



Santa Barbara Ducati Club



Greetings to all the Ducatisti as we approach the Holiday Season!!

Whether you celebrate Christmas, Hanukah, or Kwanzaa, or make up your own holiday as an excuse to buy yourself motorcycle-related gifts, it is an exciting time of year for lots of reasons. See below!

The new bikes! If you have not heard about the new Ducati 1098, firstly, shame on you. Secondly, do you live in a vacuum or something? 160 horsepower? Weighing in at 360 pounds? Surely Ducati cannot be serious. They have essentially made every previous Ducati obsolete, so now is the perfect time to buy that barely used 999R that some guy just regrettably bought two months before the 1098 press release. Have you seen the Tricolore limited edition? Beautiful, even if you think Italian Flag colors look weird together. First club member to get the new 1098 gets a free visit to my garage!

The end of the racing season! If you did not watch the last nail-biter MotoGP race, then shame on you. Do you live in a vacuum or something? Rossi crashing out in the last race of the season to give Nicky Hayden the title? It does not get more dramatic than that. True I would have hoped to see a last lap draft by one of the riders to take the title, but the Champion rode like a Champion when he needed to, and that is why he is....well, the Champion. And how about Bayliss? Wins Superbike on a Ducati, fills in for an injured Gibernau in the last race, and wins it! Easily I might add. Makes you realize that ALL these guys are amazingly talented riders, and on any given Sunday as they say....

Spectacular Club Events! If you have not been checking this website for events, then shame on you. Do you live in a vacuum? We had a great "Pasta Run" scavenger hunt with Trevor Dunne and Pro Italia up to Solvang. We have had several track days that were well attended by plenty of Club members. Plus a tech day and a fancy fashion show at Pro Italia (just last weekend). Make sure you keep checking the website for news about upcoming events and rides, we want to see as many people as possible at these events. Unless you live in a vacuum. We don't want you.

I leave you with my version of the 12 days of Christmas:

On the twelfth day of Christmas my true love gave to me

A 12-sided rear nut

11 titanium fasteners

10 spoke Marchesini's

9-99 accessories

8-88 rearsets

7-49 exhaust pipes

6 spring STM clutch

5 piston rings.....

4 pad bremsbo brakes

3 french hens

2 Dainese gloves

and a Ducati with 1098 cc's

Ciao for now,

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