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Is bigger really better...or just bigger?

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Splitting the difference:
Ducati's new ST3.

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Of Ribs and Roads
Searching for road-hugging weight
in the Carolina Mountains.

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Don't Get Nailed!
Flats suck. These repair kits don't.

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The Nature of Nova Scotia
Sublime riding in New Scotland.

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A Small History of Big
Tracing the ascending arc of engine size.

90] MOTORCYCLE COLLECTOR

The Triton
Triumph twin + Norton frame =
cottage industry.

ON THE COVER: Kevin Wing captures the 2004 ST3 demonstrating some of its sport-touring ability on Figueroa Mountain Road in Santa Barbara County.

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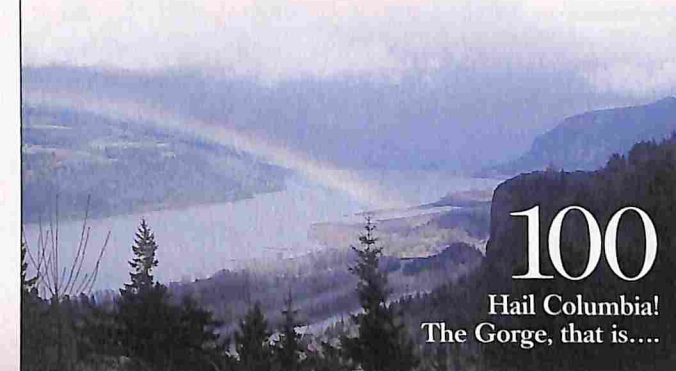
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Bikes, baby backs and beauty in the Carolinas.



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Hail Columbia!
The Gorge, that is....

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