

## Top Ten Questions with JC Baccus

- 1) So, JC, we started the Top Ten last month with Scott Burnworth and the first question out of the box was about his name, so keeping to true to form, what does JC stand for. Please don't tell me Jesus Christ because I have taken your name in vain way too many times. Of course, that could account for your ability to get holeshots.

**JC:** Nah, if it was Jesus Christ I would win every race, and we've all seen that does not happen. My first name is "J" and my middle name is "C" on my birth certificate. I am the third, (JC Baccus III) my grandfather was named after his uncle, "J"acob "C"ommodore. That's where the initials came from.



- 2) Other than being very thrifty with first names were your folks big supporters of your racing?

**JC:** Quite the opposite, My Mother "you'll shoot your eye out" would NOT let me race. She was sure I would get hurt. But it was fine to play Pop Warner football. I never raced as a boy, only trail rode about twice a year, and that took a lot of begging to go twice. Once I reached 16, I got a pick up and started riding most weekends. I did "ride" tracks a lot though, always loved motocross. I only "raced" three or four times in my life before joining ARX. Hence my mid-pack, to back-of-the pack starts for quite a while.

- 3) So racing is relatively a new deal for you? Has anyone filled you in on the fact that trophy girls are extinct?

**JC:** WHAAAAAAT??? I would only scare them off anyway.

- 4) So do you think you would be better now if you raced as a kid or is your enthusiasm now what makes you good at 50?

**JC:** I think yeah. I can't imagine my enthusiasm declining as the better you get in this sport, I think the more fun you have, at least for me.

- 5) Over the course of time what riders have you admired? I think your racing number actually works into this question as well so please explain.

**JC:** My uncle introduced my family to motorcycles and he rode Bultaco's, so naturally he was the fast guy I wanted to be like. Then my hero was Jim Pomeroy because he rode Bultaco's. I remember Jim's race number being 57. He was number 1 to me, so I combine these numbers to get 571, as a tribute to Pomeroy. Corny, I know.



6) Does taking Viagra make you ride hard?

**JC:** *I don't know, does it??? I'm usually pretty limp all over by lap 5. Maybe it would help.*

7) If you could race on any three tracks in the world, what ones would they be?

**JC:** *Original Saddleback again, probably some outdoor grassy track in Europe, and Washougal (did I spell that right?).*

8) You have done some modern bike events and lots of vintage races so which do you prefer and why?

**JC:** *I would definitely say Vintage because of the people. I feel we are all friends at our races. I feel like most modern racers are pretty much unfriendly d\$#@s.*

9) Are there any bikes new or old that you still lust after?

**JC:** *1978 cr250, James Stewarts yz450f Yamaha, Jeremy McGraths "chaparral days" YZ250 2-stroke. Those '74 CZ's look pretty bitchin'. I'd like to ride one someday. And a Honda mini trail (the first bike with gears I ever rode).*

10) Is there any truth to the internet rumor that your Mom might have had a "special weekend" in 1960 with Telly Savalas, star of Kojak? You have to admit there is more than a passing resemblance.

**JC:** *THAT would explain my love for suckers!!!*

