

2009 Iron Butt Rally, Day 3
Wednesday, August 26, 2009

All 101 riders are accounted for, safe and sound. 98 riders arrived at Checkpoint 1 here in St. Charles, Illinois, before the opening of the time window; 2 riders received penalty points for arriving late. One rider, Jim Bain, has dropped out after losing a lot of time waiting for repairs to his BMW.

Jeff Earls is in first place at the end of Leg 1 with 16,629 points. Jeff scored a total of 30 bonuses in addition to the gas log bonus and the Call-In bonus. Losing his Rally flag didn't seem to hurt much.

Jeff Earls Gets Scored by IBR Veteran Eddie James



In second place, with 16,331 points, is Jim Owen. Jim scored an amazing 36 bonuses, in addition to the gas log and Call-In bonus. The other riders in the top ten are Derek Dickson, Andy Mills, Eric Jewell, Greg Marbach, Roger Sinclair, Mike Hutsal, Chris Sakala, and Alan Barbic.

27 riders are below the 9,000 point target to be on track for finisher status, but the point values for Legs 2 and 3 are higher and there is plenty of time for these riders to get back on track.

Barry Bertram has incurred a massive 50% penalty for having to switch bikes when his 1976 Suzuki RE5 expired in Florida, but that penalty does not count against his effort to be listed as a finisher.

Jim Owen Gets Scored by Scoring Coordinator Steve Hobart



The standings for all riders at the end of Leg 1 are as follows:

Position	Name	Points
1	Jeff Earls	16629
2	Jim Owen	16331
3	Derek Dickson	16143
4	Andy Mills	15653
5	Eric Jewell	15076
6	Greg Marbach	15028
7	Roger Sinclair	14726
8	Mike Hutsal	14447
9	Chris Sakala	14181
10	Alan Barbic	14141
11	Rick Miller	14120
12	Tom/Rosie Sperry	13608
13	Mark Crane	13165
14	Bob St. George	13096
15	Brian Roberts	13019
16	Michael Evans	12824
17	Peter Behm	12815
18	Rick Sauter	12808

19	Chuck Gittner	12789
20	Chris McGaffin	12731
21	Thane Silliker	12576
22	Bob Lilley	12447
23	Andy Kirby	12400
24	Terry Neale	12329
25	Paul Allison	12246
26	Gerhard Memmen-Krueger	12208
27	Jim Frens	12173
28	Scott LaShier	12103
29	Dick Peek	12065
30	Tom Loftus	12031
31	Phil Becker	12030
32	Brian Jack	12030
33	Greg Rice	11946
34	Kevin Lechner	11912
35	John Langan	11769
36	Joseph Leggett	11732
37	Art Garvin	11732
38	Ken Meese	11637
39	Kurt Dix	11532
40	Matt Watkins	11507
41	Bob/Sylvie Torter	11314
42	Mike Langford	11250
43	Joel Rappoport	11221
44	Davo Jones	11211
45	Bill Thweatt	10932
46	Bob Lyskowski	10865
47	Nancy Oswald	10815
48	Richard Buber	10773
49	David Bourdeaux	10667
50	Kevin Healey	10537
51	Bill Wade	10522
52	Chris Whitmore	10512
53	Terry/Linda Lahman	10502
54	Dave Biasotti	10485
55	Vance Keeney	10357
56	Glenn Pancoast	10125
57	George Barnes	10008
58	Winston Oxley	9983
59	Bo Griffin	9795
60	Tony Hudson	9645
61	John Jordan	9595
62	Bob Elliot	9587
63	Jeff/Carol Fremder	9476
64	Sal Terranova	9427
65	Bill Rauschenberg	9421
66	Jeff/Milinda Bakker	9376

67	Bob Collin	9326
68	Steve Short	9323
69	David Porter	9299
70	Margaret Peart	9155
71	David Nelson	9126
72	Kendall Anderson	9097
73	Neil Ward	9073
74	Kent Kidwell	8983
75	Gary Jarl	8828
76	Jennyfer Audet	8817
77	Jacques Titolo	8817
78	Charlie Clemmer	8744
79	Jerry White	8698
80	John Stanforth	8670
81	John Ferber	8586
82	Dennis Powell	8559
83	Larry Scalzitti	8553
84	Wendy Crockett	8533
85	Mark Dieck	8453
86	Buford Neely	8269
87	Maura Gatensby	8032
88	Jim Mulcahy	7967
89	Alex Harper	7937
90	Bob Mutchler	7871
91	Rick Neeley	7765
92	David Hicks	7764
93	David Riley	7604
94	Tom Bisagni	7035
95	Don Fitzgerald	6988
96	Doug Webb	6939
97	Bob Collins	6893
98	David Legnosky	6145
99	Kevin Smart	5259
100	Barry Bertram	1100
101	Jim Bain	DNF

Two Iron Butt Rally rookies, Derek Dickson and Roger Sinclair, are in the top ten. Of course, neither of these riders are really “rookies;” both have experience in other rallies and Dickson has won the Minnesota 1000 twice.

Not surprisingly, all of the top ten riders included the Martha’s Vineyard bonus in their route. In 12th place, the leading 2-up team, Tom and Rosie Sperry, also went to Martha’s Vineyard. A total of 23 riders included Martha’s Vineyard in their route.

30 riders went all of the way to Key West before turning around and heading north. The top finishing Key West rider was Michael Evans, who is in 16th place. 40 riders scored the Miami bonus.

The high mileage rider was Brian Jack with 3,239 miles. Brian is in 31st place. In contrast, 1st place finisher Earls rode 2,765 miles.

Tomorrow

The bonus listing for Leg 2 gets distributed at the 4:00 a.m. riders meeting on Thursday morning. Tomorrow's report will provide a summary of the options available.

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