

The usual Sunday ride, solo (again)



Not ready for this place yet! Last Thursday's ride was shortened by cold weather & wet roads; I descended 84 directly instead of doing the West Old LaHonda loop. Upper 40s, foggy, and not quite dressed for the occasion, y'know?

Today? Yeah, a bit different to be sure! Mid-80s at the beginning & end, hit a low of 63 along the almost-foggy coast, and not-too-bad winds. A nice day to do the usual Sunday Old LaHonda/Pescadero/Tunitas loop. Solo, again, because Kevin's knee is still a mess. Sometimes that's ok; gives me a chance to see what pace I can drive on my own. Not much of a pace up Old LaHonda though; first half went ok then died a bit on the second half. Lots of families out riding up the hill today, something a bit unusual. Young kids riding up Old LaHonda, but a good thing. That's the future!

A few ducks but no turtles at the LaHonda duck pond, and, as is often the case, very few cyclists on the "other" side of the hill. What's with that? It's like people think the road falls off a cliff as you head west past Skyline? No shortage of cars though. And Pescadero was pretty crowded; any idea of heading into the market for a coke and oversized cookie was squashed by the long line outside. Long line at the Mexican restaurant/store at the gas station too, so got coffee and a lemon cake at the "DOWNTOWN LOCAL COFFEE" shop. OK coffee, excellent lemon cake.

No headwinds on Stage Road today!!! Nor any cyclists ahead to chase. Just the readout from my Garmin which, of course, was telling me to go faster. Tunitas? Well, to tell the truth, I really thought I was going faster than 49:55. I would have been REALLY upset had it been 50-something. Met up with Rachel H at the top; nice customer who let me know her bike is riding much better after I looked at it. Fortunately I was carrying some tools with me, so maybe I could have dealt with it if that hadn't been the case. :-)

It will be nice when Kevin's knee is back in one piece again though.

