

WITH CORRIE MILLER



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Here's the best way to plan that trip south

Meet me at the Starbucks, Brian, I'm dying for an Americano."

Those words concluded my call with Brian Bosworth, one half of Twisted Edged Publishing, the company that brings us that bible of motorcycle road-tripping, the *Destination Highways* series of road guides.

Co-ordinating our hectic schedules was no small feat, but sitting down with Bosworth proved, as always, to make for a lively chat.

My recollection of Bosworth since meeting him in 2005 is of a true bike enthusiast and it was glaringly obvious as we sat flipping through the latest issue of the Gold Wing Road Rider's Association trade magazine. He doesn't even ride a

Gold Wing.

Together with lawyer Michael Sanders, the pair have published three *Destination Highways* guidebooks — Southern B.C. in 2000, Washington in 2003, and this year *Destination Highways: A Motorcycle Enthusiast's Guide to the Best 334 Roads in Northern California*.

In this latest tome, Bosworth and Sanders both flew above to survey the terrain and rode 27,000 km to map out and video the best roads that Northern California offers the avid rider.

In explicit detail they extrapolate where the twisties are, where to eat, where to stay and what to avoid (read speed-tax collectors).

The idea: Know where you're going and you may not have to tread so lightly in new territory.

"We want people to be able to ride like a local, not like a tourist," said Bosworth. "You'll save your back tire and enjoy the ride so much more when you're not just burning down the Interstate."

Bosworth pointed out that there are twice as many great riding roads in the northern half of California than there are in the entirety of British Columbia.

And oh, the trips you could plan — can you say "Napa Valley wine tours?" The maps are all there detailing every road through wine country along with accommodations, wineries and gas stops along

the way. "Wine country is beautiful," said Bosworth. "Concentrated roads and concentrated wines." Note: Save the wine for after the ride.

The Northern California guide book breaks the state down into manageable chunks; the Sierra

Nevada to the east, Central Valley region, and the coast, which includes a section on wine country, the California Redwoods, Russian Coast and the Bay area of San Francisco. "Avoid the area in July and August, though. It's too damn hot!" said Bosworth, obviously

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speaking from experience.

"There really is some beautiful riding in March and April in Northern California and into September and October. It's cooler then, and there's less traffic on the roads."

Rife with humorous and cheeky introductions, the *Destination Highways* books have always been a fun read in preparation for riding season and an invaluable resource on the road.

Go to www.destinationhighways.com to find your new favourite route and don't forget, over 170 businesses in B.C. now offer a discount to motorcycle cyclists.

Destination Highways: A Motorcycle Enthusiast's Guide to the Best 334 Roads in Northern California retails for \$69.95 and is available at book stores, motorcycle shops and online at the above mentioned website.

Next week: The Honda CBR 600RR is redesigned for 2007.

Check Out The New Driver's Seat on Sundays at 1:30 p.m. on A-Channel and catch Corrie weekdays on the Brak Jake Show on Classic Rock 101.

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Corrie's Calendar

April 14, 15 — Westcoast Custom Motorcycle Show at Tradex in Abbotsford.

April 15 — Trev Deely Demo Day at the new store, 1875 Boundary Rd., Vancouver. See www.trevdeely.com for more information.

Want to fly and ride?

Bike rental options:

San Francisco — Eaglerider Motorcycle Rental (Harley, BMW, Honda, Yamaha), www.eaglerider.com.

Dubbelju Motorcycle Rentals (BMW, Harley, Triumph), www.dubbelju.com.

San Jose — San Jose BMW, www.sjbmw.com.