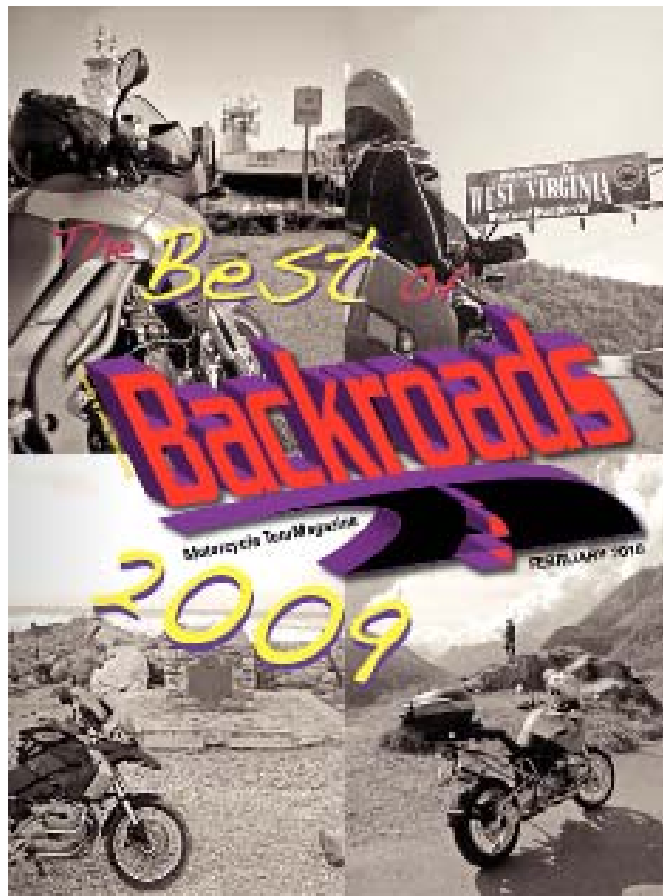
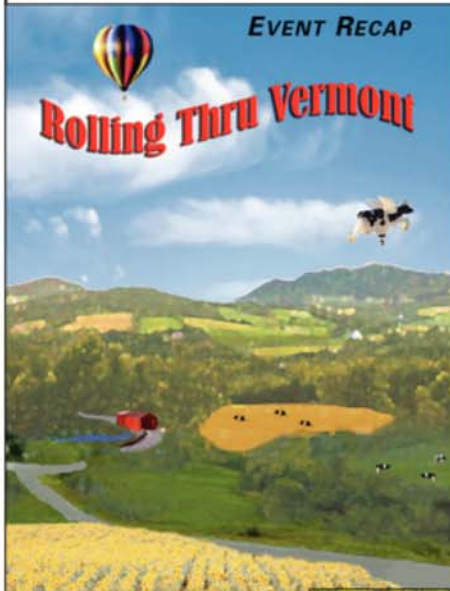


# Backroads Magazine

February 2010





EVENT RECAP

Rolling Thru Vermont

words and images: T. Armac

Like the folks here at Backroads Magazine, I am also a big fan of the Americade Touring event held in Lake George every June. So when the staff of Americade announced that they were going to have a "rally" over the Labor Day weekend called Rolling Through Vermont and limit it to 300 registrants, I knew I would have to be one of the first ones to sign up to make sure I was in. The idea of riding through scenic Vermont with its twisty roads cutting through the Green Mountains and a three day weekend all put together by the Americade staff was too hard to resist. Plus, when they were saying that they put on a great event every year for 50,000 folks (which I totally agree with), imagine what they could do for 300? Sold me!

When the time came to register there was no disappointment from the start gate. In true Americade fashion you were given options to choice from to fit your needs from lodging to optional activities. The base package included such things as guided rides through Vermont and the upper Lake Champlain region, lunch stops with fantastic meals at Stowe Mt Resort with optional gondola rides available, an evening enjoying a VIP cruise aboard the 100-year old, 220 foot Ticonderoga steamship for coffee and desserts to view Vermont's Balloon Glow, and a private tour of the Full Throttle Motorcycle Exhibit that included wild customs, choppers, and vintage bikes all located in a round Shaker barn located in the Shelburne Museum property. And this was only the first day. Wow, I couldn't wait for the event to come.

Now most of us in the northeast know that this past summer was certainly not designed for riding. Rain, rain, and more rain was a format we all had to live with; so when the forecast for the Labor Day weekend predicted sunny days and warm temperatures for the whole weekend I imagine everyone that signed up for the event was ecstatic. We waited all summer for this weather and finally got it the last weekend of the season. I think the Americade staff owes someone big time for this to happen.



"Camels have two hooved toes on each foot, under which a leathery pad links the two toes. When camels walk, they spread their toes as wide apart as possible to prevent their feet from sinking into the sand".

**CamelTOE**  
Side Stand  
Base enlarger  
PATENT PENDING!!!

CamelTOE's are currently available for:

**BMW:**  
F650GS/F800GS TWIN  
R1150GS/R1200GS/  
GS ADV (all years)

**KTM:**  
950/990 ADV, SE, SM



**FEATURES: ALL STAINLESS STEEL** Sandwich construction with **SUPERIOR DESIGN** and **BUILD QUALITY**. 2x3mm Stainless Steel Plates (armor plate calibre), Stainless steelbolts M6 x4 (button-head allen-key), Stainless steel nylocknuts M6x4, Stainless steel washers M6x24, Rubber compression washers 12.5mmx4. This product IS "UNBEATABLE" and naturally comes with a lifetime guarantee\* - subject to correct usage.

Available exclusively in the America's through  
**Adventurers Workshop, Inc.**

[www.advworkshop.com](http://www.advworkshop.com)

973-258-0034 • [ride@advworkshop.com](mailto:ride@advworkshop.com)

**ROLLING THUNDER  
CYCLES**  
**HARLEY EXPERTS,  
HAPPY CUSTOMERS!**



**LARGE INVENTORY** and Immediate Access for Special Orders

**EXPERIENCED KNOWLEDGEABLE STAFF** in Both Parts and Service

**PERSONAL ATTENTION**

**CENTRALLY LOCATED**

**FACTORY SCHEDULED SERVICE** Performed

All Fuel Injection Service, **DIAGNOSTICS AND PERFORMANCE** Work

**EXTENDED WARRANTY WORK** Performed

**(516) 489-0770**

220 FRONT STREET • HEMPSTEAD, NEW YORK 11550  
[www.rollingthundercycles.com](http://www.rollingthundercycles.com)



The Friday of the weekend was perfect, sunny skies and temps in the upper 80s; what better way to head out for a rally than weather like that. I headed up to Burlington, Vermont (home base for the event) from the Hudson Valley via Rte. 22 in New York to Vermont's Rt 22A. Not what one would call challenging roads, but fantastic scenery for cruising. Once I got to my hotel, which was the host hotel, I was greeted by staff members with event information, maps, times for meetings and a goodie bag with a T shirt and some of Vermont's specialties (maple syrup and candy - tasty stuff).

described to you Saturday's events, but the riding and routes chosen were perfect. We meandered through some of northern Vermont's most scenic roadways leading up through Smugglers Notch, kind of Vermont's mini version of the Dragon, to our lunch stop at Stowe Mountain, with a gondola ride to the resort for a feast, overlooking Vermont's high peaks. We headed



The event started of Friday night with a Welcome Party to review the weekend's itinerary while enjoying hors d'oeuvres, dessert and beverages. The Rolling Through Vermont (RVT) Staff, lead by Christian Dutcher, went over the weekend's events and information. They certainly did their homework on this one to make sure everyone was in for a great weekend, even down to having chase vehicles with trailers and cell phone numbers to reach them. The evening was capped off with \$300 worth of certificates donated by TourMaster.

Now on Saturday, another unbelievable weather day, everyone meet after breakfast to head out and ride. The RVT staff had Road Captains ready to lead us out in waves. For those with CB communication you could listen as well to the information floating through the airwaves. Besides directions and any possible hazards, the guides would inform and describe points along our route. Now if you're not really into riding with larger groups, not to worry. The staff also had maps and directions included with your registration package so you could move along on your own. I've already

**These Bikers Do Agree On One Thing...**

**MADE IN USA**  
BECAUSE IT MATTERS

**...The Fastest Way To Dry Their Bikes!™**

**Air Force® Blaster® Motorcycle Dryers**

cut washing and drying time by up to 80% so you spend less time in the driveway and more time in the wind...on whatever you ride... however you like to ride it!

- Blows warm, dry, filtered air
  - Eliminates water spots and "afterstreaking"™
  - Safer than compressed air or leafblowers
  - Prevents rust and corrosion
  - Rugged, all-steel construction
  - Three models available
  - 220 Volt models available
- Great for cars too!**



**METRO**® Family Owned Since 1939 [www.motorcycledryer.com](http://www.motorcycledryer.com)  
Metropolitan Vacuum Cleaner Co., Inc., One Ramapo Ave., P.O. Box 149, Suffern, NY 10901

down to the Ben and Jerry's Ice Cream Factory, just down the road, for a tour and, of course, some of their delicious flavors. After the tour, we were lead once again back to Burlington for the evening's events. The only change to the night was the rescheduling of the balloon glow to Sunday night due to winds. The rest of the evening, with the private motorcycle tour and the steamship, sailed smoothly.



Sunday arrive with not a cloud in the sky, the morning was cool but you knew it was going to warm up and be ideal for riding. Sunday's ride was taking us through the Lake Champlain region along with riding through some of the northern islands. It was neat to see the view of the high peaks which we rode just the day before. With lunch you had a choice of attending the scheduled BBQ picnic at the Abbey Restaurant (once again great eats) or go on your own in town. After lunch there were lakeside rides to a local apple orchard for a quick visit and cider tasting then off to Burlington



for the evening's event. For Sunday night there was a dinner cruise on Lake Champlain with an option to take a later cruise, which included an eighteen-piece big band. The meal was superb, the views from the ship as the sun set over the Adirondack Mountains were amazing and the band sounded great. Once back to dock I decided to spend the evening in Burlington on its famed Church Street.

The downtown area of Burlington is beautiful in itself, lake front views, and charming old buildings and, of course, there's Church Street, a pedestrian street lined with restaurants, nightclubs, shops and parks. An adventure worth taking on its own.

Monday had all of us enjoying breakfast at the Catamount Country Club, with photos taken throughout the weekend by the staff projected on the wall, closing thanks and thoughts and a few door prizes donated by Cardo Systems. For something different, the RVT staff had routes to take you towards home. Some headed east, west or north for our Canadian visitors.

Everyone I spoke with loved the weekend. You could tell that Christian Dutcher and the RVT staff did a lot of work to make this a memorable event and they certainly succeeded. All of us who were fortunate to be at this inaugural weekend are already looking forward to returning again next year. If this sounds like something you want to be a part of, check out [www.rollingthroughvt.com](http://www.rollingthroughvt.com) for more information and set your plans now because word of this event is going to spread like maple butter.

*Rolling Through Vermont will take place Labor Day weekend, September 3-6, 2010. Watch their website for registration and full details.*

# FREEDOM HAS NEVER BEEN A BETTER INVESTMENT.

WE STILL BELIEVE IN YOUR HARD EARNED DOLLARS WORKING HARD FOR YOU. COME TO OUR DEALERSHIP TO GET

**NO DOWN PAYMENT, NO INTEREST FOR 180 DAYS AND NO PAYMENTS FOR 210 DAYS:**

**HURRY, OFFER ENDS 2/28/10**

**SCREW IT. LET'S RIDE.**



**HARLEY-DAVIDSON® OF LONG BRANCH**

**671 BROADWAY, LONG BRANCH, NJ 07740**

[WWW.HDLONGBRANCH.COM](http://WWW.HDLONGBRANCH.COM)

\*Financing offer is valid on motorcycles financed through Equifax Savings Bank (ESB), a subsidiary of Harley-Davidson Credit Corp., and is subject to credit approval by ESB. Financing terms valid on 2009 (retail) Harley-Davidson® motorcycles financed through ESB. Eligible motorcycles must be purchased and taken delivery between 1/15/10-2/28/10. No down payment, no interest for the first 180 days and no payments for the first 210 days. For example, a 2009 Harley-Davidson® with an MSRP of \$15,000, no down payment and annual financing of \$10,000, 60 month repayment term, and 9.99% APR result in monthly payments of \$204.00, no interest for 180 days and no payments for 210 days. The APR will vary based on the applicant's past credit performance and the term of the loan, which can vary from 24-84 months. APR is calculated according to the simple interest method. Offer available through authorized Harley-Davidson® dealerships only. Financing offer is available to well-qualified applicants only. Not all applicants will qualify. Not valid in conjunction with other offers. Other terms, conditions, and limitations may apply. Financing offer is subject to change or cancellation at any time. See dealer for details. ©2009 H-D. All rights reserved. Harley, Harley-Davidson and the Bar & Shield logo are among the trademarks of H-D Holdings, LLC.

# GET CONTROL HAVE MORE FUN!

JOIN CLASS AT THE TRACK TO LEARN!

CLASS is taught by **REG PRIDMORE**

3-time AMA Superbike Champion  
AMA Hall of Fame  
-and his team

Reg teaches Control and Technique that builds your Confidence.

Not just a track day - whatever you ride, we'll make you a better, safer, rider!

It's the friendliest and safest place to learn the riding skills we all need!

CLASS has schools at these venues:

- V.I.R.**  
Alton, Virginia
- GingerMan**  
South Haven, Michigan
- Laguna Seca**  
Monterey, California
- Infineon**  
Sonoma, California
- Willow Springs and Streets of Willow**  
Rosamond, California



**CLASSrides.com**