



***CHRIS McQUILLEN***

**NAME:** Chris McQuillen, born in 1956, the same year as Marty Tripes, Bob Hannah & Rick Doughty!!!

**OCCUPATION:** A&P Mechanic at United Airlines

**YEAR YOU STARTED RIDING:**

1974 on a RT2 360 Yamaha Enduro,...Silver,...chrome fenders,...turn signals...



**FIRST BIKE:** Soon after I caught a ride on my buddy Dave's TM125 and I was blown away at how light and agile a "real motocross" bike felt.... so the porky Yamaha turned into a '74 Elsinore 250....and then an RM 250,...YZ 125d, KX250....KTM 495

**FAVORITE BIKE(S):** Well... all of them when they were new and working great!!!...The first bike I ever rode was a 1966 Suzuki X-6 Hustler with a 6 speed....it was a rocket!!! That ride and Steve McQueen pretty much started it for me. The dirt bikes of the seventies were awesome until the next year's bikes came out then they were relics. Mostly we thrashed and trashed them for a year and moved up to next year's model.

**FIRST RACE:** The first time I raced was the RM 250 in 1976, I believe, at a track in Louisville Colorado. I hole shot and won the first moto, crashed the second. It was January and the RM 250 had just come out as the latest thing with laid down shocks, aluminum tank and Roger DeCoster cool written all over it. I got my picture in Cycle News with the Suzuki Sunburst Jersey on!! Later I raced a Yamaha 125 until I made the Intermediate Class, then I quit because of school and work.

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**FAVORITE TRACK:** My favorite tracks were Berthod and Aztec in Colorado. Also, I practiced at Berzerko in Castle Rock which was a blast. Now I think Glen Helen REM and the Carlsbad track in Anza are my favorites...Washougal was epic!

**CURRENT RACE BIKE(S):** Right now I've got a couple KTM 495's, '81 & '82, an '87 CR250 and a '74.5 Maico 400 in the stable.

**WHEN DID YOU START RACING WITH ARX?** 2007

**WHAT DO YOU LIKE BEST ABOUT ARX?** As far as ARX goes it's all about the people. I think most of us, even the younger guys that race the modern bikes in the club, are chasing a feeling we had when we started out, doing this for the sheer fun of it with our buddies.

**WHAT'S YOUR ROLE WITH ARX?** I do photography and race posters. In the past I've done the year end awards, and took some shots. Before that I shot a few Vintage Iron World Championships in the late 90's early 2000's.

**HOW MUCH TIME DO YOU VOLUNTEER?** For the club, my riding is taking a backseat as of late to the Canon EOS MK III, 70-200 FD.

**WHY DO YOU DO IT?** I have an obsession with capturing the look and feel of Retro MX!!!