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CAL SUNDAY RIDE

Sunday, July 1, 2007

Destination: The bluffs above the Pacific at Davenport

Departure: 9:00am

Dear Riding Friends,

Welcome to the June California BMW Triumph Shop Ride! We will be riding out on Sunday, June 3rd, leaving the shop parking lot at 9:00 am. Please be gassed up and ready to go at that time. We'll have a short safety meeting before the ride, and a sign-out sheet for contact information if needed. As always, we'll have coffee and doughnuts by 8:30 or so. Please arrive a little early and give yourself a chance to relax and socialize before the ride.

This is our annual Picnic Ride, so bring a lunch, and some treats to share with others. We'll be eating on the bluffs above the Pacific at Davenport, and the views should be spectacular. I'll bring extra food and treats, and if you forget lunch you can always pick up a sandwich at the café across the street. The walk out is very short, about 300 yards, and as always along the coast, watch out for poison oak..

This ride is a rather short one, on some lovely country roads. I think it would be OK for beginners with some experience, if you are comfortable on tight, narrow roads. We'll be riding up Stevens Canyon Road/Redwood Gulch Road to Highway 9 and then down 9 to 236 and Big Basin State Park. From there we go to Jamison Creek Road, and up to Empire Grade. This will take us along a ridge until we drop back down to the ocean on Pine Flat Road, which changes into Bonnie Doon Road. We follow this down to the coast and turn north on Highway 1 to Davenport, which is just a mile or so up the road. We ride to the north end of Davenport and park on the left side of the road, in a big dirt parking area. This is the staging area for our picnic out on the bluffs overlooking the Pacific. We'll walk out and have lunch, probably around 11:30.

After lunch the ride home is easy. I plan to take Hwy. 1 north to Pescadero and take the Pescadero-La Honda Road, then up to Skyline to Alice's, where the ride will end. If you prefer, then you can ride all the way up Hwy. 1 to San Gregorio and take Hwy. 84 up to Skyline and Alice's. I expect to arrive at Skyline/Alice's shortly before 2:00 pm.. The fastest way home is back down 84 to 280, or over to Sand Hill Road. That's the way I'm going back. It's your choice; after lunch I don't try to keep the group together.

Please, be sure to stay within the safe limits of your riding ability. This is a social ride, not a race, so always ride within your comfort zone and work on being the smoothest rider on the ride, not the fastest. True riding skill is built on the practice of smoothness, control and a sense of the right line, not on trying to go fast. So as always, this is a leisurely ride, nothing difficult, and please, no racing! Start out with your tank full, your tires checked, with proper attire for the weather and a bike which is safe to ride. Be prepared to help your fellow riders with any problems on the road. The weather can be unpredictable, so be equipped to ride in the rain, cold & fog. It is no fun to ride when you are cold and wet. Ride within your safe limits; 75% of your comfortable maximum rate of speed at most. I also suggest that you practice the basic smooth-riding exercise of riding with minimal use of brakes, lots of engine-braking and maximum attention to smooth riding technique and proper line through the corners. Riding this way is a

great skill-building exercise; it holds your attention and keeps your speed at a reasonable level. The skill set you learn at modest speeds is the same skill set that allow you to ride much more quickly on the track.

I hope you can join us. Have fun and be safe! [E-mail](#) or call me (650.966.1183) if you have any questions or concerns.

Best Regards,
Kari Prager