

## What would Ned Stark say now?



It was really REALLY nice to wake up to sunny skies, no clouds, no fog anywhere in sight. A bit of wind, but nothing like what we saw later in the day.

Just myself and the two Kevins; I think quite a few people were going to take advantage of the warming weather and get in an afternoon ride. They might have reconsidered had they known how strong the wind would be getting! But really not so bad this morning.

No speed records; the three of us were perfectly willing to take it pretty easy. Still pretty cool up top, about 42 degrees, but that was anticipated and dressed for. Don't even need toe covers for that! But it was a bit drippy up on Skyline... something I should have anticipated, since I'd cleaned my bike the night before! I'm looking forward to completely-dry roads, something I haven't experienced in, what, 5 months? That's kind of crazy if you think about it. I've been riding for 48 years and never seen an "off-season" like this. But it's over. The long-range forecast shows warming weather and no rain!

Now if we could just get rid of this wind. On my ride home tonight, I saw a small bird fighting desperately against the wind, trying to make it to a telephone wire to join two other birds. That bird was completely motionless in the sky for a few seconds as its best attempt amounted to a stalemate against that wind. But it did make it, and so did I.