

DIOC NEWS

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Hi gang. Happy new year, best for the coming months etc. etc. Thanks to all those that sent me gifts and cards during the Holidays, sure gives one a good feeling inside.

Things here at DIOC have been pretty much uneventful, all systems are progressing as usual. We still need the usual support to get us through each and every month, so please don't forget our DIOC STORE. We have some new items to offer you including a very nice white sweatshirt that looks good on the ladies as well. Get your lady one and maybe she won't complain about you having a Ducati as much.

We now have the Samuelson and Hewson Indexes to help you find what has been printed in previous Ducati Newsletters. Please note that these back issues are diminishing very rapidly, especially the older issues. If you have been thinking about having a complete collection, I suggest you act soon. The prices are on the last page.

We have gotten some suggestions to change our name from the present to the DUCATI/CAGIVA INT'L OWNERS CLUB. I like the idea. We have a lot of people in the club who own Cagivas and perhaps they may feel a wee-bit left out if we don't have Cagiva mentioned in our name. I've only gotten two or three letters from members expressing their views on the subject, but I've got a feeling that a lot of you have some comments to make on the subject. Why don't you folks drop me a post card or a letter and let me know what you think of the idea.

DAYTONA 1987

Well it's that time of the year again when DIOC club members fancy turn to thoughts of getting the hell out of the cold and heading down to warm and sunny Florida to ride and raise hell during the motorcycle races. Yes, sree folks, this is the event of the year, as far as bikers are concerned. If you haven't called and reserved a flea-bag motel for yourself then, don't worry about it, you can always find a place to stay if you come down. Besides, if you have a tent to pitch you can always stay at the 'Charcoal Polo' campground.

THE ANNUAL ITALIAN BIKE MEET

also known as the DIOC Meet will be held at the same spot we held it last year. At the Daytona Beach Recreation Island Senior Recreational Center. Here are the details on how to find it if you don't already know.

OK...TAKE VOLUSIA (92) EAST TOWARDS THE BEACH TO RIDGEWOOD, MAKE A RIGHT TO ORANGE AVE, MAKE A LEFT AND YOU ARE THERE. THE ADDRESS IS: 108 ORANGE AVE. AT THE CITY ISLAND RECREATIONAL CENTER. TIME IS 6:30 PM ON.

We hope to have some machines on display, custom and new from Italy. Laverda, Morini, Guzzi, MVs, Ducs, Cagivas, Zanel'las, Gileras, Vespas...(Vespas?) yeah why not, they are Italian aren't they? Anyway, what we are trying to say is that they are all welcome to come by and share a few cold ones with us and talk about bikes. We are bike enthusiasts first of all. By the way the invitation also extends to owners of other bikes from Europe, Vincents, BMWs Triumphs, Nortons etc. etc. The whole affair is extremely informal, it's just a place to gather and chat. There is no formal club business on the agenda as a matter of fact there isn't even an agenda to speak of. So invite your friends and come on down.

SYDS CYCLE CORRAL

Syd's Cycles and entire Tunstall Racing Team will be hosting the Ducati/Cagiva Corral in the infield at Daytona Speedway. It will be located in the far west infield part of the track on the short straight between the hairpin and entrance to the banking. All

Ducati and Cagiva riders are welcome, refreshments will be available (while they last). We will all gather at this spot to view the race and cheer on the racers in Ducatis and Cagivas. Last year we had a fantastic turnout with many exotic bikes on display.

Syds will be giving away two trophies at the DIOC Meet on Friday night. One trophy will be for the best looking twin and the other for the best looking single.

DIOC STORE

The DIOC Store will be selling items at the Meet. We will have everything from club patches, pins, hats, t-shirts and back issues, parts manuals, shop manuals etc. etc.

CLUB HEADQUARTERS AT DAYTONA

At this moment we are planning on staying at the Howard Johnson Motor Lodge by I-95 and Volusia. You can call them and leave a message if you wish to inquire about something.

Italian Bike Ride

There will be an Italian Bike Ride held on March 7th, which is a Saturday. It's not being sponsored by anyone in particular, but it has become somewhat of a tradition. A ride course has been mapped and the ride will terminate with dinner at a Japanese restaurant...just kidding folks, an Italian restaurant, what else? Staging will begin at 1 PM and the ride will begin at 2. Be sure you are all gassed up...no, make that, be sure your bike is gassed up. The last two rides we have had have been great! Lots of fun and excitement, I guaranteed you. Maps will be handed out for those who want to race ahead and for those who want to travel along at a slower pace.

For further information and more details contact Ron W. Millard, 810 Wells Drive, South Daytona Beach, Fla. 32019.

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Well, that's all for now gang. I'm starting on #48 in order to have it before Daytona, so please get your ads, articles, and Newsletter contributions in as soon as possible. I hope to see many of you at Daytona. Bye.

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