



(Some) Assembly Required: BAAK's easy-build BMW R nineT

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There are a handful of modern motorcycles that really lend themselves to customization. And if you pick the right one, you might not even have to get your hands that dirty.

And that's fair enough. Although we all swoon at the fabrication skills of rock star bike builders, not everyone has the ability or desire to create a 'stack of dimes' weld.

A bobber-tinged kit for the BMW R nineT by BAAK Motocyclettes



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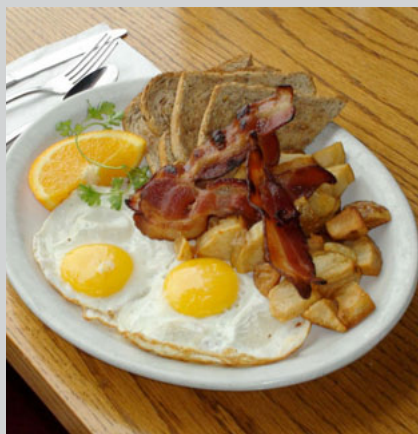
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Next Breakfast/Brunch

Saturday, March 3



WHERE:

The Crooked Goose
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WHEN:

9:30 am at the restaurant



Do-it-yourself custom bike build

Owners of bikes like the Harley-Davidson Sportster and Triumph Bonneville have always been spoiled for choice when it comes to bolt-on modifications. Whether it's a few detail changes or a complete transformation, 'custom' can be nothing more than a credit card swipe and a couple of hours in the garage.

The BMW R nineT is now on that list. Although it's only been on sale for four years, the list of suppliers making plug-n-play goodies is growing fast. And now the French custom shop BAAK has thrown its hat into the ring, building an R nineT kit with a subtle bobber vibe.

On the surface, it looks like an extremely neat and well-proportioned custom boxer. But it's not a one-off; most of the parts you see here will be for sale soon, and nineT owners will be able to replicate all or part of this look without grabbing a Sawzall® or welder.

The Lyon-based workshop picked the most basic nineT model for their test bed—the R nineT Pure. It's the cheapest in the range, and comes standard with 17" alloy wheels, right-side-up forks (sans adjustability), and a steel fuel tank. Without the fancy trim of its siblings, it was the perfect bike to develop new parts on.

BAAK's goal was to take the already timeless Beemer and give it an even more classic spin, with a design that



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would date well without bowing to trends. "To give soul back to the motorcycle," as the guys put it.

"We focused on the purity of the riding feel, so it provides a stronger sensation for the rider.

This motorcycle isn't rational; we did our best to make it feel like it's doing 160 mph while remaining within the legal speed limit."

"On the other hand, this build takes advantages of modern motorcycle features: it brakes hard, the engine has great flexibility and torque at throughout the rev range, it handles well, and it's reliable."

In their Lyon workshop, the BAAK crew kicked off the project

by sketching how they'd like the nineT to look, and then developing each individual part. The process for most of the parts involved designing them with 3D software, creating 3D printed prototypes, and then test fitting those to the donor bike. Once each part was fine tuned to perfection, the final product could be manufactured using the desired materials and finish.

"It's the usual process," the guys tell us. "Assemble the raw parts on the bike, spend hours looking at it, take it apart to start the design again, and once you reach a satisfying result, give each part the finish level it deserves."



After market parts upgrade R nineT



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We've included a full parts list below, but highlights include a pair of 16" wheels in BAAK's typical style, redesigned cylinder head covers, and a sharp new tail section. We're loving the tightly routed exhaust too, and the side-mounted rear shock that harks back to the original BMW R 80 mono-shock design.

The finishes are top shelf. The seat leather is double tanned, using a bespoke system that combines both natural and chrome tanning. This will help it to hold its color over time, while still developing

character as it wears.

The mudguards are stainless steel, with a brushed finish. Parts like the cylinder heads and triple clamps are machined aluminum, finished with a satin black powder coat. And the intake manifold cover and seat cowl were shaped in-house, by hand.

Getting these details right was paramount—more so than a need to build something 'over the top.' "This build isn't extravagant," the BAAK guys explain. "You can enjoy trying to spot every detail that contrasts with the original

configuration."

"Sobriety was one of our guidelines for this project. This is the result of the work of a team of six craftsmen based in a small French workshop and we're proud that it looks right when riding."

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And anything that helps riders personalize their bikes is all right by us.



Club 2018 Event Schedule

Date	Event	Location
Saturday, March 3, 2018	Monthly Gathering	The Crooked Goose
Sunday, March 18, 2018	Rider Training - Coffee & Talk	TBD
Sunday, April 1, 2018	Monthly Gathering	The Surley Mermaid
Thursday, April 19, 2018	Island BMW Season Start Event	Bay Street Armoury
Saturday, April 21, 2018	Cow Bay Run	Cow Café in Cow Bay
TBD May 2018	Annual BCCOM MLA Ride	Victoria
Saturday, May 5, 2018	Monthly Gathering	Olympic View Golf Course
Saturday, May 5, 2018	BMW Demo Day	Island BMW
Sunday, May 20, 2018	Monthly Ride	Rampant Lion/Maple Bay
May 24 - 28, 2018	49er Rally	Mariposa, California
Sunday, May 27, 2018	Vancouver Island Ride to Live	The Local - 1205 Wharf Street
Sunday, May 27, 2018	Vancouver Ride to Live	Trev Deeley Vancouver
Sunday, June 3, 2018	Monthly Gathering	Shady Rest Pub, Qualicum Beach
June 16 - 17, 2018	Up Island Event	TBD - Volunteer Needed
June 19 - July 1, 2018	Chief Joseph Rally	John Day, Oregon
Saturday, July 7, 2018	Monthly Gathering	Saltspring Island
Sunday, July 22, 2018	Ride to Brunch	BW Prestige Oceanfront, Sooke
July 12 - 15, 2018	BMW RA National Rally	Wellsboro, Pennsylvania
Friday, July 27, 2018	BMW Demo Day	Island BMW
Saturday, August 4, 2018	Monthly Gathering	Pioneer House, Duncan
TBD August 2018	Victoria Classic Motorcycle Show	Western Speedway
August 9 - 12, 2018	43rd Stanley Stomp Rally	Grandjean, Idaho
TBD August 2018	Hotsprings Rally	Nakusp, BC
Saturday, August 25, 2018	Club BBQ	Chez Randy

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