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## Crash in Destruction Bay, YT

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#31

### NICO

Live like you're dying.



Joined: May 2006  
Location: Land of not enough Summer.  
Odometer: 1,373

Quote:

Originally Posted by **redbaroness**  
My bike did have some front end damage in a previous crash, **but it was completely checked out by a BMW dealership.** :|

Have you called and/or sent along these photos to this dealership yet? How long ago were these "inspected"? If the bike was given a clean bill of health prior to leaving on this trip, I'd be mighty peeved with the dealer that said it was good to go. I don't know if there is any recourse, but I'd certainly ask that some sort of independent investigator have a look at those forks to determine if the fracture is new or if it have been "growing" for some time. There may be an indication of where the initial failure was.

Did the bike exhibit any warning signs or just let go? Based on the day before crash wheel pic, there doesn't seem to be any indication of fracture, at lease there's no apparent oil weepage.

Glad you are able to post about this. This could have been soooo much worse.

Here's hoping you have a fast recovery and are back on 2 wheels sooner than later.

*Bestest Story Ever!*

Thank you, Bake, this made my day. 🙌 ('cept fer the wettin' myself part)

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08-11-2008, 01:27 AM

#32

### NCJ

Garden variety



Joined: Jul 2007  
Location: Troutman, NC  
Odometer: 1,466

Anybody out there with foundry experience see what looks like hydrogen porosity (those little bubbled spots) and unusually large grain size in the casting where the axle bosses sheared off?

08-11-2008, 03:01 AM

#33

**DireWolf**

Braccae tuae aperiantur!!



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

Quote:

Originally Posted by **NCJ**  
*Anybody out there with foundry experience see what looks like hydrogen porosity (those little bubbled spots) and unusually large grain size in the casting where the axle bosses sheared off?*

I have none, but noticed the bubbles and roughness. We have an 02 Dakar. I don't know what to think.

Quote:

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

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08-11-2008, 03:09 AM

#34

**redbaroness**

Gnarly Adventurer



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

Quote:

Originally Posted by **kwh**  
*I think it may have taken a starring role in its last crash, though - I believe the various medical professionals who worked on Red Baroness's injuries between Destruction Bay and Seattle have pretty much turned it into cleaning rags...*

Nope, they took it off in one piece. I took a deep breath and told them to pull it off. Might have cussed a bit. :P

My left glove was the only piece of gear that needed to be cut off.

08-11-2008, 03:13 AM

#35

**redbaroness**

Gnarly Adventurer



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

Quote:

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*Did the bike exhibit any warning signs or just let go? Based on the day before crash wheel pic, there doesn't seem to be any indication of fracture, at least there's no apparent oil weepage.*


*Glad you are able to post about this. This could have been soooo much worse.*

*Here's hoping you have a fast recovery and are back on 2 wheels sooner than later.*

I crashed a couple of months ago at a rally and it might have been an outcome of that crash. The BMW dealership replaced the front fairing mounting. To be honest, there were no visible signs of any damage in the forks then or during the 3500 miles of my trip (no fork oil leakage or anything). I am loathe to blame them for this.

 Blame MaddBrit



 08-11-2008, 03:16 AM

#36

**redbaroness**

Gnarly Adventurer



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

Quote:

Originally Posted by **Greg Awesome**

*Wow! I'm so sorry you crashed, and it looks like there's nothing you could have done (that you didn't already do) to prevent it or see it coming. I'm glad you weren't hurt worse and hope you heal quickly. I am actually getting surgery on my hand soon from my ninja 250 get-off, so we'll both be in casts.*

*Btw everyone, redbaroness actually lent me that motoport jacket and I crashed in it twice, so it's been down 3 times now and it looks it it has held up pretty dang well. I guess I must have cursed it as an unlucky jacket :O*


*Get better soon!  
Greg*

Thanks, Greg. That jacket was brilliant. I am SO glad I took it back from you for my trip. I'm pretty sure a crash like that would have shredded most branded gear.

Good luck with your surgery!

 Blame MaddBrit



 08-11-2008, 03:19 AM

#37

**redbaroness**

Gnarly Adventurer



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

Quote:

Originally Posted by **NewEnglander**

*I had an Arai XD helmet, joe rocket meteor jacket(with all the pads and armor),joe rocket ballistic pants, gericke boots, and vance and hines leather racing gloves with gauntlets. Comfy gear and waterproof too.*

*I was crossing a patch of gravel (like hundreds I had already crossed)which was very deep and loose and I let off the throttle because of all the warning signs about hitting workers and the front end sunk in and sent me tumbling. It was my first crash ever with close to 20 years of riding. The pain wasnt so bad and my legs didnt hurt at all so walking away wasnt too hard. When they put in the chest tube for the collapsed lung ...that was pain like I had never felt in my life!😞 Feel OK now, the shoulder is sore when I move it*

*wrong and the ribs are a little sore now and then but not bad enough for pain killers. Hope yours heals fast.*

Lee


Joe Rocket. :( I have very little faith in that gear. :

So sorry to hear about what happened and now I begin to realize why the hospital strapped me in like a corpse and refused to let me move before they had checked that everthing in my body worked as it should.

Heal well, my friend.

 Blame MaddBrit

 quote

 08-11-2008, 04:25 AM

#38

kwh

Fat Hairy Git



Joined: Jan 2005

Location: SA31, United Kingdom

Odometer: 98



Quote:

Originally Posted by **redbaroness**

*I crashed a couple of months ago at a rally and it might have been an outcome of that crash. The BMW dealership replaced the front fairing mounting. To be honest, there were no visible signs of any damage in the forks then or during the 3500 miles of my trip (no fork oil leakage or anything). I am loathe to blame them for this.*

I have to say that that's the biggest indicator that this isn't something the dealership who inspected the bike could have picked up, and that it almost certainly isn't related to the Trollhaugen crash either, is the fact that there was no fork oil being lost. If there was a crack that had made it as far as the outside world anywhere in that part of the fork assembly, even if it only opened up when the bike was moving, then there would be fork oil being forced out of there under pressure and it would be coating the brakem the tyre and the front of the bike.


Even the day before the crash, it would appear that there are no obvious signs of any cracks or evidence of fork oil anywhere outside the forks. However, when the forks failed, there was clearly still plenty enough fork oil inside them to leave a slick on the road.

My first thought was that the handling issues Red-Baroness experienced were directly related to a crack opening up and flexing, but of course this is a casting, so it wouldn't flex much, it would just shatter. But what *would* add up is if the crack opened up on one side on the morning of the final day, and this caused a loss of damping oil from one fork leg, which would do unpleasant but not catastrophic things to the handling (like riding with one blown fork seal). If that was the case then from first crack spontaneously appearing in the lower fork leg to the whole assembly catastrophically failing would have taken only a very few hours of riding on smooth pavement.


It's tempting to blame the Trollhaugen crash, but in that crash the bars weren't bent, the controls weren't smashed, the front wheel wasn't buckled, the brake calipers and disks weren't damaged, the forks didn't lose their damping oil, in fact apart from an indicator

being smashed and the fairing mounts being damaged the bike was essentially good to go and was ridden off the mountain! The gyrations the bike went through might seem, spectacular, but the forces the forks experience hitting a pot-hole at 60mph must be much greater...

Ken Haylock  
BMW K1200GT SE & Triumph TT600  
<http://www.cix.co.uk/~kwh>

 Blame MaddBrit

 quote

 08-11-2008, 04:29 AM

# 39

**redbaroness**

Gnarly Adventurer



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


Quote:

Originally Posted by **kwh**  
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The bars didn't bend, they completely sheared off. We had to do a hacky job of bolting them back on, but yes somebody was able to ride it back for me when I was feeling braindead.

 Blame MaddBrit

 quote

 08-11-2008, 04:51 AM

# 40

**kwh**

Fat Hairy Git



Joined: Jan 2005  
Location: SA31, United Kingdom  
Odometer: 98




Oh right - but was that just the bolts holding the bar risers in place giving up the ghost?

Ken Haylock  
BMW K1200GT SE & Triumph TT600  
<http://www.cix.co.uk/~kwh>

 Blame MaddBrit

 quote

 08-11-2008, 04:59 AM

# 41

**redbaroness**

Gnarly Adventurer



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

Quote:


Originally Posted by **kwh**  
*Oh right - but was that just the bolts holding the bar risers in place giving up the ghost?*

The ghost? For god's sake man, talk English! :P

Yes, it was the bar riser bolts that broke off.

 Blame MaddBrit

 quote

 08-11-2008, 05:21 AM

# 42

kwh

Fat Hairy Git



Quote:

Originally Posted by **redbaroness**  
*The ghost? For god's sake man, talk English! :P*  
  
*Yes, it was the bar riser bolts that broke off.*

Joined: Jan 2005

Location: SA31, United Kingdom

Oddometer: 98



It's a common ENGLISH idiom.

<http://www.usingenglish.com/referenc...the+ghost.html>

We use it in ENGLAND. Where we speak ENGLISH, obviously. 🙄

Clearly, this doesn't translate as well for the American audience as I'd hoped 🙄

Ken Haylock  
BMW K1200GT SE & Triumph TT600  
<http://www.cix.co.uk/~kwh>

Blame MaddBrit

quote

08-11-2008, 05:45 AM

#43

Omi

I'm so sorry about your accident. You had been planning so long for this trip, and for this to happen!! I hope you heal soon and 100%.



Joined: Jul 2004

Oddometer: 3,084

Blame MaddBrit

quote

08-11-2008, 06:11 AM

#44

ozyran

Adventurer



Glad you're still with us and you were wearing the gear!

Sorry to hear about the crash though. That just really sucks about the motorcycle. Glad you're okay, but that just sucks about the bike. Hopefully both you and the bike will be better here soon.

How's the arm, the hand, and the bike?

Joined: Jul 2007

Location: Opelika, AL

Oddometer: 26

Blame MaddBrit

quote

08-11-2008, 06:16 AM

#45

kawalaser

just testing the waters



that fork failure is outrageous. heal up soon!

'05 KLR650 (sold)  
'74 CB550  
'98 VFR800

Joined: Jun 2007

Location: White Plains, NY

Oddometer: 1,715

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