

Our Bike Fridays are ready for France. Are we? Definitely!



"PBA" of rec.bicycles.racing newsgroup fame, climbing up Kings

OK, a bit of bravado in the title; after Sunday's drastically-shortened ride, it would have been easy to have lost some faith in our ability to climb the big mountains of France once again on our Bike Friday folding travel bikes, but Kevin had the idea of using them for this-mornings' regular Tuesday-Thursday Kings ride, and it worked out great.

A new face this morning; Paul Anderson, one of Alto Velo's founders from the way-back days, was out visiting from Sunny Arizona. At 52 degrees up on Skyline, we were literally half the temp that he sees during a daytime ride, and can't say I'm not thankful for that. Fog isn't all-bad.

Pretty leisurely pace up Kings, followed by a more-typically-brisk pace up on Skyline. It was a lot of fun giving our "little" bikes a full-throttle workout; on West Old LaHonda, I found it pretty easy to really push it hard, and could have had a pretty decent time for that section if I didn't need to cut the power a bit and wait for Kevin, who was just a bit off the back at that point.

Lots of work still do to, and only one day left to do it! We leave Thursday morning at 10:48am and, United willing, arrive back home 11 days later, on a Monday evening around 11pm.