalize competition in the Formula One class," noted AMA Professional Racing Director Mike DiPrete. "It was only a matter of time before technology enabled four-stroke machines of 1,025cc to be faster than restricted 750cc two-strokes. Rescinding the restrictor rule will allow two-stroke riders to gain additional power and remain competitive."

DiPrete said the AMA will monitor Formula One racing throughout the balance of the 1982 season, but indicated that no additional restructuring is planned for the Formula One class at this time. The next AMA Winston Pro Series road race National will be held on May 21-23 at Road America in Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin.

**FIRST CLASS SHIPPING THE DIOC NEWSLETTER**

In order to keep down the price of our Newsletter and our membership we ship our Newsletter by Bulk Mail. However this is usually slow mail, and it does not get forwarded should you move and change your address.

If you wish to have your DIOC mailed regularly by FIRST CLASS AIR MAIL the cost will be \$2.50 additional per subscription.

**U.S.A., CANADIAN DUES GO UP**

Dues for the USA are now \$13 and \$17.75 for Canada when Canadian dollars are used or \$14.80 when US dollars are used. Overseas rates remain the same since the postal rates for Air Mail small packages, printed matter, went down due to a new rate structure.

Someone asked me how we arrived at our Canadian rates. Here is an explanation.

Basic membership is now	\$12.40	from here we add postage
First Class postage	2.40	for six issues
Add Canadian dollar	14.80	
Discount 20%	2.96	
	\$17.76	

Our bank credits our account 79 cents for every Canadian dollar we deposit. In reality we are still taking a 1% loss. This discount is as of May/1982.

We have been busting our butts to keep the cost of running this club down and to offset the increase in membership we have lowered the prices of seven items in our DIOC store. We are also offering better discounts in our parts sales. We are also putting out a better newsletter too.

We don't like to increase our prices but our cost of running this club have been steadily climbing since a year and several months ago when we increased our rates. The cost of patches, decals, printing the DIOC, printing our forms, office equipment, IBM parts, service and accessories, postal rate increases (1 newsletter first class used to cost us 20¢ it is now 37¢, almost double). As a result of my job requirements I have had to hire help to run the club also. Hell, I'd need a whole page to continue this discussion but you all know what I'm talking about.

**FRENCH DUCATI CLUB TO HOLD RACES**

The Ducati Club de France, Section Sud-Quest will sponsor a racing program at the "CIRCUIT PAUL-ARMAGNAC, NOGARO." The event will take place August 15 & 16, Saturday & Sunday.

And to quote from the letter we received: "At the same time are "Fetes de Nogaro": Special festivity of this country everywhere in the town (with "Landaises" cows for example). Attending you with pleasure.

Now, I can safely recommend the racing activities but the festivity with the "Landaises" cows. . . Well, I think I will reserve comments on this event until I have had sufficient time to investigate what Landaises cows are in the first place. I don't want anyone to go there and come back accusing me of having handed anyone a bunch of bullshit.

We hope our French DIOC members attend and send us back a nice report with pictures and all. Are you listening Didier? And please don't forget about the cows.

**DUCATI GET TOGETHER IN KNOXVILLE FOR AMA 1/2 MILE NATIONAL**

I talked to Eugene Hise and he told me about your generous offer of free membership in return for coordinating local (i.e. regional) DIOC activities. Thank you. I'd be glad to help out all I can but I want to be a paid-up member too. Enclosed is a check of \$12.50 to cover my membership.

As Gene mentioned it would be nice to have a DIOC get-together at the AMA 1/2 Mile National here in Knoxville (Merryville actually). I know it is late but if we could get the word out and have a Ducati Corral at the track, we could take it from there. The race is on Sat. June 26 - probably at night, I am not quite sure though.

I think we are ideally located for a rally here. The mountain roads are great fun. There are plenty of tourist accommodations (after the World's Fair) and Knoxville is located in the geographic center of the Eastern U.S. The Norton Owners Club, had a very successful rally here last fall.

I would be happy to help make the necessary arrangements at this end. Just have the folks who want to come down drop me a card or letter.

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**CLUB CHAPTERS**

We are looking for people to initiate club chapters in areas where they live. More and more people are finding a need to associate with other riders who share the same interests they do. The chapters will not be formal unless that particular chapter wishes to be so. We just want some people to make their homes, or shops available for weekend rides, a monthly dinner out somewhere or getting together at a local pub for a few beers and some bench racing.

All we need is for people who are interested in forming these small groups to let us know when they plan on having meets or to give us a phone number or address and let the folks get in contact with you to find out when you have a ride or meet planned. Like I said it is all very easy and very simple. Once a few meets get started then each group can develop the chapter to suit their needs. They can even sponsor rallies in their area, or Italian Bike meets, or organize rides to racing events, etc.

I am drawing up plans and guidelines for area chapters, if you are interested and want more info, drop me a postcard or letter addressed to the DIOC c/o CLUB CHAPTERS and we'll see that it gets immediate attention. The other clubs enjoy the fun of club chapters and it is about time we started doing the same I would like to be able to introduce several chapters by