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### Dakar down and out

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Couple of months ago I managed to park my Dakar up and between two trees with snapped forks (impressive to see **fork** legs actually snapped) and enough damage to bodywork and frame to write it off. Sad day but with not much in the way of injuries (broken rib and some nice bruises) the sadness was offset by walking away with just the loss of the bike.

Thing is however that just a couple of weeks before when getting the rear brake master cylinder replaced I'd asked the salesman about it's trade-in value and was quoted just £1500 for an 02 plate Dakar with just a bit over 30,000 on the clock. I had little hope of the insurance paying out enough to get another bike but surprise, surprise the insurance chap commented that as it was as nice a bike for 5 years old as he had seen (don't know why I had stopped washing it much years before) and that he would pay-out the maximum insured value of £3000. So I took the money and again counted my blessings. Looked at another Dakar, saw some but nothing really took my fancy, I still prefer the older blue paintwork to the newer style, till a chap at work approached me and offered his 5 year old 1150 GS Adventure for a reasonable price (well top book price actually but read on) so I had a look. What a stunner just 13,000 miles on a 52 plate adventure, every extra in the book fitted, system cases (the big adv aluminium set), ABS, heated grips, extra fog and spot lights, autocom, GPS, white lenses and other little extras that I'm still finding and it was in smashing condition. Minimal signs of the usual BMW corrosion and much better than my old Dakar had and it pretty quickly became mine. Picked it up just over a week ago so now must resign as an F650 owner.

Sad day as I've been visiting this group for many years (from its outset actually as Trevor invited me as one of the first flush of group users), had a couple of really nice rides with the group (the Scottish tour of a couple of years ago being a favorite) and whilst never prolific as a writer I have always been a keen reader and whilst I may visit now and again it'll now be as a lurker rather than bonafide user. So it's good-bye for the time being and if I can just get used to the size of this huge boxer beast and the amount of petrol it uses (45mpg so far!!) I'll still be enjoying the world of GS'ing and looking on the smaller but no less impressive 650's with real good memories.

Andy80F

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#### YOU'LL BE BACK!

Hi Andy, SteveT (from the "ages ago Scotland trip").

Sad about your 650. Glad your OK. Shame about you leaving us for the really dark side.

Keep popping your nose in to check us out. You know you'll be back.

TTFN,  
SteveT

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