

Hello BAT Trackers! Here's your February BAT Tracks Newsletter!



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We're excited to have you all along for the beginning of this adventure, as we build and share FREE Adventure routes around the country, starting right here in the Midwest.

We're going to try to get an email sent out monthly, sharing updates and news for BAT Tracks, sharing local Midwest event details, and a yearly calendar of upcoming local events. Thank you for building the Adventure Riding community with us!

BAT Tracks News

2026 BAT Tracks Adventure Tour
Fayetteville, WV (New River Gorge)
May 8-10

Details are set for the 2026 BAT Tracks Adventure Tour! May 8-10 we'll be gathering in Fayetteville, WV near the New River Gorge to have an awesome weekend of riding, camping, and shenanigans! We have 2 group sites reserved at Arrowhead Bike Farm just outside of town. Don't reserve a campsite - pay when you arrive at the group campsite. \$15 per tent / camper per night.

We've had so much fun, and such great adventures at the BAT over the years. Late Night Larry keeps our fires going, Wild Bill usually breaks the oil pan on his Super Tenere, and Nate & Jim lure the locals with some fireside bourbon. I've met so many great new friends at this ride over the past 6 years, and seriously cannot wait to show you all around West Virginia's mountains and hollers.

Get the details at one of the links below, or watch the website for updates and information. Reach out to me anywhere you can find me, or at battracks@outlook.com See you all in May!

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A little look back at The BAT from years past





Foo Fest 2026

Lieber SRA near Cloverdale, IN
March 28-29

Ready to kick off your 2026 riding season? Foo Fest in Central Indiana is always the best ice breaker! (Sometimes there actually is ice). The weather is always iffy, the riding is always great, and all of Indiana seems to show up to show how tough they are and ride before the riding season really starts. They have a free dinner for all riders provided by Dreyer Motorsports, and they draw names for a ton of free goodies!

Come enjoy the ride and hanging out by the fire. Give a big thanks to PeeWee, and the Scotts. Give Foo a shove down a hill or a kick in the shins. And don't look at the ride sticker too closely - you may learn something about Foo that you didn't want to know... Don't miss this ride - see you all at the end of the month!

2025 Foo Fest Dinner Parking Lot



Who Is BAT Tracks?

After reading my last newsletter, my girlfriend Megan asked me why I keep saying "we" when I write about BAT Tracks? "Who's the 'we'? It's just you" she said. I explained to her that maybe I'm overly humble sometimes, and didn't want the attention or recognition. She got a good laugh out of that.. I didn't really have a good answer for her though - it just felt like BAT Tracks should be an organization. That's my goal for it one day, so that's how I'm thinking about it and speaking about it. She told me people appreciate when others are genuine and honest, and there's a real shortage of that in the world today. Everyone is trying to be something they're not.

So I had to sit and think about this for a bit.

Well shit. She's right. (She's always right). I appreciate genuine people. I appreciate hard workers. I appreciate people who put effort into their craft. I appreciate all the people who develop and host and organize and attend adventure rides. And I like knowing who those people are, so I can thank them and honor them. So if someone was developing a website and putting countless hours into creating routes and occasionally ignoring their family to support my passion, and it was just one person, not some team of people doing that work - I would like to know that as well.

While I have gotten, and continue to get a lot of help in this BAT Tracks endeavor, I must admit I'm mostly a 1-man show. It's not hard to put large adventure routes together when it's something you love and are passionate about. It's not that hard to learn how to build a website, when you have a dream and a goal. I don't think I'm doing anything amazing here - I'm just having fun and sharing my passion with my friends. But she's right - I need to be genuine with you all and say "I" when it is I. I'm Jeremy Backer, founder, creator, track developer, web developer, promotor, funder, newsletter writer, and keeper of BAT Tracks. And it's my pleasure to share my passion

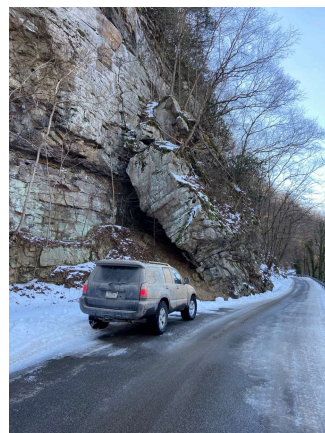
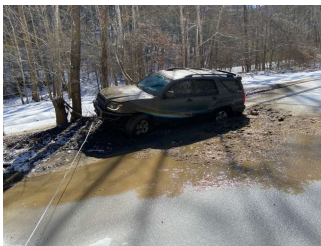
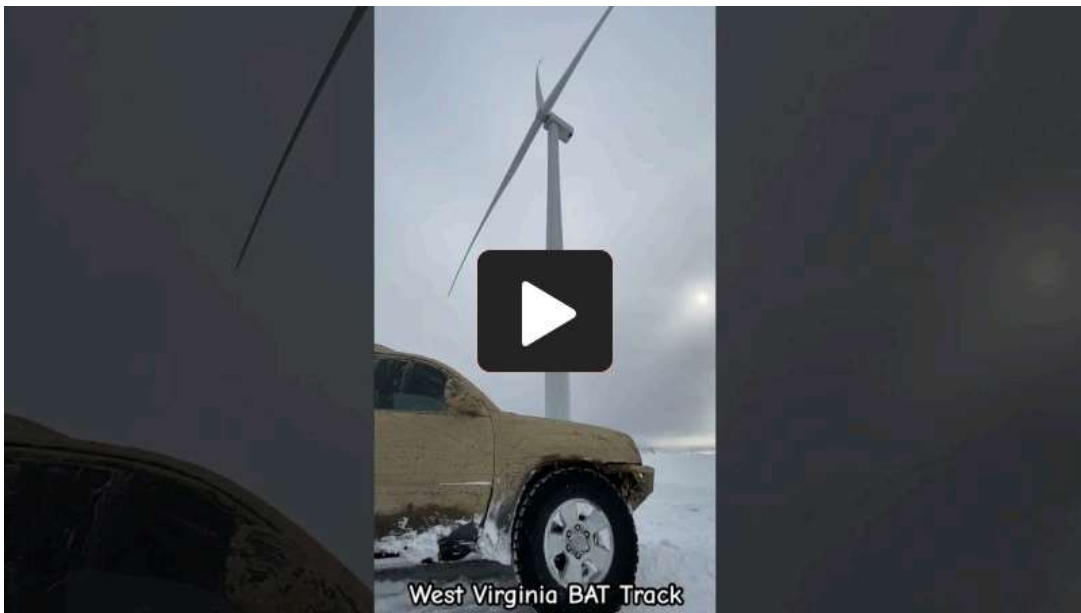
with anyone who cared to read this or ever visit my website. Thank you for being here.

WWWV BAT

I made another scouting trip in February to continue developing the Wild & Wonderful West Virginia BAT. Still not sure on the name, but I'm damn sure it's going to be an awesome route! There was still a lot of snow on the ground when I got there, which slowed the effort and made things much more exciting (read "Risky"). Lucky for me, I bought a winch and mounted it to the 4Runner just days before leaving, because between the ice and snow, it was used a few times. Just 2 hours into day 1 I busted through the ice on a water hole and had to pull myself out. Later in the weekend, I found myself stuck on a mountainside at 1:00 in the morning in 2 foot of snow. The winch was a good purchase!

Check out the wind farm below that we're going to ride through. You can get right up close & Personal with these windmills - they're so amazing! Look for the full WV BAT to arrive on the website in late April. Stay tuned here for details.





Support BAT Tracks

I share these routes for free, but creating them certainly isn't free. It's my passion, so I do it anyway. But if you've enjoyed a BAT Track, if you want to support creating these routes, consider supporting my efforts. Anything helps put gas in that thirsty 4Runner

or get new D606's for the WR to get me on to the next adventure. Alternatively, go buy a shirt or a sticker, or complete the BAT Tracks Challenge. A little bit from each of those goes to the effort here as well.

Support Adventure Riding

2026 Midwest Adventure Riding Schedule

Chad Christy who organizes the Down & Back Ride, also puts out a great calendar each year to help us all keep track of the best Adventure and Dual Sport rides happening around the Midwest. If you see Chad, give him a big thanks for the work he puts in! Check out his ride calendar below:

Upcoming Events

We want to share upcoming events in the Midwest each month. If you have an event you would like to get on the list, please email us at battracks@outlook.com

2026 ADV / DS / ST Event List

Chad Christy's

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"Winter Ride" Paynetown campground IN. Weather pending Jan 24-Mar15

"March Moto Madness" Tellico Plains, TN. Mar26-29

"FOO FEST Adventure Ride" Cloverdale, IN. Mar28-29

"Lawrence County Rec Park Adventure Ride" Springville, IN TBA

"Rides4Fun Weekend Getaway at Breaks" Breaks,VA April17-19

"Fools Ride Adv Rally" Richmond, OH. April23-26

"Cabin Fever Ride ADV/DS" Black, MO. April23-26

"Renfroe Valley Dual Sport" Mt Vernon, KY. May2-3

"MSTA Cannan Valley Rally" Davis, WV. May7-10

"The BAT" Adventure WV. May8-10

"European Motorcycle Rally" Burkesville, KY. May14-17

"24hrs Of Appalachia" Chillicothe,OH. May15-17

"Tusky Musky Rally" OH/WV May15-18

"TARRA Hoosier ADV Bootcamp" Hartsville, IN. May29-31

"DOWN AND BACK Adventure" Versailles, IN. June5-7

"Dennisville Adventure Ride" Logan,OH. June7

"Stoney Lonesome Public Trail Ride" Columbus,IN. TBA

"BMW MOA National Rally" Essex Junction,VT. June11-13

"Kaveman's Backroad Ride" Oblong,IL. June25-28

"Hogrock ADV Rally" Cave in rock,IL. June25-28

"MSTA Red River Gorge Rally" Mt Sterling,KY. June25-28

"24hrs Of Appalachia" Booneville, KY. July9-12

"Soggy Bottom Moto Fest" Port Matilda,PA. July23-26

"AMA Vintage Motorcycle Days" Lexington,OH. July24-26

"6 Days Of Michigan" Kinross/Baldwin,MI. July26-Aug1

"MSTA River City Ride" Madison,IN. July30-Aug2

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Chad Christy's

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"RIDES4FUN Weekend Getaway Buckhorn Lake" Buckhorn,KY. July30-Aug2
"Summer Bummer Dual Sport" DeMont/Roselawn IN. TBA
"Copperhead Dual Sport" Logan,OH. Aug1-2
"MSTA Flyby Week" Marietta,OH. Aug17-23
"Blackwater Adventure Rally" Beverly,WV. Aug27-30
"Baby Burr Dual Sport" McAurther,OH. Sept10-11
"Wailin Wayne Weekend" Nelsonville,OH. Sept12-13
"LBL 200 Dual Sport" Dover,TN/Golden Pond KY. Sept 12-13
"Buffaloe 500 Dual Sport and ADV Rides" Columbus,IN. Sept19-20
"RIDES4FUN Weekend Getaway at Pine Mtn" Pineville,KY. Sept25-27
"Big Woods 200 ADV Ride" Wabeno,WI. Sept26-27
"Red River Scramble" Beautyville,KY. Oct1-4
"Blue Ridge Mountain Adventure Rally" Dacusville,SC. Oct8-11
"Timber Rattler Adventure Rally" Logan,OH. Oct17-18
"Tracing The Buffalo Trail" New Albany,IN. Oct17
"Hoosier National Forest Ride" TBA Oct17-18
"Treaty City Peace Pipe Enduro" Greenville,OH. Oct. TBA
"LOOSE NUT Adventure Ride" TBA Nov7-8
"Bitter End Dual Sport" White Pigeon,IL. Nov7
"Indiana Dual Sport Riders" Potluck/Gathering/ TBA Dec5
"NEW YEARS Ride" Laurel,IN. Jan1 2027

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