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## Crash in Destruction Bay, YT

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**redbaroness**

Gnarly Adventurer

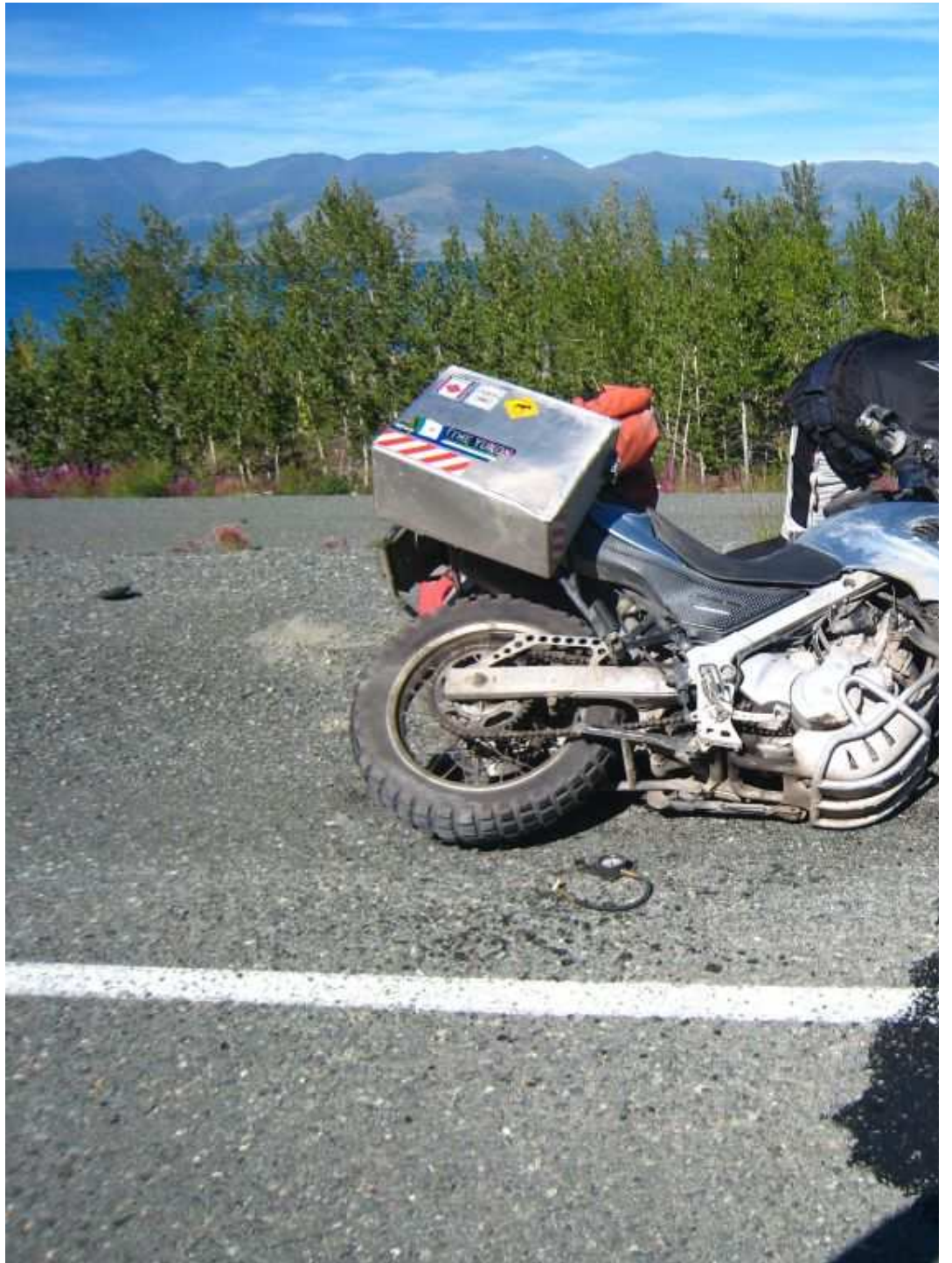


### F650GS Crash in Destruction Bay, YT - Catastrophical Forks Failure

Photos from my crash in the Yukon last week (clear day, bit windy, smooth pavement, wheel came off). I was riding a 2002 F650GS. I sustained a compound fracture of my right tibia. I was wearing Motoport gear w/i back and chest protector, Helimot gloves, Arai helmet and Dainese boots. I was airlifted to Seattle for surgery. I am out of the hospital now, but my bike and gear are still in the Yukon.

This was the last day of my 3500 mile Seattle-Alaska ride but a hell of a way to end it.

Joined: Apr 2008  
Location: Seattle, WA  
Odometer: 101

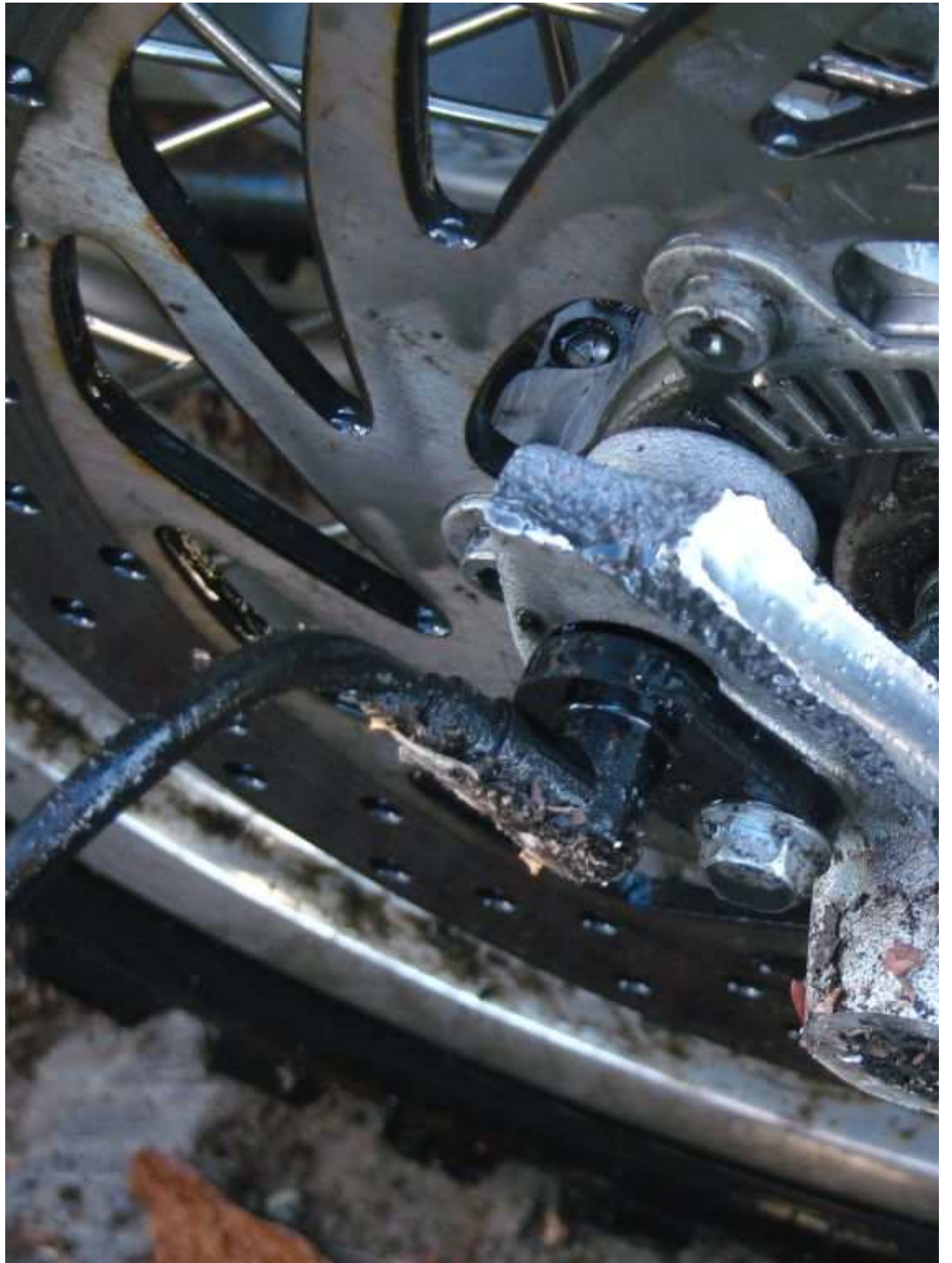






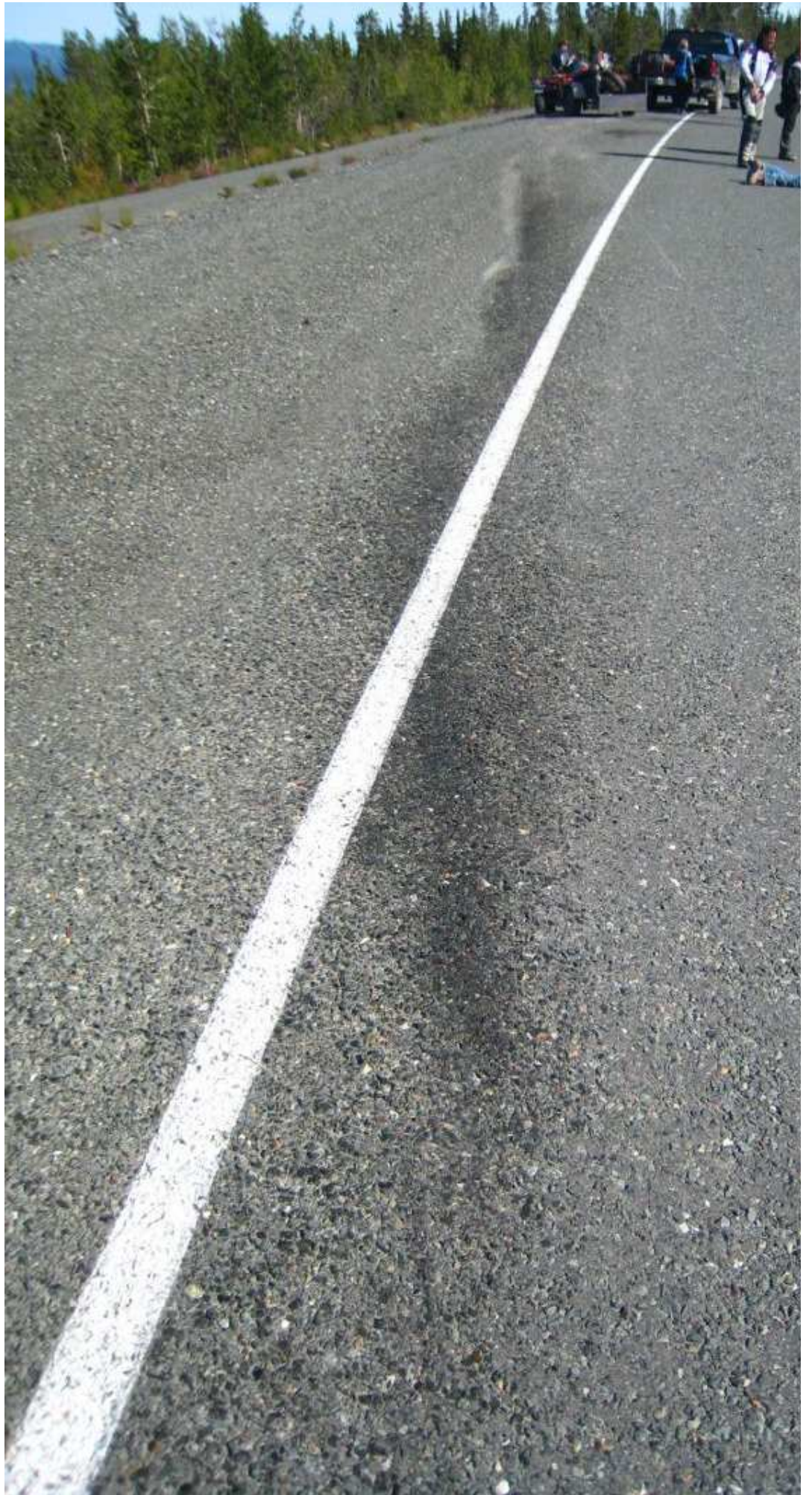
















EDIT BY ANNIEGS: I changed this one to a link 'cuz it's a bit graphic (broken a  
<http://red-baroness.net/Motorcycling...nBike/arm2.jpg>


Rest of the crash photos: <http://red-baroness.net/Motorcycling/images/Broker>


We googled a bit and found this on the ChainGang site:  
[http://faq.f650.com/FAQS/ForksMaintFAQ.htm#GS%20Catastrophic%20Fork%](http://faq.f650.com/FAQS/ForksMaintFAQ.htm#GS%20Catastrophic%20Fork%20)



If anyone knows about any similar incidents with the GS, please contact me on

Last edited by redbaroness : 08-15-2008 at 08:36 AM. Reason: changed pic to link

 Blame MaddBrit

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#2

**Dick**

Its a big old goofy world



Joined: Jun 2003  
Location: Denver, CO  
Odometer: 28,330

Oooof!


Heal fast

Quote:

Originally Posted by **turkish**  
*Einstein knew more about physics than the Pope knows about God.*

 Blame MaddBrit

 quote

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#3

**longrider999**

Beastly Adventurer



Joined: Jan 2008  
Location: new london, wizconzin  
Odometer: 1,414


**accident**

red baroness, hope you have a complete recovery. how did you like the yukon?

In every moment of life, you're CREATOR is revealing beauty and love to the heart of Man. -WHITE EAGLE

 Blame MaddBrit

 quote

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#4

**redbaroness**

Gnarly Adventurer



Joined: Apr 2008  
Location: Seattle, WA  
Odometer: 101


Quote:

Originally Posted by **longrider999**  
*red baroness, hope you have a complete recovery. how did you like the yukon?*

The Yukon was grand!

 Blame MaddBrit

 quote

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#5

**bongodave**

Bouncy Rhythms!



Joined: Mar 2006  
Location: Now in Long Beach, California  
Odometer: 6,298

Holy cow! The forks just came apart? Not the only incidence of this, either, from the link.

So glad you're ok. Hang in there! 🙏

Always, always, always, always, always do what you're afraid to do. --Ralph Waldo Emerson

Don't ever let me see you on that thing without a helmet! --Dad anyway we're retards....so we pressed on --h8chains

Mostly it proves how appealing hurting people is to sub-literates. --Toothy

 Blame MaddBrit

 quote

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#6

### DireWolf

Braccae tuae aperiantur!!



Joined: Jun 2006  
Location: From the Northwest corner  
Odometer: 14,533

Well shit on shinola..... 🤔

That made my butt pucker.

I'm glad it warn't worse, you had someone with you, and that someone was an EMT. Sarah is a pretty cool one, and us Portlanders were looking forward to meeting you some time - without the injury. Heal fast and well - and best wishes.

Quote:

Originally Posted by **Charla**  
*No one ever drinks alone when they have make believe internet friends.*

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#7

### boxermoose

Hot & lovin it



Joined: Sep 2003  
Location: Gulf Coast TX  
Odometer: 1,710

Wow - ouch!!!!!!

Destruction Bay was one of my favourite spots in YT(such a coolhandle)

Heal up fast

Sometimes you get the ABAT....and sometimes the ABAT gets you

Blame MaddBrit



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#8

### old school

FUBAR



Joined: Jun 2005  
Location: The Great State of Confusion  
Odometer: 118

Your wheel just up and fell off? WTF?!?

I'm glad to hear you weren't hurt worse, and that it happened near the end of your trip.

You know, if you gotta crash, what better place than somewhere named "Destruction Bay"?

*girls only want boyfriends who have great skills*

Blame MaddBrit



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#9

### Tymobyrne

Banned



Joined: Jul 2008  
Location: CT,USA..Planet Earth  
Odometer: 267

Ack ... 🤔



Blame MaddBrit

quote

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# 10

### commo\_soulja

Supa Thumpa Pilot



Joined: Jun 2005  
Location: Bay Area, CA  
Odometer: 370

That pic of your arm lookin all funny is Hope you heal well and fast!

'05 BMW F650 GS Dakar  
"Ride like ya stole it!"  
"I'm not a playa, I jus thump alot!"

Blame MaddBrit

quote

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# 11

### klopfi

Professional Struggler



Joined: Jun 2006  
Location: Wyoming  
Odometer: 66

**all hail the mighty gods of kevlar...**

Yowchie get off. Heal fast.

jim

"It's always good to see young people taking an interest in danger. Now, a lot of people are going to be telling you you're crazy, and maybe they're right. But the fact of the matter is: Bones heal. Chicks dig scars. And the United States of America has the best doctor-to-daredevil ratio in the world!" - Captain Lance Murdoch

Carpe Spargel!

Blame MaddBrit

quote

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# 12

### BobFV1

Ass Man!



Joined: Jan 2006  
Location: Vienna, Virginia  
Odometer: 23,030

Had the bike been wheelied a lot or something? That seems like an unusual failure.

I sure am glad you are okay - sorry about the nasty arm injury. Heal up fast!

BobFV1

*2007 BMW R1200RT*  
Smugmug Coupon Code: **mWX869bp4NSms**

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quote

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### NewEnglander

Gnarly Adventurer

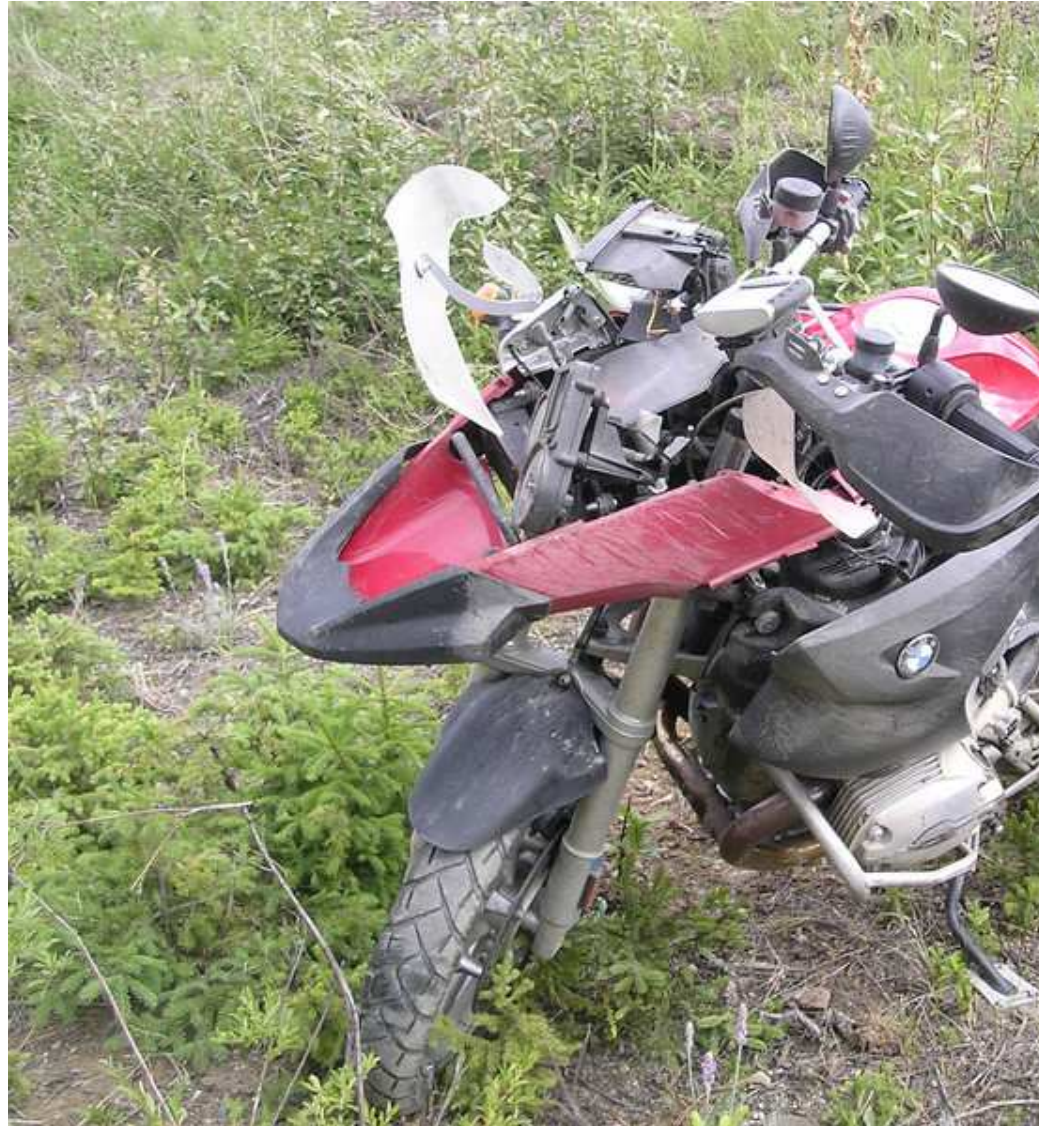


Joined: Sep 2007  
Location: Greenville NH

**I know what its like ...kind of**

That sure looks like it hurts! Hope you are doing better. I crashed in the \ also flown to Seattle. I walked away but sustained 3 broken ribs, a collapse collarbone, badly sprained left wrist. I didnt feel nearly as much pain as you strange how the bike came apart. Had it sustained any front end damage in my crash.

Odometer: 144



I was near Carmacks and the EMS people were great! I dont know how you beautiful up there and I had such a great time I would do it again even if I and I hope you heal fast!

Lee

If youre gonna be dumb ya gotta be tough.

**2008 BMW R1200 GS Adventure**

Previous bikes

**2007 BMW R1200GS (wrecked)**

**2002 Kawasaki ZX-12R**

**1986 Honda Interceptor 700**

**1985 Honda Nighthawk 650**

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# 14

**NewEnglander**

Gnarly Adventurer



Joined: Sep 2007

**one more thing**

I am so glad to see you had all your gear on. I was fully geared up in my crash and it saved me! You are a good example of how well protective gear can us.

If youre gonna be dumb ya gotta be tough.

**2008 BMW R1200 GS Adventure**



Location: Greenville NH  
Odometer: 144



### Previous bikes

- 2007 BMW R1200GS (wrecked)
- 2002 Kawasaki ZX-12R
- 1986 Honda Interceptor 700
- 1985 Honda Nighthawk 650

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# 15

## See-Double-You



Studly Adventurer



Joined: Sep 2003  
Location: Anchorage, AK  
Odometer: 689

Damn. Not sure I'll ever look @ my bike the same way after seeing the pictures of your forks. Damn.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery RB. Get yourself a new bike and come on up in '09.

CW

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