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*Riding out of Summer*



***Exploring Newfoundland  
and the Viking Village***

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Americade and AMA Vintage Days***

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## PRODUCT SPOTLIGHTS

# Women, Motorcycles and the Road to Empowerment



Fifty Inspiring Stories of Adventure and Self-Discovery

Liz Jansen

## Women, Motorcycles and the Road to Empowerment by Liz Jansen

There was a time when there were jobs that were considered for men only, like being a mechanic or for women only, like teaching. This was also true for activities such as motorcycling. Today, both men and women enjoy the passion of motorcycling. When I first got this book I thought well heck another bra burning, break the glass ceiling type of read. I couldn't have been more off base. If you ride (or drive as I like to say) a motorcycle you already know about the many emotions, freedom feeling moments, fun and life altering experiences that come along with the decision to get your license and pursue what is hopefully a passion. Liz and the 49 female riders that she interviewed for this book share the moments in their life that have brought them to a better place by riding. The self-discovery that Liz reveals about the women in the book is truly inspirational.

Liz has been able to capture the true feelings of these women. Fierce at times and vulnerable during others but the common path for all is that they moved beyond their current emotions or fears and made the decision to ride which has changed their life for the better.

If you do not ride, read the book. It is inspiring and very well written. You may just be inspired enough to learn how to ride yourself. If you are a male rider, read the book. You can place any male name and story into this book and the outcome would be the same. Humans are funny that way. Race, gender, color etc don't define who we are. We as people define who and what we will be. Available at [LizJansen.com](http://LizJansen.com)

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## Kruz Locker from AKS Engineering

AKS Engineering, makers of the Side Kicker, the instantly adjustable side stand, is announcing the Kruz Locker, a new kind of throttle lock.

The Kruz Locker, features an "Instant On & Off" design that requires less than a one quarter turn to activate. It's "click on, click off" feature provides a positive feel and positioning, taking the guess work out of setting the proper drag.

In the "off position" the throttle has full spring return. In the "on position" the drag is preset and will hold the throttle position regardless of vibrations, temperature, rain and expansion due to heated hand grips or the sun. However, even while it is on, you can easily turn the throttle by hand to adjust your speed.

We installed a Kruz Locker on the GS while at the BMW MOA International rally and it took just minutes to do and made the long haul back to New Jersey that much more bearable.

It is now available for 2006 and newer BMWs: R1200 GS & GSA, F650GS and F800GS. Visit [aksengineering.com](http://aksengineering.com) for more details and to see how it works.



## RIDE LIKE A PRO NJ

### Jerry 'Motorman' Palladino's Training Classes Being Held in New Jersey

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TEACHING MOTORCYCLISTS SINCE 1966

Is Motorcycling For You?  
Here's a great way to find out...

A two-hour, first-touch experience with a motorcycle and not designed to teach a person to ride. The **INTRODUCTORY MOTORCYCLE EXPERIENCE** will help a potential rider determine whether motorcycling is a good personal choice, as well as ensure a person is aware of the risks and requirements for being a good, safe and responsible rider.

Already Riding Your Own Bike?  
Here's a great way to refresh your skills...

For riders who already have basic skills. Similar to the BRC, the **Basic Rider-Course 2** is done on your own motorcycle at higher speeds. Informal classroom component to discuss safety concepts based on past riding experiences and current knowledge. For a BRC2 minus the license waiver component (no classroom activities and no knowledge or skill test), there is a skills practice offering.

**THE MORE YOU KNOW THE BETTER IT GETS**

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