

# 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!