

Monthly Newsletter

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Ultime notizie

Ever wondered why mosquitoes make so much noise at night?



- Last 3 MotoGP Tipping Competition results
- AGM is approaching, ensure your membership is up to date so you can vote

Il Presidente:

What a difference a year makes. 12 months ago, I delivered a very different report on behalf of then President Michael who was away getting married to Angelika.

2020 has been a horrid year with the country burning through the Christmas holiday period, then, before anyone had a chance to fully recover the world is hit with COVID-19 and the country closes down and to top it off, the great Australian toilet paper drought hit.

Since the last AGM we have managed to get in the Phil Goldacre Memorial Run to Khancoban and the inaugural Peter Yeend Memorial Run to Harrietville, both were great events as you would have read about in the newsletters at the time. Also of note was an extremely fun Xmas party. Of course, the lucky few also enjoyed the hospitality of our neighbours across the Ditch during the New Zealand trip.

Our esteemed Rides Co-Ordinator has valiantly attempted to keep us entertained with local rides and I know we are finally getting to enjoy some out of ACT runs now.

Ok, so we haven't managed to conduct any major social events or add to the club coffers but going off the above list we haven't done too badly. Although we could not meet face to face, the committee continued to keep the club rolling and a huge thank you has to go out to one and all.

Sarge

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<< VP Dribble #11 >>

Hi all, hope you are all safe and well!

Firstly I must apologise for my lack of inspiration and a little not feeling the best for not presenting a report last month (shit did I cop some over that). Now that is out of the way, let's get on with making up for that indiscretion.

One day, whilst pondering life, the universe and everything and also transporting one's self from Queanbeyan to Belconnen I was made aware of a largely unpublicised fact. And that is that it seems that our beloved Pres is not happy with just ruling over the Ducatisti in the ACT and surrounding region and that he has eyes on a much larger prize! Yes that's right, power has gone to his head and now his agenda includes world domination! dun, dun, dun, dahhhh!! Yes folks he has gone MAD and as he is a realist he knows that the end game is a long one and takes many small steps. So step 1; rule a small band of fanatics that are passionate about their hobby; the CDDC – achieved! Step 2; run for local government and with the weight of the CDDC behind him I suspect that he will be unstoppable. Now at this point I urge you all to vote for him, even though his end game is all about himself, as is the case with most megalomaniacs.

In the short term, his position in local government could be of great assistance to our organisation. He would be our unstoppable face in the legislature and who would argue with him? The benefits are potentially huge for us, we may not have to pay tax and this would surely bolster our membership. He would control the constabulary so there would be no bookings of members; free rego and third party; discounts on coffee at cafes; free servicing; spares and tyres. This will be the creation of a motorcycling utopia and the icing on the cake: 2 Moto GPs and 2 WSBKs in Canberra a year. One to be on a street circuit and one on a closed circuit yet to be built but Sarge will make it happen to appease his followers!!

Now I am hearing you, this is creating a monster, but really we will be in control of him not vice versa. This is not history repeating itself, this is a movement that will benefit all of mankind and bring about the collapse of the Japanese manufacturers and that can only be a good thing. So I urge you all to tell your friends and family on Election Day to:



As for everything else in the world that's going on, well who gives a toss? Well, Trump did get the Rona, pity he was asymptomatic; I for one would have liked to see him suffer a little more. There are rumblings that Mr Rossi and the VR46 academy may enter Moto GP with the takeover of Avintia Racing (Esponsorama). This could be a good thing but reading between the lines a little, could we see him back on a Ducati and racing in his own team? This would indeed be a rare thing and another feather in his illustrious cap. But my thought would be that once the team is purchased they may look to source other machinery, perhaps Suzuki's? Well that's where I would be heading from a business point of view and for Suzuki to be associated with Rossi would be massive for them and Rossi could ride for another marque. Just a thought, oh but I forgot there will be no Suzuki after Sarge! So maybe a KTM? Naaaa!

Well I have probably left you all wanting some of what I am on by now so I will sign off till next month, oh and see you at the AGM. Don't forget!!

Ciao for now and remember *Ducati on Dudes and Dudettes!*

AB the VP

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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 October 2020 | |
|-----------------------------|--|
| Sun 11th | Captain's Flat Loop. Meet at Coles express in Queanbeyan at 10:00am for a 10:30am departure headed to Captain's Flat via Braidwood. |
| Mon 12th | General Meeting and AGM to follow. CDDC Monthly Meeting 7:30pm @the Kingston Hotel, Canberra Ave Kingston. Meeting starts @ 7:30pm – eats from 6:00pm for those who want to grab a meal before the meeting & still be in time. AGM to follow, make sure your membership is up to date so you can vote! |
| Sat 24th | Khancoban Warm-up ride. A chance to rack up a few kms on varying roads before we head to Khancoban in November. This ride will have a few kms of decent quality unsealed road, and some windy sections. Meet at Gunna Doo Bakery at 9:30am. |

| CDDC events in November 2020 | |
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| Mon 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. |
| Sat 14th – Sun 15th | 2020 Phil Goldacre Khancoban Ride November 14 @ 8:00 am - November 15 @ 5:00 pm. It seems we have finally made it to that time of the year again: Khancoban is just around the corner. Please keep an eye out on Facebook & the Website as DOCNSW have fully booked the Accomodation & we are working to find an alrnative. |

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 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 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 Ride

The situation with the Covid Virus is changing on a daily basis, however at this stage it is still within the rules and guidelines to hold our monthly rides as long as social distancing requirements are complied with by members.

Khancoban Run

Accommodation is confirmed as possible for Saturday the 14th of November. Members will need to make sure they make their own booking, and need to mention that they are with the CDDC. Chat with Ride coordinator Rhys for more information.

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Altre Notizie – other news

<<. CDDC SUPPORTERS .>>

These are the businesses that support the club through donations, discounts: **Belt & Bevel, Canberra Motorcycle Centre, 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

The Walcha Mutli's Weekend Ride

By Terry Riddle

I'm just about to put my helmet on when the phone rings, it's Jeff (the Bro) letting me know his riding companion for the day is sick and cannot make it – “errr, are you still going?” “Sure!” “So, I'll see you as planned at the Wyong Road House in about 3 hours”, I'm an optimist.

It's currently 6:15am and 7 degrees, still a bit cooler than I'm used to but better than some of the winter mornings we've had here in Mogo over the last 3 months. I set off and eventually get to the Road house about 45 minutes late at around 10am – traffic through Sydney is mostly to blame.

Chic (that's Bro Jeff) is waiting patiently, but he has to wait a bit more while I grab a coffee – we head off in the direction of Gloucester to start on a more interesting ride up Bucketts Way onto Thunderbolts Way to Walcha. Bucketts Way is a bit wet with a shower or two and some treacherous road works, but after Gloucester it dries out and warms up. We make it into Walcha at around 2.45pm (718km in 8.5hrs including stops) running on fumes (we shoulda stopped at Nowendoc). Both bikes take \$25 of fuel to fill the tanks (about 18 litres) so we both agree it was lucky we weren't going to Armidale, but could have gone a bit further with the fuel remaining, which we do on Sundays return trip.

Chic booked a cabin at the Walcha caravan park and after a conversation with the owners, who are incredibly welcoming, we move into our modest but comfy accommodation. It's brand new as the last cabin on this lot was burnt down due to 'some stupid druggie' (owners words not mine) left his deep fry dinner on while he cooked up something intravenous for himself..... Haha! it's much funnier when you hear it from the owner. If you're heading Walcha way then consider the caravan park, at any rate book early as ALL accommodation in Walcha runs out on weekends.

So far, we have not seen one other Mutli, that's not to say we haven't seen other bikes because they are abundant, of all sorts and shapes, name one and watch on the main street for a short time and you'll probably see it. There must have been a Katana get together as a number of restored and new cruised into town, nice if ya like that sort of thing. Walcha is a magnet for moto(r) enthusiasts.

On food, the Royal Aspley Hotel puts on a decent pub meal and the beer is cold, and you're not shoulder to shoulder at the bar with the COVID = 1 person per 4xm2 rule, BTW the whole town is onto the COVID Safe regime. Breakfast at the Café Graze (yes there should be an 'l' the Graze part) was excellent, no complaints with the coffee, breakfast tart or muffins, served in the warming Saturday morning sun, nice! But still no Mutli's?? maybe they'll arrive during the day.

What to do in Walcha? Well there's the two gorges and waterfalls named Aspley and Tia which are 20 and 30km's out of town off the Oxley Highway, Aspley falls is spectacular, Tia I cannot testify for as we washed the Bucketts Way road grime and bugs off the bikes Saturday morning and it's a 10km dirt road to it... haha, yeah where's our commitment?. Antique shops in town, which Chic bought a nice \$135 Cookie Jar for his wife Jill and I got a nice \$9 Rabbit Trap for Patty, she's keen on rabbit stew, well she better be, since it cost me big dollars.

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There's also a statue river walk in town, but I'm not keen on that 'someone is watching you' feeling. The caravan park puts on an excellent bonfire which we sat around on Saturday night, chatting with likewise grey nomads on places visited, while drinking red wine. See it's not all about bourbon and whiskey Taso! Anyway, after rotating the body several hundred times in an attempt to keep all sides warm at the bonfire we head off to bed for an early ride in the morning.

We decide to ride on Sunday morning at 7am but wake to cold and fog and go back to bed for an hour. It clears and warms a bit by then so we load up and after a photo, with the owner's insistence in front of his park's signage, we cruise onto the main drag to see several Mutli's parked and rolling to Café Graze, Mmmm.... to stop and say Hi or keep rolling.... Haha you guessed it – we kept rolling in good Riddle custom.

We had a great day's ride, agreeing before we left that freeways are best left for trucks and tin tops, and chose a route that was more interesting and lacked (mostly) the inevitable radar. So, it was first stop Tamworth, then Werris Creek, Caroonna onto the Quirindi Premer Road to Spring Ridge, past Premer, then Black Stump Way to Coolah where I arrived with the 'fuel to stop reading' clicking over to zero as we stopped in front of the bowser! (we like pushing the boundaries). It was then onto Gulgong, Mudgee, Bathurst via Sofala, Goulburn via Trunkey Creek, Braidwood to home in Mogo. 850km of some very interesting scenery and roads in about 9.5 hours including stops for fuel and refreshments. Interestingly the warmest part of the trip was when I arrived in Batemans Bay at around 5:20pm, it was 22deg and home in Mogo was still 21deg at 5:30pm... Crookwell and Goulburn shivered in 13deg and it was a refreshing 4deg when we left Walcha but then 20deg in Tamworth, it all changes so quickly when going from the highlands of NSW to the western plains and then onto the coastal climes of southern NSW.... What a great State and Territory!

BTW just rolling into Tamworth on Sunday morning there was around seven Mutli's heading in the opposite direction toward Bendemeer – maybe for a get together with the others in Walcha?

The roads in general were pretty good although the Bucketts Way is bumpy and being repaired, it's also speed restricted to 90km/hr from the Princess Highway to Gloucester, Thunderbolts way is a great ride but the first 30km or so out of Gloucester is very rough due to repair patching, especially mid corner. We did get an unsolicited race from of a speeding Jeep Grand V8 thingy for a few corners in that section, until we overtook it - and it then quickly disappeared in the mirrors.

Let me say that not many cars (or bikes) handle, stop and accelerate, on VERY rough twisting sealed roads, like a Mutli 'S' Ducati. I haven't ridden the 1260S but really have no desire to change my very capable 1200S, it does everything I could want from a long distance, two up with luggage, sports tourer.

Sorry, back to the roads. The top part of Thunderbolts to Walcha is mostly straight with a good surface. Walcha to Bendemeer is a really nice ride with scenic sweeping hilly bends. Tamworth to Mudgee is a western outback style cruising ride and I didn't notice any speed limits. Mudgee to Bathurst via Sofala is a good ride especially when off the Great Western Highway to Sofala and onto Bathurst.

The rest of the ride is known to most of you, the new seal through Trunkey creek to Crookwell is worth a look if you like bends and little traffic, and of course the Clyde Mountain is always good when you're going opposite to the Canberra weekenders.

When the weather warms a bit more, I'll put out an invite to those members who would like to ride to Mogo and say Hi to Patty and myself – a BBQ with mostly light beers and a swim would be on the cards.

Cheers to all,
Terry (and Chic)

P.S. after the ride I had a thought that a club day ride from Canberra (of course) to Goulburn Bathurst via Oberon for lunch, then return to Canberra by way of Crookwell (via Trunkey Creek), Gunning and Gundaroo, would make an awesome ride for the adventurous who don't mind doing a few bends and kilometres in one day. This ride would suit all bike styles that Ducati make. You could also make it weekend ride by staying in Bathurst overnight.

MotoGP Tipping Comp – San Marino GP

Tim picks Morbidelli for the win. George and Taso's tipping prowess is spreading to others faster than COVID 19 now with 8 cases.

Tomo and Rosco edge to the front with Doug close behind.

Jeff



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| R1 – Jerez (19/07/2020) Quat, Vin, Dovi | 1 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| R2 – Jerez (27/07/2020) Quat, Vin, Rossi) | 7 | 9 | 7 | 2 | 7 | 9 | 2 | 7 | 7 | 9 | 2 | 7 |
| R3 – Brno (09/08/2020) Bind, Morb, Zarco | 5 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 |
| R4 – Austria (17/08/2020) Dov, Mir, Miller | 5 | 2 | 6 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 1 |
| R5 – Styria (23/08/2020) Oliv, Miller, P. Esp | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| R6 – San Marino (13/09/2020) Morb, Bag, Mir | 0 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 19 | 18 | 16 | 14 | 22 | 22 | 13 | 20 | 18 | 15 | 10 | 12 |

Squealing Brakes

By Grant Fuller

A while ago I replaced the brake rotors on my SSD as the old ones were worn and causing pulsing of the lever due to uneven wear. The SSD uses the Brembo 2 piece 280mm cast iron rotors mounted to alloy 6 bolt centres on both front and rear wheels.

The original cast iron rotors worked well and never suffered from squealing, however when I fitted the new stainless steel rotors along with the correct Brembo brake pad, the brakes emitted a high pitch squeal under very light braking, even though I had followed exactly the bedding in procedure. Under hard breaking there was no problem or squeal.

Initially I thought that either the calliper or disc mounting bolts may not have been tightened sufficiently, but a check showed that this was not the case. I continued with these pads for a few months, until I decided to try a different brand of pad to see if this would make a difference.

Another high quality brand of pad was chosen to suit stainless discs and again the SSD had a high pitch squeal under light breaking. A third set of pads was tried, but the squeal remained.

I had had a tube of Anti-Squeal paste in the workshop for quite a while which I have never used before as I had never had the need, but as a last resort I tried the anti-squeal paste on the backs and locating sides of the backing plates. I only applied a small amount of the paste as I didn't want any excess finding its way onto the braking surface. I applied a ring of paste matching the piston face on the backs of the backing plates to minimise the amount.

To my surprise the high pitch squeal was gone.

The paste I used was made by ATE of Germany but there is also a paste made by Brembo called Brembo B Quiet.

This may not be the cure for all brake noises but in my case this product worked.

MotoGP Tipping Comp – dell'Emilia Romagna GP

Away goes every tipsters (bar one) chance of picking the podium. Another hard week with a follow up seven tipsters not scoring a point. That has to be some kind of record.

The championship has only 4 points between 4 riders and we only have a straight podium pick between first and last place so everyone is in the running.

Jeff



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| R7 – dell'Emilia Romagna (20/09/2020) Vin, Mir, P Esp | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 4 |
| TOTAL | 19 | 19 | 16 | 15 | 22 | 22 | 13 | 20 | 19 | 15 | 14 | 16 |

Research Chassis

By Grant Fuller

The attached photos show a very interesting bevel drive V twin on display at the Zweirad Museum in Neckarsulm.

The chassis started life as a standard Ducati chassis but has been highly modified so that the front end geometry is fully adjustable for steering head angle, castor and mass distribution. Additional framework and bracketry has been added to the back to add mass and alter the centre of gravity. Also some very substantial crash bars can be seen on either side of the machine.

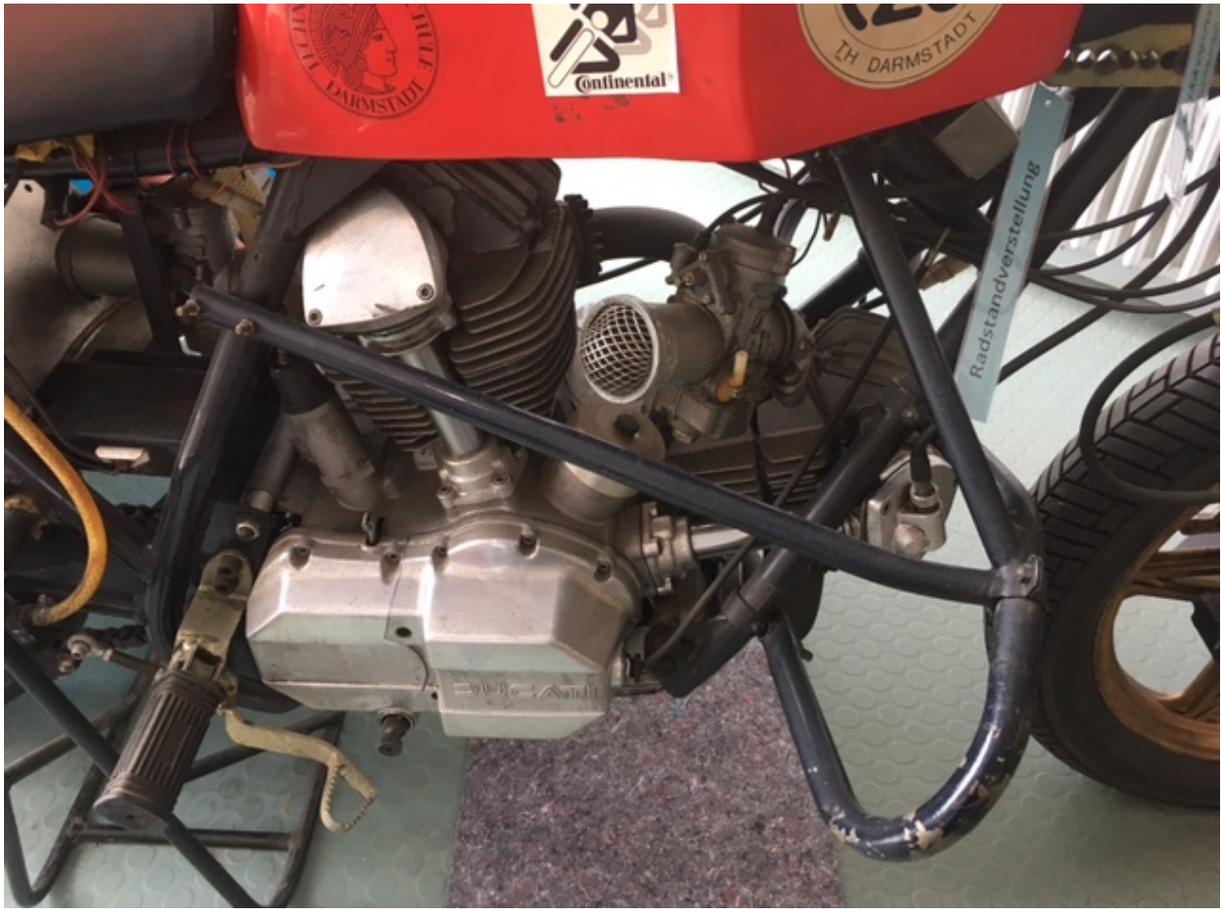
It was used for carrying out experiments into the high speed stability, and general riding stability of motorcycles. It was developed at the FZD Department of Vehicle Technology at the Technical University Darmstadt under the direction of the head Professor Breuer.

A couple of things are interesting from a Ducati point of view. It was a 900SS they used to cut up to make this experimental test machine, when they could have used something much less expensive like an 860GT.

The second interesting thing is that the front wheel in this bike is a magnesium Speedline wheel. These were subject to a worldwide recall as they had a habit of breaking up and cracking. As if it wouldn't be scary enough riding a bike that could be handling really badly, let's add the excitement of the front wheel disintegrating without notice.

So why choose a Ducati? Very simple as everything is tucked in quite tight on a Ducati, so if you did throw it down the road on its side the engine doesn't suffer. What was the other option, a Boxer BMW with the cylinder heads waving out in the breeze ready to be wacked on the tarmac?





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MotoGP Tipping Comp – Catalunya GP

Another race with quite a few offs making it difficult for tipsters. A few did well. Rosco picked a 1,2 to take a clear lead at the top. George and Tomo also picked the same riders but in the wrong order.

Cheers Jeff



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| R7 – dell'Emilia Romagna (20/09/2020) Vin, Mir, P Esp | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 4 |
| R8 – Catalunya (28/09/2020) Quat, Mir, Rins | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 4 |
| TOTAL | 19 | 19 | 21 | 15 | 24 | 29 | 14 | 20 | 20 | 19 | 15 | 20 |

MotoGP Phillip Island 2020

By Alan Cory

It's that time again 23-25 of October or there abouts Time to start planning the trip to the Mecca of Bike racing in Australia. After Le Mans tonight, there will be a scramble for the teams to get on a plane and set up just north of Bass Strait. It has to be the best track in the series and a genius decision to run the race a bit late so it is colder for the tires and the afternoon sea breeze has plenty of time to get up from Antarctica. It must be exciting for the riders on the first lap feeling the wind blast coming out of turn 2 on their beautifully chilled tyres. There will be something for everyone – especially Rod – with the usual rain at some time over the weekend and maybe snow if you're camping. We can only hope the race is drier than the campers so the fastest racing in the world will get a good run and the world can get a glimpse of Victoria – Beautiful one day Perfect the next (or something).

What is harder to predict is the podium. Miller will obviously want to perform well and this might be where he works out how to keep his tyres for the end of the race. Australians have done well here so maybe this will be the start of his ascendancy. And you can say you were there to see the start of the next Australian domination of the sport. But with the championship still open, almost everyone will want to get in front. It is always more exciting to watch at the track, with the noises and smells and the sheer sense of speed. Also the tradition of opening the track so you can enjoy the walk to the presentation area through the gravel traps and tyre walls, muddy patches and gathering gloom.

The teams will be packing up as soon as the race finishes and, like clockwork, the machines and equipment will be packed and loaded. Before the Champagne is sprayed, the pits will be humming, but this time with anticipation of the next race. This event is over.

It's a bit late for organising a trip but some people always leave it to the last minute. The ride down is another highlight if you can get through the mountains – there's nothing like snow over Hotham to remind you that you are alive! If anyone is going down for the race this year, I am looking for accommodation.

For some reason no one I know is going.



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.

■ ■ Arrivederci! ■ ■

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