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To Whom It May Concern:

I have a 2006 BMW R1200RT motorcycle. I am concerned about a number of rear end failures I have been reading about on two motorcycle sites, BMWMOA (BMW Motorcycle Owners of America) and the Iron Butt Motorcycle site.

Evidently the seals are leaking and the final drive is failing. I can't get any information out of BMW and wanted to report the matter to make sure someone is looking into the matter.

BMW has, so I've heard, issued a service advisory requesting the differential oil be changed at the first service.

The problem started when BMW introduced a new "maintenance free" final drive in 2005. You are not supposed to need to change the differential oil so the rear end is sealed. Yet, a number of rear ends have leaked and caused differential failure. I'm assuming the leak is the cause, it could be a symptom.

Please feel free to contact me if there is anymore information I can give.

Sincerely,

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