

2007 Iron Butt Rally, The Finish
Friday, August 31, 2007

Marty Leir has won the 2007 Iron Butt Rally. He bagged a staggering 45 bonuses on the second leg to pull himself up from 6th place to 1st. Added to the 109,032 points on his first leg, his second leg score of 235,090 points gave him a total of 344,122 points. Marty was lucky enough to be riding one of the BMWs that did not suffer a catastrophic failure, an R1200GS-Adventure.

In 2nd place, 10,651 points behind Leir, was Jim Owen with 333,471 total points. The only significant problem Jim had with his R1200RT was multiple punctures in a rear tire. He had to drop several bonuses on his route plan to get an unscheduled tire change in Las Vegas. Jim estimates that the last minute routing change cost him approximately 20,000 points.

16,764 points behind Owen, was third place finisher Brett Donahue riding a Harley-Davidson Sportster. An amazing second leg ride pulled Brett up from 14th place at the end of Leg 1. His total score for both legs was 316,707 points.

Rounding out the top ten were the following riders:

4th place was Jeff Earls on a BMW K1200GT with 309,681 points.
5th place was Eric Jewell on a BMW R1150RT with 304,597 points.
6th place was Tom Melchild on a Yamaha FJR1300 with 299,729 points.
7th place was Greg Marbach on a Yamaha FJR1300 with 298,492 points.
8th place was Michael Evans on a Yamaha FJR1300 with 298,077 points.
9th place was Alan Barbic on a Yamaha FJR1300 with 294,561 points.
10th place was Peter Leap on a Honda ST1300 with 292,596 points.

The bonus locations visited by winner Marty Leir during his strong Leg 2 performance included Grand Canyon, AZ, Death Valley, CA (three), Gering, NE, Lick Observatory, Ancient Bristlecone Pine Forest, CA, Mancos, CO, Bena, MN, Glacier Point, CA, Colombia, MO, Mono Hot Springs, CA, Wall, SD, Salt Lake City, UT, Grass Valley, CA (twice), Bayard, NE, Yosemite Village, CA, Olathe, KS, Big Sur, CA, Leadville, CO, Sacramento, CA, Livermore, CA, Santa Cruz, CA, Sequoia National Park, CA, Dinosaur Monument, UT, Two Harbors, MN, Mt. Rushmore, SD, Alliance, NE, Shiprock, NM, Jeffrey City, WY, Idaho Springs, CO, Powder River, WY, Wamego, KS, Paradise, NV, Casper, WY, Wendover, NV, Sioux Falls, SD, and Las Vegas, NV.

Jim Frens, the only rider to make it to Homer, Alaska, and back, finished in 11th place with 288,910 points. Jim had the highest mileage for the rally, logging 12,658 miles on his Honda GL1800. He arrived at the finish line with less than 5 minutes to make his way to the check-in

table before the beginning of the penalty point period. After the points for his fuel log, call-in bonuses, rest bonus, and emergency card return, Jim had time for nothing other than the 28,230 point bonus at Watson Lake in the Yukon Territories. His Leg 2 total of 196,531 points was impressive, but exceeded by a number of riders who built their routes around the Lick Observatory near San Jose, California.

I'll post an epilog providing more details later. Listed below are the final results showing, position, rider name, motorcycle model, miles ridden, and total points scored. Gold Medal finishers are those with at least 240,000 points, Silver starts at 225,000 points, Bronze at 210,000, and the "finisher" level starts at 190,000 points. Please note that the 148,232 points shown for Alexander Schmitt reflect a 50% reduction in his score for changing motorcycles 140 miles from the finish. His unadjusted score of 296,464 points determines his medal level, which is solid gold. He would have been in the top ten without the bike change.

- 1 Martin Leir, BMW R1200GSA, 12,460, 344,122
- 2 Jim Owen, BMW R1200RT, 11,137, 333,471
- 3 Brett Donahue, H-D XLH1200R, 11,283, 316,707
- 4 Jeff Earls, BMW K1200GT, 11,059, 309,681
- 5 Eric Jewell, BMW R1150RT, 10,873, 304,597
- 6 Tom Melchild, Yamaha FJR1300, 10,025, 299,729
- 7 Greg Marbach, Yamaha FJR1300, 10,323, 298,492
- 8 Michael Evans, Yamaha FJR1300, 10,921, 298,077
- 9 Alan Barbic, Yamaha FJR1300, 9,832, 294,561
- 10 Peter Leap, Honda ST1300, 10,910, 292,596
- 11 Jim Frens, Honda GL1800, 12,658, 288,910
- 12 John Tomasovitch, BMW K1200RS, 10,874, 285,875
- 13 Curt Gran, Honda ST1300, 11,090, 285,512
- 14 Vicki Johnston, BMW F650GS, 9,868, 284,724
- 15 Andrew Mills, Victory Vision, 10,552, 283,621
- 16 John Langan, Honda GL1800, 10,096, 279,770
- 17 Matt Watkins, Yamaha FJR1300, 9,857, 272,054
- 18 Paul Peloquin, Yamaha FJR1300, 10,001, 270,097
- 19 Gregg Burger, BMW R1150GSA, 10,626, 261,475
- 20 Brian Roberts, Suzuki DL1000, 9,758, 253,273
- 21 Dick Peek, Yamaha FJR1300, 10,531, 251,924
- 22 Michael Boge, BMW R1200RT, 8,924, 250,985
- 23 Reiner & Lisa Kappenberger, Honda GL1800, 9,849, 250,236
- 24 Carl Stark, Honda GL1800, 8,644, 246,335
- 25 Art Garvin, Honda GL1800, 8,826, 245,768
- 26 Mike Langford, BMW K1200LT, 9,349, 242,524
- 27 Rick Miller, Honda GL1800, 9,026, 242,060
- 28 Vance Keeney, BMW K1200GT, 9,392, 239,863

29 Terry & Lynda Lahman, Honda GL1800, 9,397, 235,736
30 Jack B. Shoalmire, BMW R1200RT, 9,306, 235,156
31 Jim and Donna Phillips, Honda GL1800, 10,022, 233,202
32 Richard Buber, BMW R1150RT, 10,180, 228,077
33 Kendall J. Anderson, Suzuki DL1000, 9,522, 227,164
34 Tom Skemp, Honda GL1500, 8,669, 225,515
35 Kevin J. Healey, Triumph Trophy 1200, 9,407, 225,439
36 Jim Bain, BMW K1200LT, 8,899, 223,659
37 Steve Branner, BMW R1200RT, 9,723, 223,595
38 Rebecca Vaughn, BMW R1100RS, 9,998, 222,607
39 Jim Winterer, Suzuki DL650, 10,209, 219,488
40 Mike Senty, BMW BMW R1150RT, 10,121, 218,975
41 Bill Watt, Honda GL1800, 10,603, 217,078
42 Doug Bailey, BMW R1150GS, 10,353, 215,467
43 Paul Allison, Honda GL1800, 10,207, 214,733
44 Dennis Powell, Honda GL1800, 8,624, 213,250
45 Ken Morton, Honda GL1800, 10,271, 213,101
46 Tony DeLorenzo, BMW R1200GS-ADV, 8,521 208,659
47 Tom and Rosie Sperry, BMW K1200LT, 9,603 206,879
48 Charles "Tobie" Stevens, Yamaha FJR1300, 8,711 206,332
49 Lisa Stevens, Yamaha FJR1300, 8,719, 206,332
50 Don Catterton, BMW K1200GT, 10,218, 205,393
51 Bill Thweatt, Honda ST1300, 9,999, 205,319
52 Stephan Bolduc, Yamaha FJR1300, 9,897, 203,572
53 Chris Cimino, Kawasaki Concours 14, 7,915, 203,427
54 Karol Patzer, BMW K75C, 8,386, 201,741,
55 Rick Neeley, BMW R1200GSA, 9,354, 200,120
56 Peter Murray, BMW K1200LT, 10,255, 199,693
57 Bob Mueller, Suzuki DL1000, 10,272, 199,263
58 Richard Keegan, Honda GL1800, 8,906, 194,071
59 Fred Droegemueller, Honda GL1800, 10,124, 193,096
60 Dick Fish, Buell Ulysses, 9,900, 191,546
61 Joe DeRyke, Suzuki DL650, 10,095, 191,346
62 Rick Martin, Yamaha FJR1300, 9,595, 191,040
63 Robert & Sylvie Torter, BMW K1200GT, 9,318, 190,964
64 David Bourdeaux, Honda GL1800, 8,570, 187,222
65 Jim Simonet, BMW K1200LT, 10,987, 187,035
66 Chris McGaffin, Kawasaki Concours, 8,690, 176,784
67 Joel Rappoport, BMW R60/6, 8,885, 175,945
68 Bob Collin, BMW R1200RT, 9,050, 157,920
69 Jim Mulcahy, BMW K1200RS, 8,833, 150,023
70 Alexander Schmitt, Honda ST1100, 10,584, 148,232
71 Mark W. Collins, H-D Electra Glide, 7,869, 147,905
72 Maura Gatensby, Honda ST1300, 9,117, 147,868
DNF Glenn K. Pancoast, BMW R1200GSA, 8,981 173,779
DNF David Derrick, BMW R1100RT, 5,399, 112,249
DNF Chris Sakala, BMW R1150GS-ADV, 4,874, 108,861
DNF Mike Hutsal, BMW K1200GT, 4,501, 100,160

DNF Rob Nye, BMW R1200RTP, 4,492, 100,100
DNF Homer L. Krout, BMW R1200GS, 4,278, 83,758
DNF George Barnes, BMW K1200LT, 5,198, 79,131
DNF Gerhard Memmen-Krueger, BMW R1200GSA, 3,995, 77,872
DNF Doug Chapman, Yamaha FJR1300, 4,007, 76,026
DNF Norm Grills, BMW K1100LT, 3,852, 75,998
DNF Donald A. Jones, Honda GL1000, 3,475, 75,782
DNF Robert Joers, Honda GL1800, 3,758, 63,261
DNF Mike Getzendanner, Honda GL1500, 3,884, 60,489
DNF Steve Broadhead, Honda ST1300, 3,337, 60,123
DNF Alan Bennett, Kawasaki Ninja 250, 2,919, 53,225
DNF Arlen Brunsvold, Jr., H-D Road Glide, 4,202, 52,669
DNF Arlen Brunsvold, Sr., BMW R1200RT, 3,849, 51,155
DNF Don Kulwicki, Honda GL1800, 3,462, 50,691
DNF David Hinks, Yamaha FJR1300, 3,594, 45,903
DNF Hans Karlsson, Honda GL1800, 0, 0
DNF Don Wescott, BMW K1200GT, 0, 0
DNF Robert St.George, Yamaha FJR1300, 0, 0
DNF Charles "Chip" Hyde, Honda GL1800, 0, 0
DNF Bill Wade, BMW R1200RT, 0, 0
DNF Tom Loftus, Honda ST1300, 0, 0

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