

Ron La Mastus

Ron was raised in a family where his father and three brother were all motorcyclists. His first bike was a 1948 CZ that his father purchased from Ralph Moore. That same bike had also been Rick Moore's first bike. In 1959, at the age of 11, Ron rode his first event at a cross country race in Lynnville, IN. He got lost and ended up finding a large crane that was used to dig out coal and played around by riding "inside" of its huge bucket.

He won overall at the Beer Can Derby in 1964. He served in the U.S. Navy, and was deployed to Vietnam after graduating high school in 1966. When his ship returned to the states in 1968, he purchased a bike and raced at scrambles and T.T. in the California area, including Ascot Park T.T. and obtained his novice license.

In 1972, Ron began reading about the I.S.D.T. that was to be held in the U.S. for the first time in 1973. He qualified for the U.S. team and rode an innovative Rokon for the factory to a Bronze Medal. In 1974, he qualified 16th position for the U.S. team going to I.S.D.T. in Italy. He rode factory Penton to a Bronze medal. In 1975, Ron qualified for the U.S. team and rode a factory Ossa to a Silver Medal at the I.S.D.T. on the Isle of Man. In 1976 and 1978 he qualified once again for the I.S.D.T. , traveling to Austria and Sweden.

In 1979, he qualified for the U.S. team and raced a factory SWM in the I.S.D.T. in West Germany. This was his last time trying out for the I.S.D.T.'s. Ron decided to purchase his very first "on" road bike in 1986, a BMW R80. In 1997, he returned to riding off road enduros for fun and purchased his first KTM. He recently purchased a 990 KTM Adventure bike, and rode the Colorado Rocky Mountain Pass at the age of 66, almost 67. He hopes to continue riding for as long as he is physically possible, and his wife lets him.