

## BMW CAFÉ – KEEPING IT REAL

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This isn't a tale of a professional big bucks show build full of CNC bling and carbon fiber. Nope, it's about two geezers in a glorified shed doing something neither had ever tried before. Back around the turn of the century, my buddy Neil Fogelberg and I took a few long road trips, like coast to coast long. I don't recall the exact missions but certainly they were about buying or hauling bikes. I do remember each trip included at least one all-nighter. As we were wont to do there was much discussion. Somehow this turned into one extended design session for a café racer. Now both of us had restored cars and motorcycles, and had in ancient times road raced production sports cars, but we'd never free styled a no-rules hot rod kind of vehicle. We had no thought to build one so this was pretty much a mental exercise to keep awake. But by the second trip, with the realization that we were nearing retirement and would have time, the plans became a little more concrete, like maybe we could do this.



Assembling The Motor on our  
Homemade Engine Stand



Barber 2006 – Taken at the vintage weekend about 48 hours after completion. It ran though not too well. As we still had carburation issues. Won the 70's class at Motorcycle Classics Bike Show.