

Monthly Newsletter

-Septembre 2018-



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CANBERRA DISTRICT DUCATI CLUB INC

Italian bikes in the ACT

Ultime notizie

Notification of the 2018 CDDC AGM for Oct issued

MotoGP Tipping Comp round report/results

IOM Classic TT pics

Desmo explained by bevel guru

Il Presidente



Yasou,

Well, the new website is up and running, thanks to Michael so let's get on there and have a look around and tell us what you think. I believe there are quite a few members in our club with lots of IT knowledge and your opinions would be appreciated, after all it's your website!



The weather is starting to warm up nicely and rides co coordinator Rhys has a varied list of events and rides coming up so get on to the website ,click on to events and take your pick.

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At this Monday night's meeting we will be presenting Rise Above Cancer Centre our \$5000.00 donation made up mainly with funds raised at this year's NDR in Jindabyne. It would be great to get a big roll up of members to the meeting as this is an important public relations achievement for our small club and as many members as possible should attend and get involved in this important event .

Just before I go it would be a travesty of justice if I didn't mention the wasted efforts by two of our members to head off overseas with the main reason for their trip being to get firsthand knowledge for their MotorGP tips. Sucked in Tony and Craig as even with your first hand knowledge you both slipped further behind. See you at the Kingo.

Taso

(interruttore a specchio)

<< **VP Dribble #8** >>

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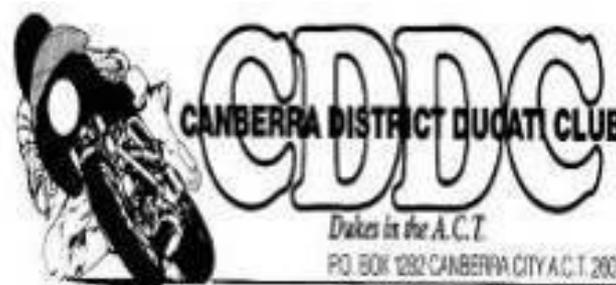


Reward

One Gazillion Peso's

for information leading to the safe return

Last seen leaving the August CDDC General Meeting on the back of a rather large grey Japanese motorcycle. Obviously, something is afoot in the Taco domicile as the plaque couldn't wait to escape his greedy grasp. After a lightning investigation it is suspected that 'fowl' play maybe afoot and it has been hinted by more than one esteemed club member that it may be connected to the great CDDC tipping scandal of 2018.



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By the way, did I mention that my bike and this trophy stole the bike display at Auto Italia this year.



Sarge

!! It's your responsibility to keep yourself up-to-date !!

Have you moved? Changed your email address? Changed your contact number? Remember, if your contact details change, it's your responsibility to advise the CDDC of your new address. Don't complain if you are a financial member & you are not getting notices or newsletters – you'll find in 101% of cases you've not notified of your change. Also, if you update your member details through your DOC portal, you also need to advise membership. If you have any problems with receiving information, please contact secretary@cddc.org

Prossimi appuntamenti
- next events -

Here is the latest calendar of CDDC events. See list after the tables for other events. For further information, please contact our Ride Co-ordinator Rhys Ban (contact details at end of Newsletter). Don't forget, on all club rides TUFU applies (turn up fuelled up). If you turn up then realise you need fuel and are gonna duck off to get fuel, then tell the ride co-ordinator/captain.

CDDC events in Septembre 2018	
Sat 8th	<p>Club ride</p> <p>Leaving Calwell Caltex, Were Street, Calwell at 9:00am. See Facebook for event or just turn up, fuelled by 9:00am. Ride is as offered by William Campbell:</p> <p>The plan is to head to Candelo for lunch! While the ride from Canberra to Cooma is boring, it does get better as you head to Nimmitabel. There are beautiful sweeping roads to be had and they continue towards Bombala. The coffee at the Bombala Bakery is supposed to be pretty decent and only an hour or so away from the next stop at Candelo via some nice winding roads spaced out with beautiful open views. Hopefully we can get enough interest and a large enough group that we can make thhills come to life with the sound of (v-twin) music. The Return ride from Candelo will come over Brown Mountain into Nimmitabel before returning home to Canberra via Cooma.</p> <p>All up, this trip is proposed to be about 450 km in length with a couple of fuel stops long the way.</p>
Mon 10th	<p>CDDC monthly meeting</p> <p>7:30pm @ the Kingston Hotel, Canberra Ave Kingston. Meeting starts @ 7:30 – eats from 6:00 for those who want to grab a meal before the meeting & still be in time for meeting start @ 7:30pm</p>

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CDDC events in Septembre 2018

Sat 22nd	<p>Club Ride - Spring by the sea</p> <p>A day trip to Sussex inlet, Meet at Majura park Maccas @ 10:00am for a day trip down to Sussex inlet for lunch. Ride leaves at 10:30.</p>
Wed 26th	<p>Club dinner debacle</p> <p>Mid-week dinner at Debacle 24 Lonsdale St, Braddon. Meet at 6:30 for dinner and drinks, Come enjoy pizza & pints in the city.</p>

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CDDC events in Ottobre 2018

Wed 3 Oct	<p>A Capital Idea</p> <p>Meet up for dinner at Capital Brewing Co in Fyshwick at 6:30. Building 3, 1 Dairy Flat Rd Fyshwick, Fire, burgers & beers, oh my!</p>
Sun 5th	<p>Club Ride</p> <p>Sunday, Funday. Meet at the McDonalds at Majura Park att 11:00am for a short ride departing at 11:30 and lunch at Gundaroo</p>
Mon 8th	<p>CDDC monthly meeting as well as the 2018 Annual General Meeting</p> <p>Now this is a meeting all CDDC members should endeavour to attend!!!</p> <p>The Kingston Hotel, Canberra Ave Kingston – Oct monthly meeting starts @ 7:30.</p> <p>The CDDC \$5,000 donation to Rise Above, being some of the proceeds of the successful NDR run by the club in March, will be presented @ the meeting.</p> <p>After the Oct monthly meeting there will be nibbles/eats to then be followed by the 2018 Annual General Meeting featuring the elction of principle committee members. See more detail on the AGM in this newsletter.</p>
Sat 13th	<p>Salute to the return of the sun after the end of winter</p> <p>Meet at the National Arboretum cafe for a coffee before a ride around the three peaks leaving at 10:30 am.</p>
Sat 27th	<p>Club ride</p> <p>Ride to Binalong motor museum. Michael Fuller is organising a day trip to the Binalong Motor Museum. Meet up from 9:00am. Meeting point TBA.</p>

Note: The event start times & venues are subject to change – make sure you confirm latest event info on the website @ <https://www.cddc.org.au/>

The CDDC provides funds for a support vehicle & recovery trailer on sanctioned club rides like the Harrierville, Khancoban runs & Bevels to the Bay run each year. See other comments re the funding of support vehicles & trailer on CDDC club rides in this newsletter.

Ride/event ideas

If you would like to lead a ride of your choice or have a suggestion for a ride, please email rides@cddc.org.au. Aside from these planned rides, I encourage everyone to start events via the club website or Facebook page for casual short rides. I also encourage everyone to let me know if you have an idea for a day, evening, or longer ride. I will be putting a system in place to ensure that I can give everyone a little something that they want. Information on this will be shared at the Club's General Meeting on Monday 13 November 2017. Let me know if you have anything else you would like me to elaborate on.

Rhys

<< Upcoming CDDC events for your diary >>

1st Saturday each month CMC ride. Meet at 10am

Annual Phil Goldacre memorial run – It's the Khancoban Run, trip is scheduled for Saturday 10 to Sunday 11. when you book, you let them know you're with CDDC. I will be using this to confirm numbers closer to the date for the Ride. If you've forgotten then phone number, it's (02) 6076 9471. The meeting point and will remain the same as usual (ie. the Caltex at Hume) as will the time, 8:00 am for an 8:30 departure.

CDDC 40th Anniversary Dinner - 1 December 2018 — see details in this newsletter

<< Ducati Owners Clubs 2018 Welcome Kits >>

Everyone would have received their membership cards in the post from Italy. We have also received a much smaller kit this year (probably due to financial constraint due to WDW18) which is only available at the September and October meetings. It includes a 2018 pin and patch and a Ducati foldable backpack. (made from polyester). So please make the time to collect if you want one.

<< NOTIFICATION OF 2018 CDDC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING >>

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE AGM OF THE CANBERRA & DISTRICT DUCATI CLUB Inc. WILL TAKE PLACE AT 8:30PM ON MONDAY 8 OCTOBER 2018 AT MADDIES MEETING ROOM, KINGSTON HOTEL, KINGSTON.

When: Monday 8 OCTOBER 2018

Where: Kingston Hotel

That special time of year again when our AGM is looming. We would like to see as many members as possible come along and support your club for the coming year. Again we will be providing some hot snacks around 8:00pm (between general and AGM), so no grumbly tummies.

Presentation of the previous year's minutes will be tabled along with the audited financial statements of the club and election of committee for 2018/2019. We have several executives not standing for positions this year. Your club needs you if we are to steadily move ahead into the future. So please consider taking on a role. The positions available for nomination are:

- President
- Vice-President
- Secretary
- Treasurer

And 3 other member positions. Please make enquiries to Pres Taso or another committee member at a meeting or email through the contact page. Nomination forms will be available at the September meeting or contact secretarycddc@gmail.com to have one emailed. The club general meeting will be held at 7:30pm normal time with a break including hot food until 8:30pm when the AGM will convene. We look forward to seeing you on the night. Returning Officer: Murray Willmott.

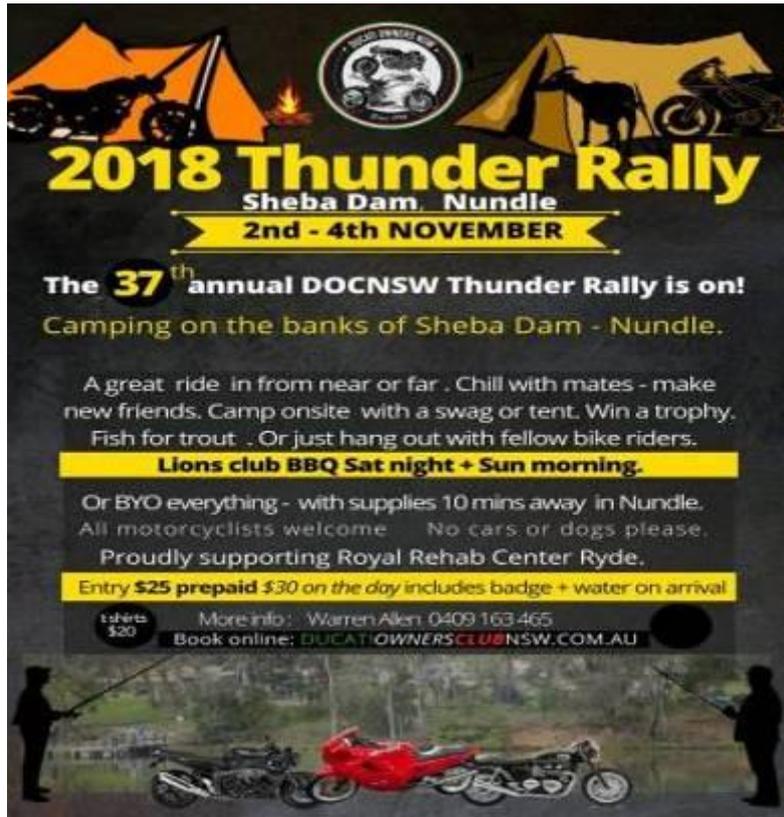
Marilyn Starick

Secretary



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2018 Thunder Rally
Sheba Dam, Nundle
2nd - 4th NOVEMBER

The **37th** annual DOCNSW Thunder Rally is on!
Camping on the banks of Sheba Dam - Nundle.

A great ride in from near or far. Chill with mates - make new friends. Camp onsite with a swag or tent. Win a trophy. Fish for trout. Or just hang out with fellow bike riders.

Lions club BBQ Sat night + Sun morning.

Or BYO everything - with supplies 10 mins away in Nundle. All motorcyclists welcome. No cars or dogs please. Proudly supporting Royal Rehab Center Ryde.

Entry **\$25 prepaid \$30 on the day** includes badge + water on arrival

More info: Warren Allen 0409 163 465
Book online: DUCATIOWNERSCLUBNSW.COM.AU

tickets \$20

The poster features a dark background with silhouettes of tents and motorcycles at the top. A central circular logo shows a motorcycle. Below the title, there's a yellow banner with the dates. The text is in white and yellow. At the bottom, there's a photo of several motorcycles parked in a field with two people fishing in the background.



DUCATI OWNERS CLUB NSW

presents the

Concours d'Elegance

Club Marconi
121 Prairie Vale Rd Bossley Park

SUN 16th SEPT
9am - 5pm

NOW with more classic Ducati categories

Ducatis classic + modern + All Italian bikes
Display your bike/s \$10 Win great trophies
Family fun + food Raffles Merchandise + Trade Stalls

2018 Celebrating 40 years since Mike Hailwoods epic Isle of Man win in 1978
Trophy for best Hailwood replica.



Full details: DUCATIOWNERSCLUBNSW.COM.AU

CLUB MARCONI
DOC kind sponsor for Royal Rehab
FRASER

The poster has a dark blue background. At the top, the Ducati Owners Club NSW logo is in red and white. The title 'Concours d'Elegance' is in large white font. Below it, 'Club Marconi' is in a smaller white font. There are two yellow circular callouts: one for the date and time, and another for 'NOW with more classic Ducati categories'. The main text describes the event, including a \$10 display fee and various activities. A photo of a classic Ducati motorcycle is shown in the lower half. At the bottom, there are logos for Club Marconi, Royal Rehab, and Fraser, along with the website URL.

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Altre Notizie

- other news -

<< **WANTED** >>

Merchandise Officer

Your club requires a Merchandise Officer!! What's that you ask! Someone who can look after our little shop which at this time mainly consists of shirts. If you are looking for a way to help your club in some way this is it. What's required?

- The ability to store a few boxes
- Good customer service skills (insert smiley emoji here)
- Skills to balance a day's trading and audit stock levels
- liaise with Treasurer and committee
- Able to attend some meetings and main events.

If you are able to help please speak to someone on committee.



<< **CDDC Discounts** >>

Canberra Motorcycle Centre

A CDDC discount has been negotiated with Canberra Motorcycle Centre for all club members. 10% discount applies to services, accessories & parts. Remember to ask for your discount as a member of CDDC and present your current membership card at point of sale. The only discount that applies at Canberra Motorcycle Centre is on spares, accessories and service. The discount is usually 10% but can vary depending on item and at the discretion of CMC. There is no discount at the Cafe.

<< **CDDC SUPPORTERS** >>

These are the businesses that support the club through donations, discounts: **Belt & Bevel, Canberra Motorcycle Centre, MotoGarage, Neweagle Signs, St John Ambulance ACT & CanPrint**. Many thanks to them and show your appreciation by patronising these businesses.

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<< Membership >>

As at 5th July 2018 the CDDC had 122 members.

<< 2018 – CDDC 40th Anniversary >>

The date for the dinner has been set for Sat 1 December 2018. A venue has also been identified as the probable location being the Canberra Park Resort corner of Federal Highway and Old Well Station Road Gungahlin 2912 - next to EPIC showgrounds. The CDDC will be providing a subsidy for the cost of the dinner to financial members.

We have set up a mailbox called 40th_anniversary@cddc.org.au and as requested by Gaye. (there is an underscore between 40th and anniversary). We will be putting out a DOC News item to members advising them of the mailbox and inviting them to send photos, articles, memories and stories of the past 40 years. Gaye will be the moderator of the mailbox. Emails landing in the Inbox will be automatically forwarded to the following 40th Anniversary sub-committee members.

- vice.president@cddc.org.au
- secretary@cddc.org.au
- events@cddc.org.au
- rides@cddc.org.au

So get those pics, memories, event ideas, things to do coming in!!!

<< CDDC 40th Anniversary T-shirts >>

The 40th anniversary t-shirts are being printed. They will be available for sale at the AGM in a wide range of sizes and two styles. We will also have t-shirts available in children sizes for Ducatisti (in training). The design chosen for the t-shirt is a homage to the 70's.



<< New batch of CDDC shirts now available >>

The CDDC has a new batch of club shirts that might take your fancy (thanks to Steve Hopper for org). They were on sale @ Auto Italia. Colour combinations are Black/Red & White/Red for men in sizes M to XXXL & Black/Red & White/Black for women in sizes 10 to 18. Limited stock and sizes so get in early. They'd make a fantastic birthday gift for your partner or girlfriend/boyfriend. A member of the Committee will even come to your place & iron it for you. Get your order in with the regalia persons – see end of newsletter.



New CDDC T Shirts in white or black. Be kool & attractive

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Wakefield Park -TRACKVEMBER 2018

CDDC and CMC present the 2018 Ride Day at Wakefield Park Raceway on Thursday 15th November

Tickets \$169.00 per rider + \$30.. M.A Licence – Available from CMC

Expressions of interest required to reserve a place NLT 15 Jul 18

Payment required to secure place NLT 15 Oct 18



CDDC-CMC Track Day

Canberra District Ducati Club and Canberra Motorcycle Centre invites you to TrackVember 2018. CMC have hired Wakefield Park for a private track day, catering to all levels of experience.

Riders: On the day we will be running four groups: Race, Fast, Fast/ Medium, Medium/ Slow. If you would like to be in the same group as a friend, please purchase tickets together at the same time. Novice riders in the Medium/ Slow group will start with a guided lap and have the opportunity to learn from our experienced track rider from Canberra Motorcycle Centre. All riders are required to wear the appropriate riding gear, as to the standards listed below

Tickets: Tickets are \$169 and can be bought in-store or over the phone. You will also need a MA Day license (unless you have a MA license) which is \$30 and available to purchase on the day. Once you have registered details and purchased your TrackVember ticket, your info pack will be emailed to you with your garage allocation.

Where: Wakefield Park is situated in Goulburn NSW, just under an hour from Canberra. Riders are asked to sign on at the circuit between 7:30am and 8:30am. Riders briefing will be conducted at 8:40am at the base of the control tower.

On the day: Our sponsors will be hosting trade displays on the day, with accessories on show. We recommend bringing along a camp/deck chair and plenty of snacks and drinks for the day. The canteen will be open.

Safety: All safety measurements will be taken and an Ambulance will be on stand-by in the case of an emergency. All motorcycles and riding gear will be scrutineered before being allowed on the track. Please ensure that your motorcycle and gear are up to the standards listed below.

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Motorcycle Requirements:

Tyres in good condition and have minimum of 2mm of tread above wear indicator including the centre of tyre. Slick tyres are allowed if weather permits. Front and rear **brakes** to operate as per standards and to have minimum thickness rotors and brake pads have minimum amount of material. **Brake lines** are secured correctly and not weep or leak fluid. **Fairings** are to be secured correctly, **Fork seals** must not show any signs of leaking or weeping fluid. **Exhaust** to be secured correctly and have no sharp edges exposed, **Throttle** must snap back to position when released. No **oil/coolant** or **fuel** leaks. Recommended that coolant is drained and replace with water with a corrosion inhibitor. All **gear racks/packs** must be removed. All **mirrors** must be removed. **Chain guard** installed as per manufacturers specification/standard

Riding Gear Requirements: Full-face **helmet** at minimum of Australian standards AS1698 or European standard and visor must be correctly secured. **Leather jacket** and **pants** that zip together securely (textile and kevlar are not allowed). Leather **motorcycle boots** that meet half way up to knee must overlap pants or under pants so that skin is completely covered - Leather **motorcycle gloves** that overlap jacket sleeves to completely cover skin. We recommended a **back protector** but is not mandatory.

Eventi passati - past events -



THE NEW CDDC WEBSITE WENT LIVE AS OF 27TH AUGUST

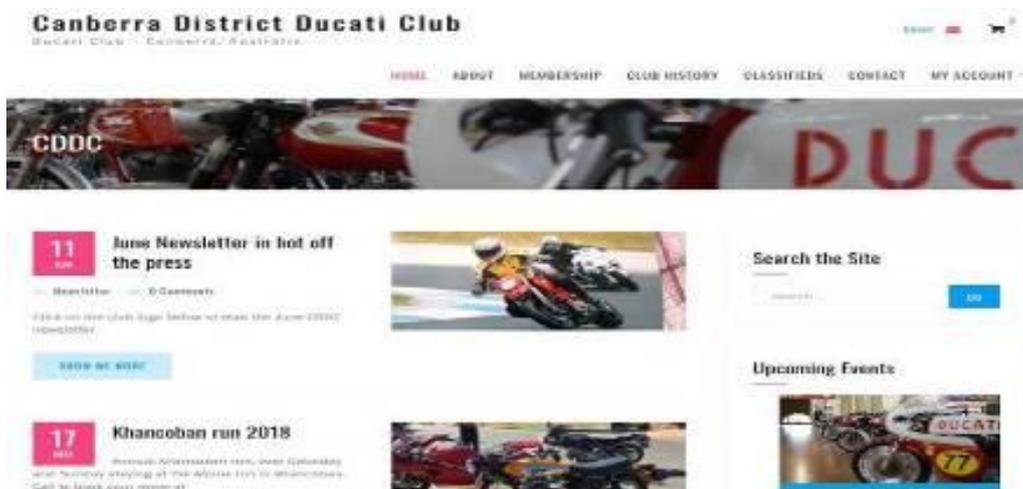


The new CDDC website is up and running as of Mon 27 August.

A lot of time has been spent getting the new Canberra District Ducati Club website going. The thinking behind the new layout was an outward facing, exciting club site that attracted new and existing members alike. The information on rides coming up, the newsletter, a club shop where membership can be renewed, regalia purchased and tickets to events and dinners are all easily accessed. The general look and feel is now set but if you want to see items changed the Committee is the place to place your improvements.

Time for you to look , play & use.

Michael Fuller



CDDC 2018 MOTOGP TIPPING COMPETITION – Rd 9 AUSTRIA



Punters, after many years of waiting, the tables were turned two weekends ago when the Italians and Spanish Blitzkrieged the countryside headlined by a fantastic Ducati First and Third with that Spanish pest wedged in between. And that wasn't all. Rossi rode an incredible race to come from 14th to finish 6th and then, who would have thought it but the Yamaha boss publicly apologised after the race for giving Rossi and Vinales such crap bikes in 2018. Rossi's response was typical - "they could fix it if they wanted to". Nice.

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And how nice was it to see Lorenzo and Marquez fanning the embers of their old rivalry to give us just a taste of what to expect next year? I can hardly wait. But the highlight of the weekend would have to be from the Moto2 where Nagashima surfed on top of his bike into the trap after an off in practice. If you haven't seen it, you most definitely need to take a look on YouTube.

The highlight in the tipping was to see Doug and Roberts slide up 3 and 4 places respectively to join Alan, Jonny L and Tommo in 9th pace in the middle of what has become a crowded chasing pack. Just one point ahead are the two Georges and the preschooler Tony Yeend holding down 6th place. But way out in front is still Taso, a lazy 11 points ahead of Craig in second place. So let's see how we all go on a newly surfaced Silverstone where Crutchlow usually does well and may do so again after resigning with his team this week.

Contender	Czech GP	Austria GP
Alan Cory	37	40
Chris Roberts	34	40
Ross Burke	41	47
Taso Samios	55	61
Doug Lawrie	35	40
Craig Evans	45	50
George Step	36	41
Tony Yeend	38	41
Ian Thompson	37	40
Jeff Piper	39	42
John Lyon	37	40
Sarge	32	35
Rod	43	46
Tim F.	24	28
George D.	38	41

**Murray
Tipmeister**



CDDC AT THE 2018 VVMCC ACT GLUHWEIN RALLY



2018 VVMCC Gluhwien Rally

Quite Sunday morning meeting at Kingston for the short ride to the Cotter, to mingle with some beautiful old beauties from the Veteran Vintage and Classic Motorcycle Club of ACT. The Ducati Super Sport was in action with 20 years between the 2 bikes, both classic being; the old and the new.

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We enjoyed the chats, the BBQ breakfast, coffee and if you were keen Ray's famous Gluhwein. It was then time to take the bikes for a cruise up past Corrin Forest (and the snow ❄️) to Corrin Dam. A few quick Ducati photos, a few good laughs and we got on our bikes and headed for home. A relaxed and well-organized day, with some sweet bikes and happy faces. Thank you to those that organised the event, and all that come to enjoy the day together as a club member. Looking forwards to seeing more members out and about with the warmer weather. Maria Schiavello-Clark



Sarge

Articoli vari *- bits & pieces -*



MORE DETAIL & PICS OF THE UPCOMING VEE TWO HAILWOOD REPLICA



There's now more detail & pics on the new Vee Two Hailwood Replica marking it being 40 years since Mike Hailwood's seminal comeback win in the TT in 1978. 12 replicas, to be made as close as possible to the historic racer, are finally to be built, each with a whopping price tag of AU\$198,000. See here:

<https://www.motorcyclenews.com/news/2018/august/mike-hailwood-ducatti-replica/>



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PICS FROM THE 2018 IOM CLASSIC TT



CDDC member Grant Fuller has a friend Sven Heimberger, Technical Advisor from the NSU Museum in Neckarsulm who sent Grant these photos from this year's Isle of Man Classic TT.



1978 NCR's, in the foreground Roger Nicholl's machine, behind the Hailwood machine.



The Vee Two limited edition Replica for sale



The Hailwood machine



McGuinness after having completed a lap of honour on the 1978 Hailwood machine



Pic from CDDC member Craig Evans who attended (with partner Jacquie) the TT Island Classic in Aug. It's John McGuinness on Hailwood's 1978 TT winning Ducati on a demo lap



DUCATI RESOURCES IN THE ACT/QUEANBEYAN/YASS AREA



So you own, or are thinking of owning a Ducati in the ACT/Queanbeyan/Yass area. What resources/support can you access if you do own a Duck or you get a Duck? Set out below is a list of the main sources of bikes, parts, servicing, advice you can call upon.

Canberra Motorcycle Centre (CMC)

<http://www.canberramcc.com.au/>

30 Ipswich St Fyshwick - 61754444

CMC is the local Ducati dealership. So for any warranty work it's the only resource. Obviously they also sell parts, official Ducati clothing as well as doing servicing. My experience is Steve in parts is really helpful.

Belt & Bevel (B&B)

<http://beltandbevel.com.au/>

Call 0408 223 069 to speak to **Michael Fuller**

B&B is the place for that hard to find part, both for new & old Ducks. B&B stocks many parts not found anywhere else. As a special exclusive for CDDC members a 10% discount can be accessed but you need to quote the discount code which is currently **CDDC18**.

Desmoharmonic

desmoharmonic@icloud.com

15/18 Whyalla St Fyshwick 0408764374

Desmoharmonic as in desmodromic is a new service studio owned and operated by **Peter Giles** who many of you may know as he has been specialising in Ducati service here in Canberra since 2001 and has over 25 years experience with Ducati working at many different dealerships including JHP Ducati Coventry UK. Desmoharmonic can cater for all your service needs on all models post warranty, a tyre service is also available. He too is offering a 10% discount on all parts to club members.



MOTOGP IN AUSTRIA – A SPECTACULAR VIEW



For almost forever the unaminously accepted most beautiful track venue on the the MotoGP circus is Phillip Island. Well, after seeing pictures my brother (and CDDC member Tony) sent me from his attendance at the Spielberg circuit in Austria on 12 August, I think PI now has a rival. Tony sent me some pics – see below for some great scenery.



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DUCATI AND HERO TO LINK UP???



The rumours abound re a link up between Ducati and established Indian bike maker Hero – see here:

<https://www.visordown.com/motorcycle-news-general-news/potential-small-bike-ducati-and-hero>



GUZZI RULE



Attached are a couple of pictures. One of my Guzzi T3 and another with me and my bike and my mate Bruce's V7. Below is a bit of a member profile/story. Hi all. I was asked my Michael Fuller if I wouldn't mind putting a few words together about myself as I recently became a member of the CDDC. I was happy to oblige so here goes.



My name is Steve Geerdink and I've been in Canberra most of my life. I first got into bikes a long time ago as having a bike gave me independence and the ability to get myself to work while still on my L's. I did an apprenticeship in Fitting and Machining at the ANU starting back in 1981. It turned out to be a short stint as I found my way into the ACT Fire Brigade in early 1984 and have been there ever since. It seems like yesterday but I'm fast approaching 35 years service. Blink and you miss it. Over the years I've had many bikes as it's definitely been a passion of mine. I had a bit of a break from ownership for a few years when my twin boys

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were born in 2001. For some reason I didn't seem to have to much "me" time any more. The good news is I've been back into bikes for a good while now. The only issue these days is that I tend to change bikes way to often (at least according to my wife Ros). I don't really know why, maybe I'm looking for that perfect bike. At the moment I have a 2008 Ducati GT1000 in black and cream which is a beautiful bike to look at and is great fun to ride. A few months ago I got hold of a 1975 Moto Guzzi 850T3 which is a lovely thing and pretty good nik. Like all Guzzis mine is also endowed with heaps of "character" but that's what makes them so special. I've started the process of rejuvenating the old girl with the plan at this stage to do it in stages so I can still enjoy riding her. Mechanically it seems to be good so I'll start with a cosmetic face lift including a new paint job. With Michal Fullers guidance I've bought a fair few replacement parts through Stein Dinse. Michaels been a great help with getting the bike on club rego and advice on parts and spares.

Apart from owning and riding motorcycles I love watching them race. I normally get down to Phillip Island each year for the MotoGP and have been fortunate enough to catch a few races while I've been on holidays overseas. I was at Mugello in '95,'97 and '99 and loved the place. In more recent years I have been to Misano and Valencia. One day I'd love to get over to there to follow the Moto GP circus for a couple of months.



I've done a couple of trips overseas with "Ferris Wheels" which is now called "World on Wheels". First trip was to the north of India about 10 years ago and the second was to Morocco about 5 years ago (I lose track of time quite easily). They were two very different experiences with the Indian trip being the more challenging and memorable. It might have had something to do with the fact that we rode some older Royal Enfield's, which I think added to the experience. I know others in the group would disagree with me on that point and would rather have been on a BMW 800GS or similar. So I like motorcycles and travelling and if I can travel on a motorcycle I get to tick both boxes. I'm looking forward to getting along to plenty of Club rides and events and catching up with the rest of the membership. My shift work involves weekends and nightshifts and when I throw in my boys football and other stuff it can be hard getting along at times. See ya out there. **Steve**



DUCATI DESMODROMICS - TECHNICAL ADVANTAGE OR

MANUFACTURER'S GIMMICK AS EXPLAINED BY THE BEVEL GURU??

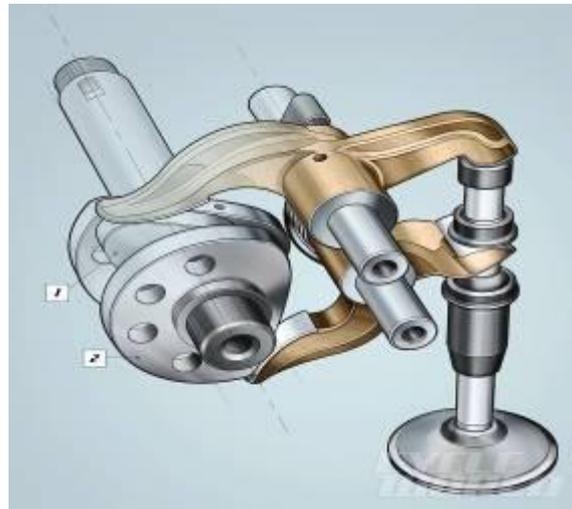


I read with interest Peter Yeend's article on desmodromic valve control in the last newsletter. Peter highlighted what we are lead to believe are advantages of the desmodromic valve control system. Since the first motorcycles of the late 1800's there has been a continual technological development and change in motorcycle design. Many changes have been great technical advances that were adopted by most manufacturers, but some have been oddball designs, gimmicks or designers simply wanting to be different

from the norm. Today for example there is not much technically different between any of the major manufactures motorcycle offerings. They basically all come in the following form:

17 inch alloy wheels, triple disc brakes, electronically controlled fuel injection, single rear shock, telescopic front forks, multiple valves per cylinder, double overhead cam, ABS, etc. All pretty much the same. Some manufacturers have had boxer engines, shaft drive, rotary engines, paralever front ends, rotary valves, and many other different features to the more common configurations. But Ducati stand out from the crowd in one area, with their desmodromic valve operation. A number of manufactures have used desmodromic valve operation in the engines, Norton, Peugeot, Toyota and Mercedes are some of the bigger names to use it. Not all used traditional styles of cams or multiple rockers as we see on the range of Ducati engines using desmodromics.

Back in the 1950's when Taglioni added desmodromic valve control to his engines there was a definite need for better valve control. Engines of the day generally only had one inlet or exhaust valve, so the diameter of the valve was large. The large diameter valves meant that the valve was quite heavy leading to extremely high inertia, this coupled with springs that broke or were of poorer quality materials than with see today meant that dropped valves were a common occurrence. The other thing that pushed Taglioni to introduce a better valve control system was the extremely high revs that the Ducati singles of the day were reaching. Back in the 1950's these early Ducati Desmo engine were winning many races for Ducati, and since then Ducati's have won races, but in 2018 how many manufacturers do we see running desmodromic valve control?



In this day and age the manufacture of a desmodromic cam and rocker system is quite easy, with CAD, CNC and all the other modern computer/machining processes in place, it poses none of the hurdles that Taglioni faced in the 50's. Today we have multiple valve engines with small diameter valves manufactured from materials that are lighter and stronger than the past. Valve spring materials of a far superior quality. Engines that commonly run between 12,000 to 16,00rpm, all without desmodromics.

In Grand Prix or Superbike racing there may be justification for Ducati to run desmodromics, but in a machine that simply commutes the owner to and from work do we really need such a complicated and expensive to service system. None of the current road going Ducati's engine speeds exceed those of what a modern valve spring is capable of dealing with. And one last important fact, all Ducati road going Desmo motorcycles do run a closing valve spring.

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TAGLIONI'S 4 VALVE DALLIANCE??

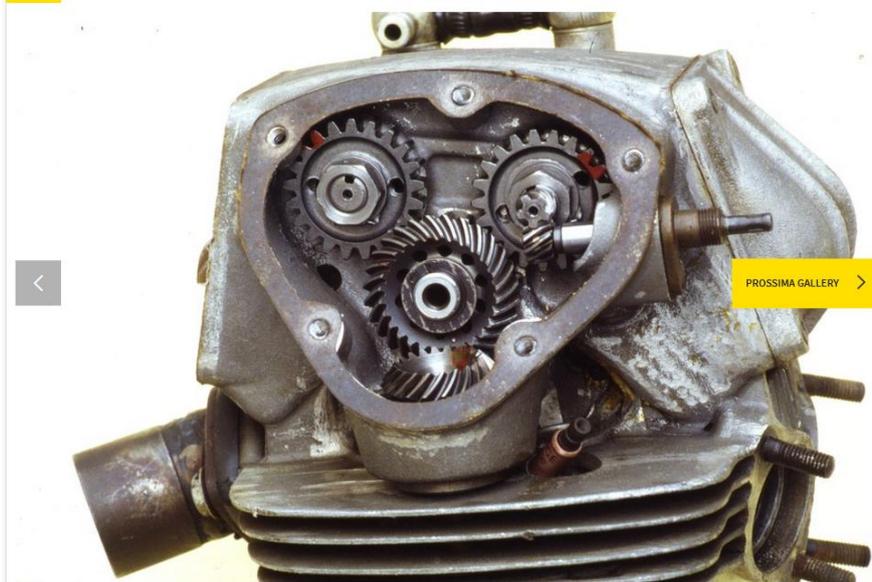


What was Fabio Taglioni thinking?? Everyone knew in the 60s/70s that the best valve combination was @ 60° and 2 big valves. 4 valve is a heresy, an unnecessary complication. The photo shows an experimental four-valve head made inside the Ducati in the early seventies with a scheme that includes two camshafts, rather close together, acting on two-arm rocker arms.



TECNICA E STORIA

Le valvole? Se serve mettiamole al contrario



La foto mostra una testa sperimentale a quattro valvole realizzata all'interno della Ducati nei primissimi anni Settanta con uno schema che prevede due alberi a camme, piuttosto ravvicinati, che agiscono su bilancieri a due bracci

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