

2010 Iron Butt 5000 Rally, The Finish
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In dramatic fashion and surely making Eddie James proud, Team Strange member John Coons has hung on to his Leg 1 lead to win the 2010 Iron Butt 5000. John stopped at 24 bonus locations during his ride from Denver to Spartanburg, South Carolina by way of the Java Hut bonus in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and the Live Oak Resort nudist colony bonus in Washington, Texas. It was a very smart route and a very impressive ride. His 11,988 points on Leg 2 brought his total score to 15,600 points. He rode his 1994 BMW R1100RSL a total of 5,671 miles during the 5-days of the rally.

Second place finishers Jim and Donna Phillips took a completely different approach to Leg 2, going for the gigantic Point Cabrillo Light Station bonus on the California coast. Not counting the fuel log, rest bonus, and call-in bonuses, they scored a grand total of only 4 bonuses during the 3 days of the last leg. They rode an extra 245 miles in a vain attempt to score the Live Oak Resort bonus on the way to Spartanburg, but arrived 55 minutes too late. After scoring 11,957 points on Leg 2, they ended up with a total of 15,459 points and rode their Honda Gold Wing a staggering 6,662 miles! The Phillips were the only riders that tried for Point Cabrillo who were able to make it to Spartanburg on time. The three other riders who tried were DNFs.

Third place finisher Chris Sakala also ran a unique and challenging route by combining the Phoenix bonus with the Minneapolis bonus. In order to pick up the additional bonuses needed to win, everything had to go perfectly. It didn't. Chris ran into terrible weather on the ride from Phoenix to Minneapolis and lost several hours seeking shelter from the hail in an abandoned gasoline station. He was only able to visit a total of six bonus locations during the 3-day leg, but with two of the three highest point bonuses on the leg, he scored 11,480 points, after 405 points were subtracted for arriving 81 minutes late to the finish, which brought his rally total to 15,036 points. He rode his BMW R1200RT an impressive 6,554 miles.

Riding as the only declared team, Strangers Jim Winterer and Mike Senty finished tied for fourth place with 14,546 points. They both rode 5,185 miles, Winterer on a Suzuki Wee Strom and Senty on a BMW R1150RT.

Rounding out the top ten were Jim Abbott on a Triumph Trophy in 6th; Don Catterton on a BMW R1200GSA in 7th; Brian Johnson on a BMW K1200LT in 8th; Greg Rice on a Gold Wing in 9th; and Michael Mehaffy on an FJR1300 in 10th.

Listed below are the final results showing, position, rider name, motorcycle model, miles ridden, and total points scored. Riders listed as "DNF" did not ride their motorcycles to the finish. Riders with fewer than 11,100 points are not officially considered "finishers."

Position	First Name	Last Name	Make	Model	Miles	Points
1	John	Coons	BMW	R1100RSL	5,671	15,600
2	Jim/Donna	Phillips	Honda	Gold Wing	6,662	15,459
3	Chris	Sakala	BMW	R1200RT	6,554	15,036
4	Jim	Winterer	Suzuki	DL650	5,185	14,546
5	Mike	Senty	BMW	R1150RT	5,185	14,546
6	Jim	Abbott	Triumph	Trophy	5,455	14,454
7	Don	Catterton	BMW	R1200GSA	5,507	14,395
8	Brian	Johnson	BMW	K1200 LT	5,521	14,363
9	Greg	Rice	Honda	Gold Wing	5,327	14,310
10	Michael	Mehaffy	Yamaha	FJR1300	5,488	14,241
11	Kurt	Dix	Kawasaki	Concours	5,757	14,176
12	Andy	Kirby	Honda	ST1300A	5,705	14,148
13	Peter	Behm	Yamaha	FJR1300	6,090	14,141
14	Corey	Nuehring	Yamaha	FJR1300A	5,610	14,082
15	Mike	Jackman	Honda	Gold Wing	5,038	13,986
16	Darrin	Hicks	HD	Electra Glide	5,575	13,601
17	Michael	Boge	Honda	ST1300	5,108	13,573
18	Nels	Gebben	BMW	K1200GT	5,150	13,553
19	Karl	Snell	BMW	R1200GS	5,268	13,536
20	Kevin	Lechner	Honda	ST1300A	5,170	13,387
21	Brant	Moteelall	Yamaha	FJR1300A	4,830	13,103
22	Perry	Karsten	Yamaha	FJR1300	4,772	12,968
23	George	Barker	Honda	Goldwing	5,044	12,957
24	Jack/Marlene	Backer	Honda	Gold Wing	4,989	12,888
25	Robert	Wilensky	Suzuki	DL1000	4,795	12,876
26	Shane	Mead	Honda	Gold Wing	4,916	12,796
27	Joel	Rappoport	Yamaha	FJR1300	4,500	12,763
28	Peter	Delean	Yamaha	FJR 1300	4,705	12,727
29	Dave	Hembroff	Yamaha	FJR 1300	4,087	12,381
30	Neil	Hejny	Honda	Gold Wing	4,704	12,216
31	Dan	Legg	Honda	ST1100	4,415	12,040
32	Robert	Bolger	Kawasaki	Concours 14	5,106	12,001
33	Doug	Barrett	Yamaha	FJR1300	4,816	11,930
34	Art	Garvin	Honda	Gold Wing	3,866	11,919
35	Connie	Gabrick	Victory	Vision	4,617	11,883
36	Kirsten	Talken-Spaulding	BMW	R1200RT	4,778	11,875
37	Greg/Pat	Blewett	Honda	Gold Wing	4,789	11,828
38	Jeremy	Loveall	BMW	R75/7	4,268	11,809
39	Wayne	Boyter	BMW	R1200RT	4,433	11,734
40	Bryan	Neagle	Honda	ST1300	5,119	11,719
41	John	Tubb	Honda	Gold Wing	4,500	11,636
42	Cathy	Davies	Honda	Gold Wing	4,376	11,631
43	Dave/Melanie	Legnosky/Macinnis	Honda	Gold Wing	4,070	11,603
44	John	Stamps	BMW	R1200RT	4,265	11,587
45	Bobby	Fox	BMW	R1200RT	5,123	11,574

46	Bob	Rippy	BMW	R1200RT	4,233	11,526
47	Jim	Weaver	BMW	R1150RT	4,579	11,331
48*	Dennis	Powell	Honda	Gold Wing	4,192	10,912
49*	Aaron	Konecky	HD	XR1200	4,488	10,905
50*	Chris	Carr	Buell	Ulysses	4,222	8,988
51*	Patrick	Hochberg	BMW	R1150GS	4,678	8,227
52*	Jerome	Byrd	Yamaha	Majesty 400	3,212	6,095
53*	Tony	Hudson	Honda	ST1300A	4,221	4,267
DNF	Cameron	Sanders	Honda	ST1300	1,892	3,418
DNF	Scott	Thornton	Yamaha	XS1100	1,998	3,376
DNF	Buford	Neely	BMW	R1200RT	1,817	3,032
DNF	Brian	Bray	Suzuki	SV650S	1,559	2,824
DNF	Michael	Relph	Honda	Gold Wing	1,504	2,783
DNF	Mike	Allen	BMW	R1200GS	1,533	2,658
DNF	Betsy	Young	HD	Ulra Classic	1,452	2,550
DNF	Joe	Zulaski	Honda	ST1300ABS	1,678	2,119
DNF	Kenny	Seay	BMW	R1150GS	1,528	2,055
DNF	Allen	Wilson	BMW	R1100RT	1,470	1,653
DNF	Derek	Dickson	Yamaha	FJR 1300	0	0

* Below minimum points required for finisher status.

All of the DNFs are accounted for and safe. More details regarding the Iron Butt 5000 will follow in the next edition of the Iron Butt Magazine.

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