

FEATURES

EDITORS NOTES

This is the first in a series of FEATURES in which we will feature the collection of Ducatis that our members have. With the cooperation of all those folks that have a collection of Dukes we hope to make this an interesting series.

If you have several Ducatis that you believe will be of interest to other members then you are welcome to participate. At this time we are in need of a participant for issue #33. You need not have a photo of each machine and the write up does not have to be typed or be a literary masterpiece. Anything over three machines is considered a collection to us. Ed.

STEFAN THE DUCATI COLLECTOR

First of all I would like to send everyone in the club greetings from Austria. I am indeed very honored to be chosen for this article. I would also like to thank Joel for his nice letter to me. I have sent a collection of photos for the club's photo collection. Some of the photos will appear in this piece.

My name is Stefan Hobisch I am 26, married, have one son who is now five and soon to be Ducati enthusiast. He loves to ride bikes. I am an architect. I live in a town called Klagenfurt.

My motorcycle riding experience expands sixteen years. I have never owned anything but Ducatis. My first one was a 350 Desmo which I bought from my good friend Richard Kasan who happens to be the Ducati Motorcycle Representative in Austria. I still own this machine.

From that first 350 Desmo I have been collecting Ducatis and from the way things look so far I think that I will be doing this for some time to come. Even though my collection is quite large I have plans of acquiring more Dukes and enlarging it even further.

When it comes to servicing my Ducatis I do all the work myself except of painting and chrome plating. Since I don't have the facilities to do this kind of work I prefer to leave it to people who do it professionally. Out of my nine bikes seven are painted all red. This I believe is a true Ducati color. My leathers, helmet and riding boots are red/black and white. My motorcycles attract a lot of attention wherever I park. I keep them in the cleanest condition possible. Wherever I park they glimmer and shine.



In this line-up you will see my entire collection of bikes. The #3 and #4 Ducatis from the left are two of my most recent acquisitions. One is a 125 Sport of 1959 vintage and the other is a 200 Elite also from 1959. These are the only Ducatis of this type in all of Austria. I bought them in Bologna, Italy when I was there recently. I have not begun restoration work on either one of these machines yet.



This is me and my Ducati 350 Corsa. This by far my favorite Ducati. I have many enjoyable moments playing Racer on this fast and agile machine. Now I ride it only on special occasions such as motorcycle rallies or antique shows. This little bike is a classic racer in every sense of the word. I have performed most of the work which includes the addition of a huge 36mm Dellorto PHF carb with velocity stack, additional oil lines connected to a cooler up front under the fairing, a 30mm Ceriani magnesium drum brake. I obtained a special camshaft from the Ducati racing dept. and let me tell you this bike will really fly down the road; it only weighs 110 kg. I have cut and drilled many parts to save weight. This procedure makes the handling pin-point accurate. The bark from the megaphone alerts the countryside that I am coming.

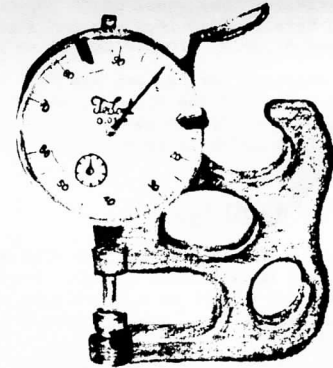
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