

Monthly Newsletter

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Il Presidente:

Greetings my friends and colleagues. After an extended time in self hibernation it looks like there may be a small twinkle of light at the end of the tunnel. I am not sure of the greater populace but I have been informed to expect another eight weeks before we are back to working as normal, of course in that time we will see a gradual loosening of the restraints we are currently experiencing.

Mind you, the isolationism has not stopped your club from continuing to wave the Ducati flag. In the past four weeks we have had two local club rides put on by Mr Mel. The rest of our committee have continued with the usual admin. Mr Sexytery now has our 2020 DOC packs, Our Public Officer is happily breaking in the new BBQ and Mr \$ has got the trailer registered in the club name. Lastly of course, I have to mention the great job our editor is doing to keep us all informed.



- Keep an eye out on the website
and Facebook page for new
information relating to club
events!

<< VP Dribble #7 >>

Hi Champions

Those of you that read my last month's report will understand that, those that didn't, look it up!

It seems that we are still in a degree of lockdown so Club meetings are still not happening. But your VP had a small get together to celebrate another year (only 12 people to adhere to COVID requirements). Sorry Taso, for not getting you to make the cake but allowing the young kitchen tyrant to make it soothed the troubled waters within our household. And might I say, she did a damn fine job of it too (see pics), thanks Joey.

Hopefully you guys are all up to date with Nat and the Tiger King now and it gave you some ISO laughs.

Apparently the Club now has a new BBQ, arranged by Taso, but it has not been christened! So, it looks like a future committee meeting may need to be held at Taso's to ensure the flat top beast will suit the demanding requirements of the CDDC Latte Catering division and the head chef.

Speaking of Taso, as you may or may not know, he is the proprietor of a boutique bakery in Mitchell. And also the creator of such culinary delights as the pulled pork burgers; pumpkin soup; beef curry and rice; gourmet hot dogs and wicked Bacon and Egg Rolls as sampled at the Tumut and Apollo rallies over the last 5 years. Last week I was lucky enough to visit said establishment and found a new menu item! The Deli Burger (a short version of the New York Deli Burger). It consists of a large bread roll; coleslaw; beef burger'; Taso's special sauce; a small amount of sriracha chilli sauce and the star ingredient - homemade pastrami! Now this IS the burger to write home about, not only is it a massive feed but the pastrami melts in your mouth like chocolate with a hint of spice. I do love my burgers but I am happy to say that this is the best burger I have ever eaten. So do yourself a favour and try one. This is a serious meat eater's burger!

All that aside, I am writing this report from a hospital bed after upsetting my delicate back whilst attempting to reach out and lift my FXD trousers this morning!?!?!? Hopefully it's not too serious and I will be back at it soon. On the everything else front, there is not a great deal to report. It has been a quiet and uneventful month for yours truly but I hope the minor relaxation of the COVID regulations will allow you to get some normality back into your lives.

Apologies for the shortness of my report this month but it is what it is. Please remember, if you have anything anecdotal or of interest send it through to the CDDC Editor or a committee member for inclusion in the Newsletter.

Hope you all enjoyed doing the Mother's Day Quiz in last month's Newsletter, Joey did quite a bit of research and collation to get this together for you (Attn: Sarge).

Well that's all for this month and remember DUCATI ON DUDES!
AB the VP



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 fueled up). If you turn up then realise you need fuel and are gonna duck off to get fuel, then tell the ride coordinator.

CDDC events in June 2020	
Tues 9th	CDDC Monthly Meeting 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. CANCELLED
Sun 14th	Proposed Short Ride - Keep your ears open for news on the Facebook page & the Website
Wed 17th	Weekday Ride to Boorowa – Meet in Yass at 10am See below for more information

CDDC events in July 2020	
Mon 13th	CDDC Monthly Meeting 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. CANCELLED
TBD	Keep checking the Website and Facebook channels of communication to see if there are any changes to club activities.

Note: The event start times & venues are subject to change – make sure you confirm latest event info on the website @ <https://canberradistrictducaticlub.org.au/> The CDDC provides funds for a support vehicle & recovery trailer on sanctioned club rides like the Harrietville, 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 ridescddc@gmail.com. Aside from these planned rides, I encourage everyone to start events via the club website or Facebook page for casual short rides.

Weekday rides resuming

With restrictions on travel easing on June 1, it is an opportunity to return to holding Monthly Weekday Rides.

Social distancing requirements still apply as do restrictions at pubs, clubs and restaurants; however, this doesn't stop us from enjoying a run.

The date of the run will be Wednesday 17 June, and the starting point will be as usual Coronation Park, Yass (Where the Visitors Information Centre is located) Left hand side of main street when entering from Canberra.

Assemble at 10.00 for a 10.30 departure, for a ride to Boorowa via the Lachlan Valley Way.

Altre Notizie – other news

<<. CDDC SUPPORTERS .>>

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

!! 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 secretarycddc@gmail.com

<<. THE BOOK OF YEEND .>>

Hi All,

What a year 2020 has proven to be but the signs were there very early with the passing of long standing member and mate Peter Yeend. That was quite a shock to all of us and this isolating thing has left me with lots of time to think about this unique man and his many "Yeendyisms or "pearls of wisdom" as he called them. It would be a waste to let those pearls die with the man and as I mentioned at our last meeting I would like to put a little booklet together made up of his many sayings and also some tales about him that made him so unique and interesting. It would be about the same size as our constitution and should be carried in all members backpacks. That would really piss him off that instead of the constitution members carried the book of Yeendyisms all about him. To put this together I will need your assistance to help with content, therefore if you have any stories about him or/and remember some of his one liners please send them to me at my749r@bigpond.com the more the merrier and remember you will be contributing to really pissing him off big time. Once published it will be sold at a reasonable price with all proceeds returning to the club.

Hope to hear from you soon,
Taso



May Club Meeting

By Alan Cory

I thought I'd better write a few notes about the meeting because there didn't seem much interest in formal minutes. Also the meeting attendance book was missing.

The meeting was a bit unusual, in that having a meal and socializing a bit beforehand was limited. The pub didn't make available the separate room we usually use – not sure why but there seemed to be plenty of space in other parts of the building. It was very quiet so that's why they had decided to close the bar I suppose. Anyway it wasn't too cold outside and the security lights were good enough to light up the very small group of attendees.

Nobody rode their bikes this time which was a bit unusual although winter is always a testing time. The president didn't turn up, nor any of the committee. As the secretary hadn't bothered to turn up, there won't be any minutes. There were no apologies which is about normal for our club. Even if we all have something to apologise for.

The meeting was opened with a short discussion about the closed pub and the increasing cold and dark. Other issues were the lack of beer and wine. Other notable absences were all the members who chose to stay at home. Nobody had brought sleeping bags or even some cardboard to make the concrete a bit more comfortable.

As an amusing aside, it was the first time I can remember the club getting so much police attention when we weren't riding! There was lots of good humoured banter and trying to keep warm.

Murray didn't give his usual rundown on the progress of MotoGP Tipping, probably because he isn't doing it anymore or maybe because there isn't any racing or maybe because he wasn't there, but anyway we had a few moments to remember how intriguing it usually was. All the other reports were passed over.

The exceptionally small number of rides that occurred over the previous couple of months was noted, but on a brighter note there are now some on the calendar. The "Canberra Mountains" ride was a great day out with lunch in the park and attended by a legal number of members. The lack of rides reminded some of us how lucky we were to sneak in the ride to Harrietville. Maybe by the time it warms up things will be back to normal.

Naturally the editor politely asked for a show of hands of who had read the newsletter. And the pretty poor response was, as usual, nothing to do with the quality of the publication. It could have been due to the number of members there. I suspect all the members who didn't attend were craving the entertainment and stimulation gained from their best CDDC contact.

The only extraordinary business was the obvious but understated impact the club has had on the virus in the ACT. By often wearing full face masks and other PPE and not socializing, the club has managed to effectively eliminate the virus in the ACT. I know we don't expect reward or even congratulations, but it remains an achievement we can be proud of.

We can thank our Italian brethren for giving us enough warning about the dangers to be able to take this effective action. Also for making the bikes.

As I wasn't there, I didn't take any photos at the meeting so I have included one of a beautiful 848 at Cotter reserve. It is alone because of social distancing.



The meeting closed with a general agreement that it would be better if the pub was open and members were there.

Alan

Mother's Day Edition – Match the Rider to their Mother!

ANSWERS: I have it on good authority that a certain President hasn't completed this yet, which in my ears translates to "even though I have all this free time in ISO, I still HAVEN'T READ THE NEWSLETTER" Shame.



Alex Rins



Brad & Darren Binder's Mum



Alex Marquez



Jack Miller's Mum



Brad Binder



Valentino Rossi &
Luca Marini's Mum



Darren Binder



Fabio Quatararo's Mum



Fabio Quatararo



Remy Gardner's Mum



Franco Morbidelli



Marc & Alex Marquez's Mum



Jack Miller



Alex Rin's Mum



Luca Marini

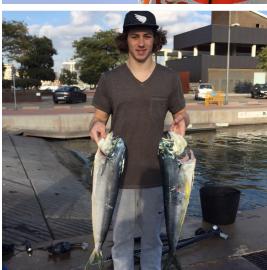


Brad & Darren
Binder's Mum -
AGAIN



Marc Marquez

Valentino Rossi &
Luca Marini's Mum -
AGAIN



Remy Gardner



Franco Morbidelli's Mum



Valentino Rossi

Marc & Alex
Marquez's Mum -
AGAIN





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COVID Recovery Ride Reports – Rides 1 & 2

By Ken “Sarge” Purbrick

The first ride was the COVID Recovery 1 that celebrated the chance for groups of up to 10 to congregate in the one, socially distancing space. So, the regulation 10am meet at Lanyon shops for a lap of the Cotter. 3 x Diavels? 2 x Monsters, 1 x 950 SS, 1 x Bevel 750 SS, 1 x 748, 1 x 998 and a Honda 600 SS. A quick run to Tharwa, onto Cotter reserve had us into a small shower and wet roads, certainly slowed me down.

The run past Uriarra village was ruined by a slow van intent on pissing us all off and two bikes separate from the group at the bottom of the hill. After a regroup at the top we decided to call the ride there and four of us decided to head for Kingston Foreshore for a Brodburger lunch and the remainder made their individual ways home.



COVID Recovery 2 was originally planned for the Sat but that day dawned shitty, so after a quick conference it was decided to try again the next day. Thankfully Sunday was a lot better and seven bikes met up (eventually) at Cooleman Court car park at Weston. This run had 2 x Monsters, 1 x Diavel, 1 x Panigirly 848, 1 x Multi and 2 x ring- ins on Trumpy Tigers. The idea was to do the hills of our fair city (well, some of them anyway).

The plan was to do a quick regroup at the top of each peak and if anyone wanted to stop longer just remove the helmet and that would signal the group as a whole. The best laid plans of mice and men. My take on the route was; Mt Stromlo, the Arboretum, Black Mt, Mt Ainslie, Mt Pleasant and Red Hill, then onto lunch at Western Park. So, we all placed lunch orders with Mr Mel and set off.

Now being a club ride, it had to go astray. We all made it to the top of Mt Stromlo, however the road was closed near the top and we had nowhere to re-group so Mr Mel headed straight back down the hill. Here is where the deviation set in. 4 of us turned right at the bottom of the hill and headed to the Cotter for the run up past Uriarra Village before heading to the Arboretum. Well, the 4 of us got to the turn off to Uriarra Village and waited for the other 3 to catch up, but they didn't. So, after waiting for 10 minutes I decided they may have miss heard the directions and headed straight to the Arboretum, so instead of going up the hill we retraced our path back past Mt Stromlo in the hope of catching our wayward 3. Well, they weren't there, nor were they at Black Mt, Mt Ainslie, Mt Pleasant or Red Hill. They weren't even at Weston Park were we 4 met up with Ms Mel and our lunch packs.

After a couple of phone calls and a final re gathering of the entire group it turned out that the back 3 had turned left after Mt Stromlo, done the Uriarra run in reverse to us and then each and all hilltops thereafter and re-joining us at Western Park for lunch. All in all, two great local rides and we got to meet new people.

I am forever hopeful that we can soon re gather at both committee and club level, although there is a slim chance that what was normal may not be the new normal, but Hey! Who Cares? As long as we can ride.



350 Single

By Grant Fuller

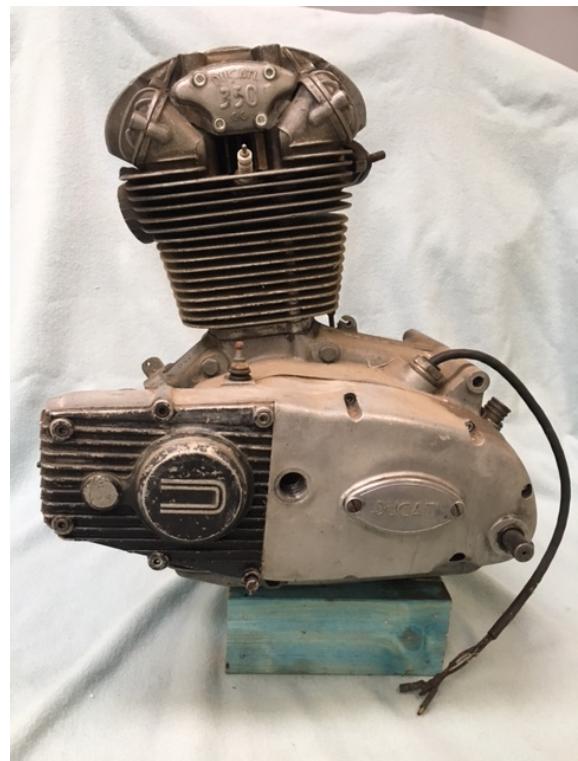
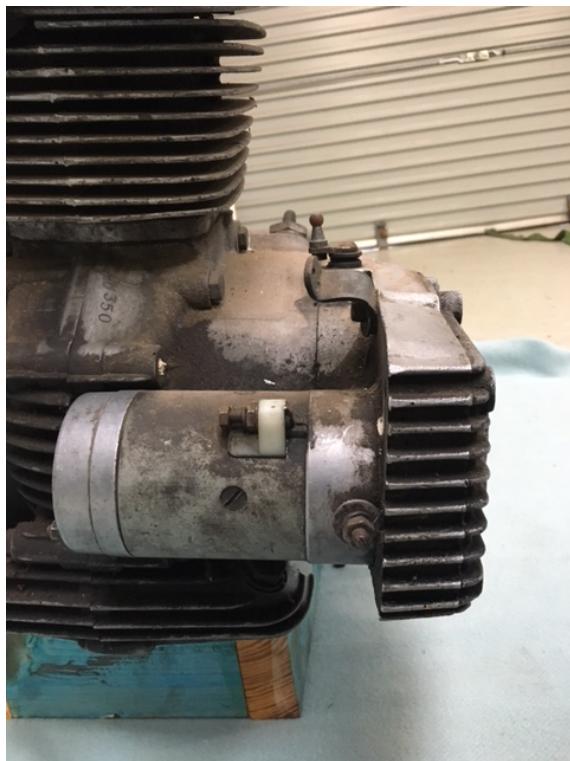
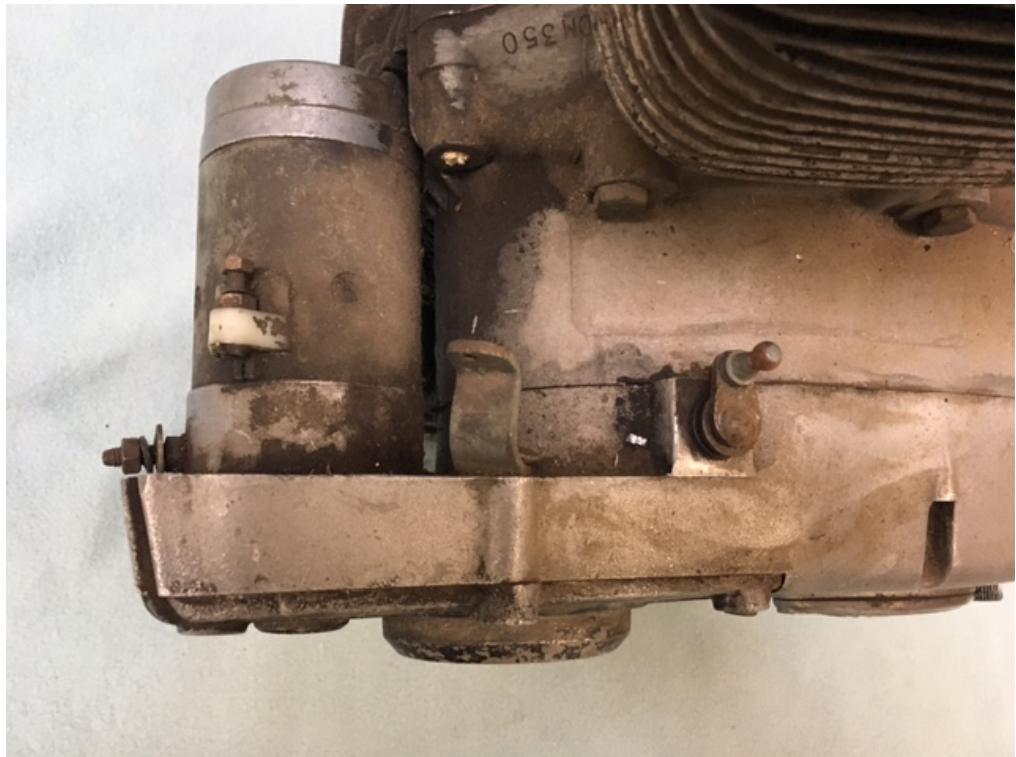
The engine featured in this month's article is another very rare and interesting Ducati from the past.

It may look to be just a standard bevel 350 single with an unusual looking clutch cover with some sort of extension protruding out the front. What we have here is one of the Spanish built Mototrans Ducati engines which had many features which made them stand out from the products coming out of Bologna.

The Spanish engineers didn't just simply copy the Italian singles, but set out to improve their product to overcome some of the Bologna singles shortcomings. The areas that received attention on the engine were the bigend assembly, which was enlarged to improve reliability, a change from hairpin valve springs to coil valve springs, 12 volt electrics, oil pressure switch on the cam end cover to let the rider know that all was well, and unique to this engine a Motoplat electric start.

The improvements the Spanish made didn't just relate to the engine, some of their bikes featured triple disc brakes using a mixture of Brembo and Spanish made components. Modern looking bodywork and instrumentation along with some interesting suspension and as mentioned before, 12 volt electrics. Some of these singles were manufactured up into the early 80's, well after production of the Italian product had ceased.





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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 – 6175 4444

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 Dukes. 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 **CDDC19**.

Desmoharmonic

desmoharmonic@icloud.com

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.

Moto Garage

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

Unit 8, 91-93 Grimwade Street, Mitchell - 6162 2031

Desmo Tuning and Servicing of Ducati's.

■ ■ Arrivederci! ■ ■

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