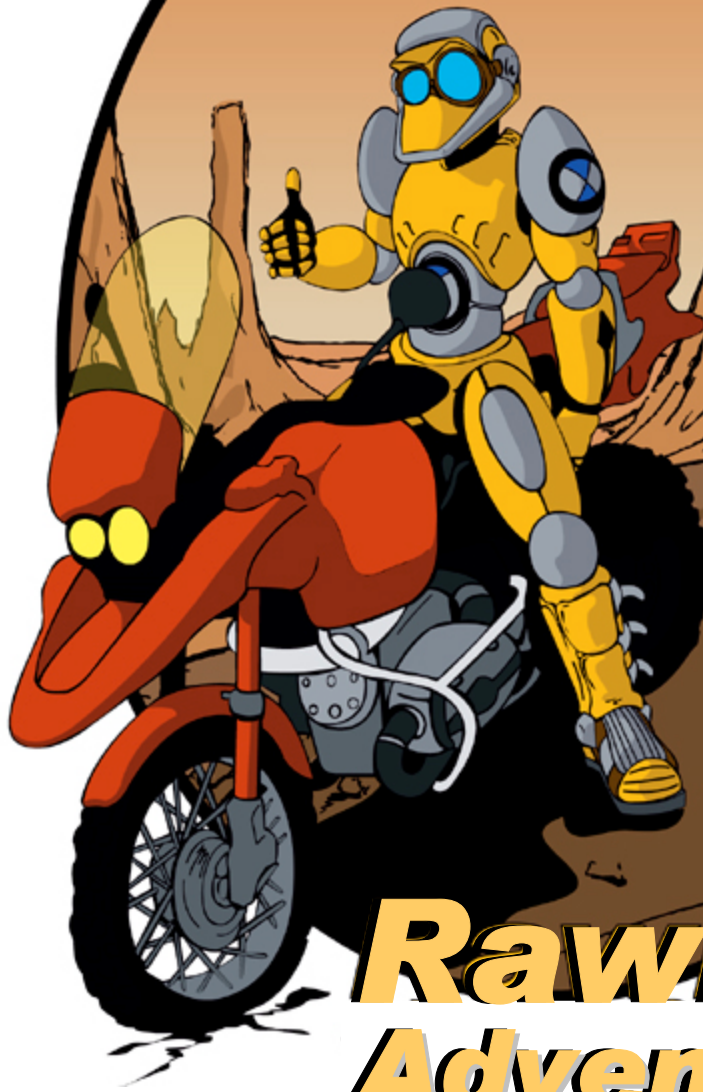


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**A “Day in the Dirt”,
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The Secrets of Adventure Riding

It all begins with a day in the dirt,

Adventure Technique is, easier than you think, more fun than you can imagine

Here's the story, When you condense the important aspects of Adventure Riding, it comes down to balance & control! As with any aspect of riding, its all about balance. You can't emphasize that enough. Keep your bike upright and inline and even the heaviest maching will feel light and nimble. If you lose the balance the bike instantly becomes heavy. The trick is getting the bike back in balance quickly. Many riders actually ride "out of balance" and wonder why they feel so tired after a days ride.

Loose and Relaxed. The key to controlling an adventure bike is using your body weight to make the machine do what you want, not the other way around. If your are tense and tight on the bike, your mass is added to the bikes weight, and when something happens you've got nothing to fight back with. By being loose (and by standing on the pegs) you can let the bike move under you & use your bodies influence when necessary.

Slow down, This is really important. Riding a 600 lb. Bike in rough terrain is not about speed! You are not racing the Paris Dakar, and no matter what you think your bikes capable of, its mass is just waiting for the next ditch or rut to toss you "to the ground". If you can't stop before a danger or obstacle, you're riding too fast. You should ride your big off road bike like you would drive a jeep - slow and in control. Most riders use speed or "momentum" to sustain their balance, thereby masking their poor balancing skills.



Clutch Throttle and Brakes.

Can you ride around more slowly that first gear allows by slipping the clutch? Can you do it with very little throttle and not stall? Can you apply the brakes and come to a full stop, balanced, without putting a foot down? Then can you use the controls to snap back into balance? When going slow off road, being in total control is crucial. These three items are key, and you'll need to use them like never before.

