

## **Sunday Sept. 1st, 9:00am Leaving from Calmoto**

### **Destination: Gizdich Ranch / Corralitos Market / Highland Way**

This month's ride will give you everything you need to prepare for a nice Labor Day Barbeque! This is a nice shop ride with a familiar ride out to Gizdich Ranch in Watsonville followed by a more technical section up to Summit Road Via Corralitos and Highland Way. There are plenty of places for newer riders to "bail out" if they would like, so I encourage riders of all skill levels to join us on this ride.

We will leave from CalMoto in Mountain View at 9:00am and the shop will be open by 8:30am. Mike Meissner will lead this ride. We'll be going down Almaden Expressway to Uvas/McKean Roads (G8) and ride by the reservoirs down to 152 (Hecker Pass) RIGHT. We'll ride over Hecker Pass toward Watsonville, turn sharp LEFT on Carlton Road, (stop sign Thompson Road), go straight on Carlton about a mile, LEFT on Peckham Road to the Gizdich Ranch.

This will be our stop for coffee and the very best pie. Here you can pick up a seasonal fresh made pie for you Labor Day celebration. Make sure to bring a Top box or tail pack to cart it home!

After our stop at Gizdich we will make our way over to the Corralitos Market and Sausage Co. where we will stop and pick up BBQ supplies for the holiday. Check the Market out [here](#), great meats and smoked goods!

Leaving Gizdich we will continue back on Carlton Rd and then cross over Route 152 and onto Casserly Rd. Stay on Casserly until it becomes Mt. Madonna Rd. We veer left onto Hazel Dell and continue on to Browns Valley Rd. At the stop, turn right to stay on Browns Valley Rd (avoid Amesti Rd) and continue until you see the market at Corralitos Rd.

After we pick up our supplies we will head up Eureka Canyon Rd and continue onto Highland Way which will take us all the way to the top of the coastal range and onto Summit Rd. This section of the ride becomes increasingly tight and twisty. There can be debris and cyclist in the road and there are lots of blind corners. This part may be a bit challenging for newer riders but they can take an alternate route down Corralitos Rd to Freedom Blvd and Highway One if they wish. Once we are past Highland Way and onto Summit we will continue to Hwy 17. Our East Bay riders may wish to jump of here. I will likely continue over 17 on Summit which becomes Hwy 35 (Skyline) and head back to Mountain View that way. Please, be sure you stay within the safe limits of your riding ability. 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 line, NOT on trying to go fast.

As always, this is a leisurely, social ride, nothing difficult, and please, no racing! I hope you can join us. Have fun and be safe! e-mail me or call (650.966.1183) if you have any questions or concerns.

Best Regards,  
Mike Meissner