

# Chromin' N' Cruisin'

BY STEVE LITA

**B**ack in the March issue of *RoadBike*, we featured a super lady named Polly Kavanaugh in our Reader Profile story. In the April issue, we started the bolt-on transformation I like to call Polly's Pride with a Küryakyn Hypercharger install. This month, fellow bike-mod maniac Kyle Bradshaw of Cruiser Customizing and I take on the task of making Polly's Honda VTX a bit more eye catching. All it took was a scan of the Küryakyn section of Cruiser Customizing's online catalog (plus one additional part from Baron's) and we had everything we needed.

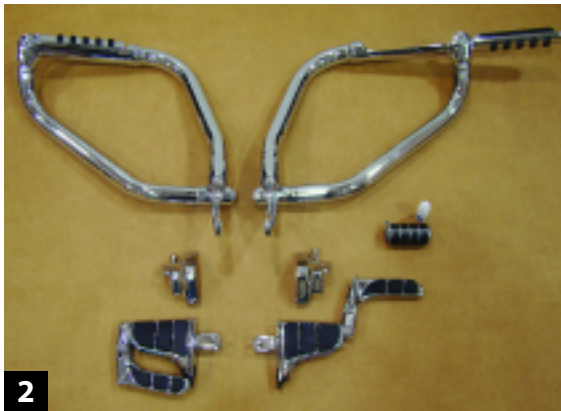
This entire package was installed in one afternoon. The hardest part was figuring out which direction the stock footpeg tension springs are inserted, so here's a tip: take pictures or make notes. Also, many

of the Küryakyn chrome trim parts are held on with double-sided tape, so cleanliness is important. Use alcohol swabs to clean attaching points, and keeping your hands clean will prevent grease from contaminating the sticky surface.

We added chrome to the chassis, footpeg area, engine, and forks. Thanks go to Cruiser Customizing in Livermore, California, for letting us tag along on the VTX project. Check in again next month for the story on some trick bolt-on lighting products we fitted to Polly's Pride.



**1** Küryakyn chassis chrome parts include driveshaft covers, frame trim, and shock absorber caps.



**2** Footrests were upgraded with Swingwing pegs and engine guards.



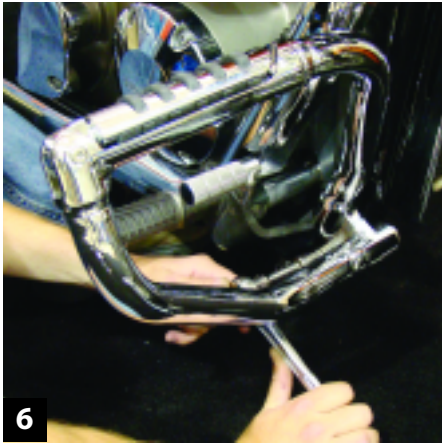
**3** The Küryakyn engine chrome kit is popular, and the Baron lower fork bullets do wonders for the front end.



**4** First, the seat is removed, and the tank trim attaches via the stock tank hold-down bolt.



**5** With the seat in place, you can see the improvement over the stock black frame.



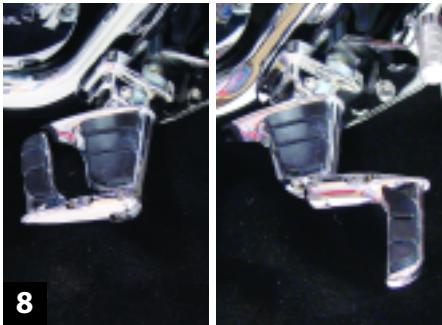
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The Ergo Guards bolt onto the stock footpeg points and feature footrests that flip into place.



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The Küryakyn Swingwing pegs attach to new splined adapters. Position the pegs where you like and tighten them down.



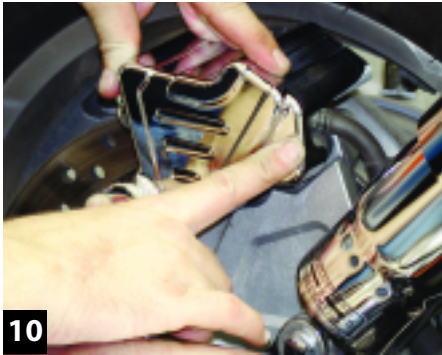
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The Küryakyn Swingwing pegs offer the rider a choice of footrest positions.



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We cap off the footpeg area with a matching brake pedal cover.



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Out back, the rear brake caliper gets a chrome face lift with this cover.



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Then a rear shock bolt cap enhances the stock chrome damper.



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Up front, the forks get some love from the Baron chrome axle nut covers.



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No more stock cast aluminum shows once the chrome cylinder base covers are installed on this VTX.



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Clean all the surfaces with alcohol swabs. Then the Küryakyn engine cover inserts can be held in place with double-sided tape.



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Head and shoulders over the stock look, we're ready to upgrade the lighting on this VTX. You'll be enlightened next month.

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