



Tim Johnson, 1955-2008

From San Jose BMW: Tim Johnson was the sales manager of San Jose BMW and an integral part of their successful road racing team. Tim was a 700,000 mile BMW rider and was truly passionate about our sport. He had a technical mind and did all the web site work, as well as crew at trackside, always ready to take care of business. Tim didn't say a lot, but when he did, you listened. When he said he'd do something, you could take it to the bank. Tim was a decorated USAF veteran, and was well known around the world as a top notch training official.

Tim was en route to the salt flats early in September, to hook up with the team who were preparing to set another world land speed record or three, on San Jose's specially built R75 and R100 competition bikes. He was riding his beloved R1200 GS Adventure some-

where along Highway 50 in the Sierra Nevada mountains in eastern California when he was hit head-on by a car that crossed the centerline. He had a quarter of a second to react, according to CHP. Tim did not survive.

To say he'll be missed is another inadequate understatement. Tim was, in many respects, the heart of the team, supporting everyone as needed, keeping the info up to date on the website, and thinking nothing of riding his GSA from the west coast to Daytona to handle trackside duties, and then ride home without fanfare. Tim was our rock, which has rolled away, down a steep mountain and out of sight. He'll be missed by many, many close friends and admirers.

Team San Jose set a new land speed record in Tim's name, and he'll be listed in the record books forever.