

## Top Ten Questions with Scott Burnworth

- 1) So Scott, for the record what exactly is your last name. I have heard, Burnworth, Burnsworth, Butterworth etc...

**SB:** *It is Burnworth, NO 'S'! Everybody likes to put an 'S' in there. I guess it's easier to say.*

- 2) How long have you been racing?

**SB:** *I've been racing since I was 10 years old, so 38 years. I did not race or ride for a period of about 7 years after I quit racing. I was burned out. I'm having more fun racing now than I ever have.*

- 3) How about some career highlights? (Teams you have been on, races you have won etc...)

**SB:** *My first factory ride was with Yamaha in 1981, I rode for them in '81, '82 and '86. I rode for Suzuki in '83, '84 and '85. I went to Spain in early '87 and rode for the distributor of KTM. I loved Spain that was a great time!*

- 4 Time CMMC Mini Champion
- 1977 NMA Grand National Mini Champion
- AMA 125 Rookie of the year in '81
- Vice Champion (2nd) 1983 250cc National Championships behind David Bailey (I think Vice Champion was a French term!)
- 1984 Bordeaux Supercross Champ
- Winner of several rounds of 1987 Spanish National Championship
- 1987 Retired to become part owner of Jet Pilot, a water sports apparel company

- 4) What are you doing these days?

**SB:** *I have a design studio called Burner Design Inc.. I do graphic design for print, product and web. I have been doing that ever since I quit racing in 1987. I also promote several races each year.*

- 5) What drew you into vintage racing?

**SB:** *I really like the history of the sport, the simplicity of the old bikes, and the great people I get to hang out with.*



6) Whose ass did you always want to beat (on the track of course) and never got it done?

**SB:** *I guess it would have to be Rick Johnson. But I really would have liked to beat them all on a consistent basis. I might be retired now if I did!*

7) Do you actually own any of the bikes you race or are you just a consummate mooch?

**SB:** *Currently I am a consummate mooch! It helps me re-live my days as a factory rider-- just show up and race! I owned a '75 250 Elsinore when I first got into vintage racing, but it was not the greatest bike so I ended up selling it. I have to give Keith Lynas of Ossa Planet special thanks for allowing me to abuse his Ossa Phantoms -- year after year. They are one of the best vintage racers around (if you can find one). I have also been riding the 100cc class of late, courtesy of Mr. Paul Johnstone. Thanks guys!*



8) What do you think kept you from taking the next step in your pro career?

**SB:** *The real truth is---I raced with way too many fast guys. I was fast, but not fast enough, I guess.*

9) You are still pretty thin and jockey like. Do you ever worry about somebody mistaking you for a chicken wing and tossing you on Marty's grill?

**SB:** *When Marty is grilling on his 100mph grill, I try and keep my limbs at a safe distance.*

10) What is your opinion of the vintage racing scene in southern California and how do you think it could improve?

**SB:** *I would like to see a more uniform class structure so whatever club you ride in, its all the same. Also I would like to see more vintage specific tracks to race on. Most of the tracks now have to be re-worked for every race, making it not worthwhile for the tracks to allow us to race. In addition I would like to see more riders from different clubs race together on a regular basis. Special Note!: Come to the 2nd Annual SoCal Vintage MX Classic on June 11th at Barona Oaks Raceway....where all Vintage Riders Unite!!!*

*Ride on!*

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