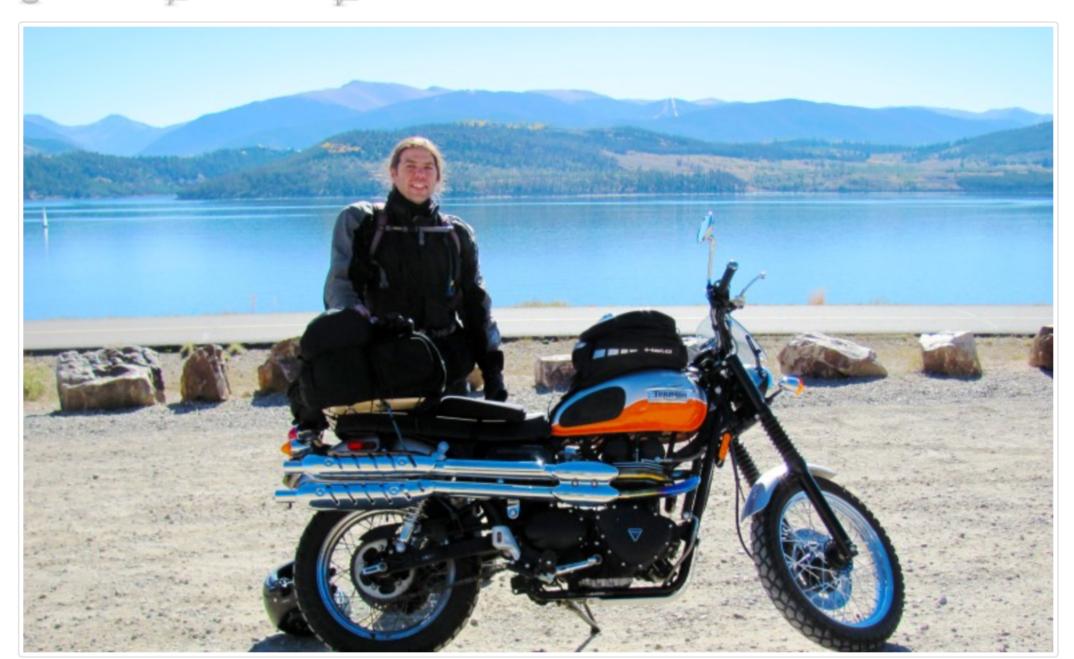
## RoadRUNNER Editor Spotlight: Joe Trey

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You've read their articles and perhaps met them out on the road or at RoadRUNNER's annual Touring Weekend, but what do you know about our illustrious group of writers and editors? We decided to ask each one a few simple questions and share their responses with you, next up, *RoadRUNNER* blogger and Adventure Hermit, Joe Trey.

Name: Joe Trey

Current city and state: Denver, CO

- 1. How and when did you start riding? I have been on motorcycles of some variety for as long as I can remember. My earliest verifiable memory goes back to around age eight riding in the woods of Frederick, MD. I was trying to follow in the footsteps of my uncle Ted Trey, a racer for Honda. I got serious about street riding in 1997 when I took a riders training course and got my license in Colorado.
- 2. What was your first bike? My first bikes were all shop monsters created with spare parts from my uncle and his buddy's racing adventures. The first street bike I owned was a Honda 650 Shadow. It was great for getting a feel for street riding, but within less than two years I transitioned to an 1100 Aero, a Valkyrie, and finally a VTX.
- 3. Tell us your favorite road where you live? It would be cheating to simply say Colorado; but I am so fortunate to wake up in this beautiful place everyday. If I had to narrow it down I would say, "Where the streets have no names," the diverse Alpine Loop trails between Ouray and Lake City.
- 4. Current ride (or bike you ride the most)? 2015 BMW F 800 GS ADV
- 5. Number one Bucket List Road? Until 2013 it was the Trans-America Trail, with that in my rear view mirror it would have to be the Dalton Highway in Alaska up to Prudhoe Bay.

What are the best and worst bikes you've ever ridden and how did they earn that distinction? This is tough to answer concisely. Usually, whichever bike I am on at the time is just fine with me. I'm outside. I'm on an adventure. I'm not picky.

As a red rider for so many years, I continue to be disappointed that Honda has not joined the ranks of Adventure Bikes in the U.S. and found a way to introduce a competitive version of the Transalp or something similar.

I will always be thankful to the Kawasaki KLR for getting my feet wet (literally and figuratively) in the world of dual-sport riding; my R 1200 GS ADV for taking my adventures and riding skill to a whole new level, and my Triumph Scrambler for being the most photogenic bike to ever cruise the off road trails of Colorado high country!