

# DIOC NEWS

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Hi folks welcome to the DIOC, #33. This is our Competition/Rally issue and I am your host for this tour of things Ducati. We are already running a little late, so lets not waste anymore time and get started with this issue. Oh before I forget - for all you folks that have inquired about 40mm Dellortos, we now have factory kits: 2 40MM Pumpers, 2 Velocity stacs, 2 in. manifolds, 2 gaskets, 4 allen bolts all for just \$250.00 plus \$5 shpg (USA). Two into one NCR pipes, Black, \$335 plus \$8 shpg. (USA). Sorry to squeeze this here but I ran out of room elsewhere and this was a late breaking story.

You guys in California are not going to like this. The 1983 West Coast Ducati Rally has run into a huge snag. The proposed site has been booked solid for the entire year and the fellows who were going to organize it have had to back out due to business commitments that are beyond their control. I cannot organize it. The club needs a group of people to organize a Rally Committee in order to coordinate plans and execute the plan adopted. At his moment, I have received an appointment to...are you guys ready for this?...our beloved Postal Service. Uncle Joel is now a mailman. I hope that Dave Clifford and Curt Relick from the San Jose area DIOC Chapter can get enough people to donate some of their time to pull this off! Now I am going to be really disappointed if there is no Rally in California this coming year. A lot of you guys out there have been with the club for over six years and I think it's time some of you took a few hours of your time and did something for the club. I don't just want to drop this on anybodies lap, but time is running out and I can't wait two more months to get people to contact an individual who will read this and volunteer to coordinate the Rally, so I'll have to ask you to drop Dave Clifford, see DIOC STAFF if you wish to help out. A lot of people in this club have been to other club rallies, I want you guys to send me or Dave suggestions as to what you would like to see at a Ducati Rally. What I would like to see happen is to have a Rally Committee. This would be a person or a Chapter, that would be in charge of putting together one of these things every year. Well, I don't want to harp on this anymore. I WANT MORE OF YOU CLUB MEMBERS TO GET INVOLVED!

Now, for the East Coast Rally in 1983 Continental Cycles in Marietta, Georgia (see DIOC STAFF) is hosting this Rally in that area. The date of this Rally will be around the first weekend in Sept. (3, 4, 5.). Now we have a whole year to make plans for this.

MIAMI, FT. LAUDERDALE AREA CHAPTER will hold it's first meeting November 7th at my house. There will be refreshments served and maybe a little group ride, time will be 7 pm at 1717 SW 11th Ct. Ft. Laud. I-95 to Davie Blvd., then two blocks east and one block north, look for the yellow/tan Ford pickup in the driveway.

## SINGLES ROLL AGAIN IN BARCELONA

Ducati singles are rolling from the Mototrans production lines in Barcelona. The factory has unveiled a new 250 Strada in touring trim which, like the 350 Vento and top-of-the-range 350 Forza, has 12 Volt electrics and disc brakes front and rear.

The new Strada has Akront "Comstar" type wheels, electronic ignition, indicators and the motor is fed by an Amal 627 carb, 8.5:1 compression ration giving the bike a claimed top speed of 85 mph. (Give the little sucker to Syd's and he'll squeeze 115 mph out of it! Ed)

## Unique

It costs about 1,100 Pounds (\$1914 USA dollars) in Spain which is about \$240 bucks cheaper than the Yamaha SR 250 sold in that country.

This year's sporting 350 Vento has larger diameter valves for better top end breathing and a revised lubrication system. The 340cc engine has a 10:1 compression ratio and has a 32mm Dellorto carburetor in place of the 30mm Dellorto or Amal previously fitted.

The Vento costs about \$2300 and has a claimed top speed of 105 mph.

The 350 Forza is unique in the range of Spanish made Ducati singles as it has an electric starter grafted on the left hand side of the motor like that of the Italian 860 GT. Unlike the Vento, the Forza has a single disc on the right hand fork leg. Top speed is about 90 mph and it costs about \$120 more than the Vento.

Mototrans has the distinction of producing the largest capacity bike in Spain, the 500 Desmo. The parallel twin, at less than \$3,400, undercuts the asking price of the imported Ducati Pantah by \$1914.

(We've contacted Mototrans and have requested information on their entire Ducati line so as soon as we get it we will be running an depth look into all their goodies. Ed)

If you wanna call them up and say: Hey compadres me gustaria obtener informacion en su linea completa de Ducatis. Yo soy un Gringo and yo soy un miembro de el Ducati Int'l. Owners Club. Muchas grassy ass. Here's the number, the code is 011-34-3 then 209-4737. From Ft. Laud. the cost for first three minutes is \$2.37 then 1.37 each add. minute.

## CHAPTER KIT PROSPECTS: ATTENTION!

If you have received a CHAPTER FORMATION KIT please drop us a line so that we can list your name and address in the DIOC STAFF column each issue. This is a great way of getting your chapter started. Fall and Winter recruiting and ground work is essential so you can be ready for the riding season.

For you folks who own shops and wish to make your shop a meeting place for DIOC members, please let me know and I'll list you as a Ducati Stop. You must be able to hold at least one ride or get together every two months to be listed as a Stop. If you wish to be listed as an area Chapter and have your listing run on a permanent basis let us know.

If you've never had a chance to get together with a bunch of guys who ride the same kind of bike you do and share the same enthusiasm for European bikes you owe it to yourself to start, help start, or join a chapter. It's great fun!

## DAYTONA SPEEDWEEK 1983

Yeah, yeah, yeah, I know it's still early and March is months away, but if you are like me (and God help you if you are, cause I'm not a well man) you'll put it off and before you know it it's Daytona. Take a few days off and enjoy the sun, fun and great racing.

March 6 - 13 Short Track Racing at Memorial Stadium every night.

## At "The World Center of Racing"

March 9 - FUN DAY with Amateur Road Racing, Moto-X, Vintage Racing, Trials, ATV Racing

March 10 - Alligator Enduro & Pro Qualifying

March 11 - Battle of the Twins, Formula II Consi and Bell Superbike 100

March 12 - International Formula II 100 and Daytona Super-cross by Honda

March 13 - 42nd Annual Daytona 200 Classic

If you plan on being there you better start making reservations now. We suggest you start getting your plans in gear and start saving those bucks. See ya there. (Keep your eyes on this column for details of the DIOC Daytona Meet.

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