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CALmoto & Tri-Valley Moto SUNDAY RIDE

Sunday, April 3, 2011

Destination: The Delta Roads

Departure: 9:00am from CALmoto in Mountain View and 9:40am from Tri-Valley Moto in Livermore

Welcome, friends, to the April shop ride. This will be a ride suitable for beginners to experienced riders, on paved roads only. Some of the roads are a bit tight but take it slow and you should have no problems. We will be riding the Delta roads, which are nearly all gentle curves. There are some ferry crossings (no charge) and a bridge toll (\$5, Antioch) so bring lunch and Toll money!

The California Delta is an intriguing place with a huge network of ferrys, bridges and levees as well as some of our state's most colorful historical places. This ride will feature 4 bridge crossings and 2 ferry rides! We will be passing through Isleton, Locke (a historical Chinese settlement founded in 1915 after a fire in Walnut Grove destroyed their community <http://www.locketown.com>) and Rio Vista for lunch at a very unique place, Foster's Bighorn!

Note: Foster's only takes CASH! So if you are going to join us for lunch there make sure you bring some!

Departure time is 9:00am from CALmoto and we will swing by Tri-Valley Moto at about 9:40 am to pick up any riders who would like to start from our Livermore store. Coffee will be ready by 8:30 at Cal and Bill will have Coffee ready for our Tri-Valley riders at 9:00am. Be gassed up and ready to leave CALoto by 9:00 am sharp and 9:40am at Tri-Valley. We'll have a rider/safety meeting shortly before we leave.

I want to earnestly request that all riders ride within your comfort zones. Stay within the safe limits of your riding ability, and work on being the smoothest rider on the ride, not the fastest rider. True riding skill is built on a sense of smoothness, control and a sense of line, not in trying to go fast. Practice performing the smoothest possible upshifts and downshifts by good throttle control and matching engine and road speed, and experiment with slight changes in body position and weight transfer to help control the bike in the corners. For this Sunday's ride we are going to set an easy pace, and anyone who exceeds that pace and passes the leader is on his or her own. The route is rather complicated, so anyone who wants to enter it in his or her GPS should do so.

[Here is a Google Link to My Maps for this ride.](#)

- Start at CALmoto, we will take 101S to 237 to 680 to 84 and on to Tri-Valley Moto where we will pick up our East bay riders.
- From Tri-Valley, get on 580 Freeway East to Vasco Road. Take Vasco road North (over the freeway).
- Remain on Vasco and it turns into Hwy 4 near Marsh Rd. Stay on Hwy 4.
- Turn left on Hillcrest Ave to Freeway (doubling back onto Highway 4, the same way we came so we can get onto 160)

- From Hillcrest, get back on Highway 4 East - stay straight on Hwy 4 (towards Antioch) and it turns into Hwy 160. Cross the Antioch Bridge (Toll!) and continue on 160 onto Sherman Island.
- Turn right at River Rd and continue onto Sherman Island Rd and continue onto Sherman Island East Levee Rd. This will eventually bring us back to Hwy 160, turn right back onto Hwy 160
- In about a mile and a half turn right onto W. Brannan Island Rd and take the first left to stay on Brannan Island Rd.
- Left at Jackson Slough Rd to take us into Isleton.
- Left at A street and then a right back onto Hwy 160/N. River Rd.
- Left to stay on Hwy 160/N. River Rd at the Isleton Caltrans Bridge.
- Stay on 160 and turn right at the Walnut Grove Bridge into the town of Locke.

We will stop in Locke to stretch our legs before heading back the way we came, back over the Walnut Grove Bridge but instead of taking 160 we will turn right onto 220 toward the town of Ryde.

- From 220 we will take the Grand Island Ferry (just a note: while on the ferry put your bike on the side stand and stand next to it to keep it steady. Staying on your bike in the riding position is difficult and unstable during the short ferry ride. There is no charge for the ferry).
- Right at E. Ryer rd and onto CA-84.
- Another Ferry!
- Stay on 84 south and turn left at CA-84S/River Rd. to Rio Vista.
- Left on N Front St.
- Right on Main Street to Foster's Bighorn for lunch.

The ride will end at Foster's and from Rio Vista you can get home by taking 12 to 80 in Fairfield or back over the river to 160 and Antioch.

All brands are welcome. Have fun and be safe! [e-mail me](#) or call me at 650-966-1183, ext. 3 if you have any questions or concerns.

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