

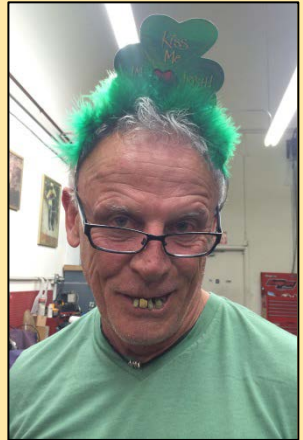


***RICK DOUGHTY***

**NAME:** Rick Doughty

**D.O.B.:** May 30th, Memorial Day, the original Indy 500 race day before they started messing with holidays to make them on a Mondays. Only a matter of time before they pull that crap with Christmas. Oh yeah, in the year of our lord, nineteen hundred and fifty six.

**OCCUPATION:** VINTAGE IRON, although I think it owns me more than I own it.



**YEAR YOU STARTED RIDING:** 1968. Edwards Air Force base, outside of Lancaster CA. The Mojave Desert was our backyard. Not a bad place to start.

**FIRST BIKE:** Not sure a Taco 22 mini bike qualifies as a "bike" but then again neither does the step through Honda 90 my dad came home with soon thereafter. The first bike I competed on was a Honda S65 with a straight pipe so it made enough noise to sound like a race bike.

**FAVORITE BIKE(S):** I have had so many great bikes at different times in my life and loved them for different reasons. My '72 Yamaha DT-2MX was the first bike I didn't have to take the lights off and I did everything with that bike from motocross, cross country, dirt track. TT, hillclimbs etc... I have had a love/hate relationship with many a Maico over the years and really enjoyed my time racing my BSA Goldstar and Rickman Triumph. I currently race a bevy of Hondas and they are great bikes. Actually I hope I never find my favorite bike because that way I will never stop looking and trying machines that are new to me, even if they are old to someone else.

**FIRST RACE:** 1969 at Deadman's Point, Apple Valley Ca. (where Rex Staten now lives, literally). It was a memorable race (as most first races are) but not for the obvious reasons. I had never encountered a big mud hole in my time of riding in the desert so I was ill equipped for the rigors of motocross in the late 60's. Track builders back then always incorporated a mud hole for the spectators. At Dead Man's Point they figured if one was good, two was gooder. Needless to say, I crashed twice, every lap, of every moto and back then it was a three motos format, so I did a lot of muddy bike retrieval, along with an ample amount of soul searching over my newly chosen sport. Let's just say I didn't have to break out my prepared podium speech or deal with factory managers wanting to sign me to race their bike. Humble pie with a dollop of mud is probably the best way to describe that experience. Like they say, "It isn't if you fall that is important, its important that you get back up" and get up I did.

**FAVORITE TRACK:** Like favorite bikes I have many favorite tracks. I have been fortunate to race in many spots around the world and experience many different interpretations of the sport of motocross. Farleigh Castle in England and Unadilla in NY for their natural terrain and history, Muddy Creek in Tn. for their dirt, High Chapparal in Sweden, Steamboat Springs in Co. and Park City in Ut. for their settings.

**CURRENT RACE BIKE(S):** 1987 Honda CR250, 2002 Honda XR200

**WHEN DID YOU START RACING WITH ARX?** Since it started as Southwest Vintage Racing Group in the mid-90's. I used to drive down from Fresno to compete.

**WHAT DO YOU LIKE BEST ABOUT ARX?** What I like best is that we have managed not to fall into the ruts that AHRMA and other vintage racing clubs have which is the generation of complex and confusing rules and regulations. Vintage racing should be simple. Have enough rules to create a level playing field and then stop. There is no one amongst the handful of guys that make ARX happen that is geared towards making things complicated and that is rare. I guess that makes us simpletons, huh? We are like the In and Out Burger of vintage racing. We do what we do well and people seem to like it. My personal opinion is that the more rules you have the more cheaters you create. If there were no rules, there would be no cheaters right?

I also like that we have a place for everybody and every bike. We started with the premise that a participant should be able to show up and ride two classes with one bike and get a full day of fun, rather than sit in the pits for hours waiting for the second moto.

We also have worked hard to have a consistent, tight run program that does not drag on for needless hours. That is where our "Done by 1" slogan was born out of.

We have a great mix of crew with Mike, Bret, Chris, Q and Tom. Everyone has their individual talents and creativeness that translates well to their job duty. A well-oiled machine ARX is.

Lastly, we have attracted a uniquely generous and genuine crowd of people to our events. It is more a family reunion than just a participant sport and that adds a great dimension to the atmosphere and environment on race day.

After racing almost 50 years all over the globe, ARX is the most fun I have ever had.

**WHAT'S YOUR ROLE WITH ARX?** *That is a good question actually and I am not sure I know the label for it. There was a time (many moons ago) I did almost everything by myself and it was a real chore. Then over the years guys stepped up or got drafted into roles that really helped. These days I feel more like I am in the Godfather role. I help put the calendar of races together, I visit/ride various tracks to establish viability for our events, I lay out the race tracks when we are afforded that luxury and use my industry connections to help entice sponsors into supporting the club. Oh yeah, I try and keep the rider's meeting from being a snore.*

**HOW MUCH TIME DO YOU VOLUNTEER?** *That really depends on the event we are putting on. If we are racing at Glen Helen, I am usually out at the track for a half a day walking a new lay out and talking to track prep crew about impending weather conditions and other races that may be going on at the same time as ours. Then there is the usual Wednesday night meetings (with the other knuckleheads that run the club) that go on and on so long I lose track. That may have to do with beer induced memory loss but occasionally these sessions generate productive advancements for the club. Hell, who am I kidding? The only thing Wednesday night meetings generate is XR200 drag racing in the parking lot!*

**WHY DO YOU DO IT?** I do it for one very simple reason: for the love of it. I love my kooky friends/ARX partners. I love seeing the smiles on the faces of everyone that shows up. I love seeing the medical crew being bored to tears. I love the racing on and off the track. I love seeing someone who is having one of those days when they ride like they have never ridden before. I love sharing the experience with my crew, Kim, Atticus and Tilly.



***ATTICUS***