

Being back on the bike is awesome!



Just another day in Paradise! November in Northern California. Doesn't get much better than this.

Arrived home from 12 days in Africa last night about 7:30pm; first thing to do, after showing Becky & Kevin (my kids, although, at 21 & 26, is it really right to call them "kids"?) what we brought back for them, was a shower. A shower to wash away 30+ hours of travel time on planes and sitting in airports. A shower where it wasn't dangerous to let the water get into your mouth or eyes because there might be parasites. Heck, for that matter, a shower where the hot & cold controls work the way they're supposed to! Yes, a really marvelous shower.

Thankfully, I was able to fall asleep about midnight, rather than face one of those scenarios where you're wide awake when you want to sleep, and sleepy when you need to be awake. So many hours mostly-awake on planes and in airports likely resets your body clock to some zero point from which you can adapt quickly to most anything.

And this morning, time to get back into the regular breakfast & coffee routine, and not have to worry about yet another meal that has curry in something, just because.

Finally, just past noon, Kevin and I got out riding. Just past noon leaving less time than it used to for a ride, since we moved off daylight saving time while my wife and I were gone, but still enough time to do the "coastal classic" (aka "the usual" or my "reference ride"). I told Kevin, who'd managed to pretty much stay away from his bike while I was gone, that we should be taking it easy up Old LaHonda, but of course, about halfway up, it was bye-bye Dad, including the added humiliation of him riding back down the hill a bit after finishing, to check up on me. Sigh.

I felt better on Haskins, and even better on Tunitas where, predictably, Kevin began to pay for the matches he burned on Old LaHonda. Some day he'll learn, but his excuse was, what does it matter, the only time that's really important is up Old LaHonda.

Along the way we met Alec from our Redwood City store in Pescadero, on his own ride with a friend.

All in all a really nice 58 mile first ride back. Looking forward to more!