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# 121

### rob feature

Pull My Finger!



Joined: May 2005  
Location: Nashville  
Odometer: 1,433

FWIW, this little fiasco teamed up with their deny and elitist attitudes has ended my relationship with BMW. I still have my F650, but after I use it up and part it out, I'm done with 'em. Any company that'll risk lives in order to save themselves some cash isn't worth 2 shits, IMO. Yeah, they make some nice bikes, but something like a catastrophic failure should be addressed, recalled, and fixed by the maker in quick fashion. But BMW's stance is deny, quietly fix, ignore, and use its legal team to keep things quiet and cheap...kinda like moving some production to China.

I'll ride something else from now on BMW...sorry it had to be this way, but you made it so. Call it the straw that broke the back. Big honkin' straw it was too.



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05-29-2009, 06:45 PM

# 122

### WayneC1

Adventurer

Joined: Oct 2008  
Location: Australia  
Odometer: 67

Rob

Do everyone a favour & put it to them directly in a letter



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05-31-2009, 12:01 AM

# 123

### WayneC1

Adventurer

Joined: Oct 2008  
Location: Australia  
Odometer: 67

New check from

kuyajonathan

over at f650.co.uk

Manufactured 12/2002 - new forks



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05-31-2009, 01:29 PM

# 124

### rob feature

Pull My Finger!

Quote:

Originally Posted by **WayneC1**  
Rob



Joined: May 2005  
 Location: Nashville  
 Odometer: 1,433

*Do everyone a favour & put it to them directly in a letter*

Why bother? I could care less how they improve their stuff at this point. Nor am I interested in a CANBUS bike. I know it's a bit off topic, but they're selling supposed RTW bikes that need a dealer reset if your electrical system does anything wonky...I hear even a dead battery requires it. Not for me. Let 'em figure it out on their own. I'm not gonna waste my time.

Like they'd take a letter into consideration anyway. They've heard from me about the forks...months ago. Still haven't heard back. I have no reason to believe that a letter announcing my displeasure would even be read...let alone taken seriously. As far as I'm concerned, they can be absorbed by the US gubment and run alongside GM...I'm about as likely to purchase from either...take your pick 😊



Blame MaddBrit

quote

05-31-2009, 01:34 PM

# 125

## NothingClever

Dirt Winger



Joined: Oct 2006  
 Location: Colorado & Colombia  
 Odometer: 1,085

Quote:

Originally Posted by **rob feature**  
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You can be the first kid on the block to get a Husqvarna TE610 and make SScratch jealous as all get out 🙌.

*Flying the Austrian Adventure Airlines at 3ft AGL*

*And a little Swedish rocket from Varese, Italy has me a mile high*



Blame MaddBrit

quote

05-31-2009, 01:54 PM

# 126

## WayneC1

Adventurer

Joined: Oct 2008  
 Location: Australia

Rob

Understand your outlook, shows the difference between the US & UK

Odometer: 67

Every letter I am aware of written in the UK has received a response

I know one way to get up the BMW NA nose & that is to write to AG

Have emails showing the SH.. which hit the fan, was rolling round the floor laughing at the time I read them

But I have a perverse Oz sense of humour



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05-31-2009, 02:00 PM

# 127

## rob feature

Pull My Finger!



Joined: May 2005  
Location: Nashville  
Odometer: 1,433

Quote:

Originally Posted by **NothingClever**  
*You can be the first kid on the block to get a Husqvarna TE610 and make SScratch jealous as all get out 🤖 .*

I'm afraid a TE610 would strain our work relationship. I think I'll compromise and show up one day on a 640 Adventure 📄🤖



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05-31-2009, 09:48 PM

# 128

## Gravel Seeker

Thomas



Joined: Apr 2002  
Location: Dreary old Norway,  
dreaming of adventures past  
Odometer: 1,365

Quote:

Originally Posted by **rob feature**  
*Why bother? I could care less how they improve their stuff at this point.*

And yet you continue to post about the topic 🤖📄

Quote:

Originally Posted by **rob feature**  
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You've been misinformed.

I've never taken my bike in for a service in 52.000.

It's had a flat/ dead battery several times.

From when it's tipped over, battery acid has eaten its way through all wires on the right side of the bike.


It has overheated perhaps 30 times.

I've forgot to hook up the airsensor a few times before riding both sort and long trips.


I've been cutting, adding, replacing and removing wires, relays, bulbs, leds and instruments for 7 years and the when I finally got it hooked up at a dealers last summer it only shoved *one* message/ warning: high water temp, *once*.

Quote:

Originally Posted by **rob feature**  
*I'm not gonna waste my time.*

 Blame MaddBrit

 quote

 05-31-2009, 10:18 PM

# 129

## WayneC1

Adventurer

Joined: Oct 2008  
Location: Australia  
Odometer: 67

Rob

I forgot to let you know in the last post,

You messgae got through to BMW, let me quote from a letter from BMW UK to an owner there

"The fork leg breakages that are reported on the advrider.com website were investigated by our colleagues in Minich shortly after they appeared. It was reported that the bikes in the website were thought to have previously been involved in accidents causing damage to the front fork assemblies. It was also discussed at the time that the bikes appeared to be very heavily laden which may have caused undue strain to the fork legs, suspension and main frame"

So there you have it, we are all riding machines which are heavily laden & riding machines with front end damage & someone in germany has a nice book mark to enjoy our banter from time to time


Perhaps we should preface our banter with hello Munich

But at least they will learn they have lost another customer or two



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 06-01-2009, 12:41 AM

# 130

## rob feature

Pull My Finger!



Joined: May 2005  
Location: Nashville  
Odometer: 1,433

Quote:

Originally Posted by **Gravel Seeker**  
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Post, yes. Letter to BMW, no. Pay attention.

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Again, pay attention. I was talking about CANBUS bikes. If I'm reading your sig correctly, you don't have a CANBUS bike...you have the same bike I have.

Quote:

Originally Posted by **Gravel Seeker**  
*But you don't mind wasting our ours* 🇩🇪

I write...you read. You wasted your own time.

Quote:


Originally Posted by **Gravel Seeker**  
*I actually feel for you, my BMW dealer could be alot better.*

I have no idea what that means.



 Blame MaddBrit

 quote

 06-01-2009, 12:48 AM

# 131

## rob feature

Pull My Finger!



Joined: May 2005  
Location: Nashville  
Odometer: 1,433

Quote:

Originally Posted by **WayneC1**  
*Rob*

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*Perhaps we should preface our banter with hello Munich*

*But at least they will learn they have lost another customer or two*

So they are listening 🤖 .



06-01-2009, 07:19 AM

# 132

## Gravel Seeker

Thomas



Joined: Apr 2002  
 Location: Dreary old Norway,  
 dreaming of adventures past  
 Odometer: 1,365

Quote:

Originally Posted by **rob feature**  
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*Again, pay attention. I was talking about CANBUS bikes. If I'm reading your sig correctly, you don't have a CANBUS bike...you have the same bike I have.*

*I write...you read. You wasted your own time.*

*I have no idea what that means.*

I'm so sorry !  
 I feel like such a douche now.

I thought perhaps when you said

Quote:

Originally Posted by **rob feature**  
*I could care less how they improve their stuff at this point.*

you weren't gonna talk about it anymore.

I've tried looking up CANbus, because I thought I had one with the FI and the hooking it up and reading data from it, but I can't figure out what it really is.

The last part means that I am very disappointed with the current BMW dealer in my area. The previous one however was very good. Nice, knowledgeable people working there and it usually took no more than two days to get parts. The New dealer was a Suzuki dealer originally and just added BMW. They act as if BMW owners are worthless customers. They have no interest in BMW bikes or parts (or service for that matter) and parts usually take a week to arrive. So my point is that I too have experienced some problems with BMW, but not the make itself - it's the new dealer.

'01 F650 Dakar - modified as best I can

[Gravel Seekers.com](http://GravelSeekers.com)

Hey !  
 It's the African ant eater ritual !

06-01-2009, 07:36 AM

# 133

## tmotten

Team Otten Team Leader



Joined: Jun 2006  
 Location: Dutchy on the Goldy  
 Odometer: 515


Gravel, CANBUS is simply put a system where everything is wired in series. Which than are controlled by computers through that circuit. Seems to me that electrical engineers are getting more and more comfortable with their wiring.

Upside, there is more control of the system and it's simpler, lighter, cheaper and easier fault finding. Downside is that there is no flexibility to adding things. You even do as much as tap a relay on it, and it's all systems down.


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<http://www.advrider.com/forums/showthread.php?t=406979>

or

[TACO'S TYRING TRAVELS.blogspot.com](http://TACO'S TYRING TRAVELS.blogspot.com)

 Blame MaddBrit

 quote

 06-01-2009, 10:55 AM

# 134

## WayneC1

Adventurer

Joined: Oct 2008  
Location: Australia  
Odometer: 67

To add more detail re CAN Bus and the F650GS


The F650GS has an OBDII Interface built to ISO Standard to the BMS with proprietary BMW commands & memory locations running on top of the standard interface. It appears the BMS may also communicate, probably using I2C with the instrument panel and that some fault memory may be in the Instrument panel

Other newer machines have the CAN Bus & in the future you will see aftermarket products available for those machines. Iyt is going to come down to whether BMW and other manufacturers are allowed to add proprietary commmands and functions to the CAN Bus components they use.



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 06-01-2009, 12:58 PM

# 135

## wetrock

McLovin



Joined: Oct 2006  
Location: Seattle, Washington  
Odometer: 61

So, the 64,000 question: I'm gearing up to buy a 650 GS... there is a 2001 that looks pretty sweet for a reasonable price. Do I get it and play the odds? Do I go with the party line that the failures are not necessarily linked to fork defects? Do I get it and replace the stanchions? Urghh. I'm tempted to just wait for a sweet looking 2003+ model to show up.



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