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CalMoto & Tri-Valley Moto SUNDAY RIDE

Sunday, December 4, 2011

Destination: Half Moon Bay for Crab!

Departure: 9:00am from CalMoto in Mountain View

Welcome friends, to the December 4th shop ride. Well, after a long delay, Crab season is finally open and what better excuse to go for a ride than to head out to the coast for our share of the first Crab of the season! This will be a ride suitable for intermediate and experienced riders, on paved roads only. Some of the roads are very tight, with rough pavement and leaves, but take it slow and you should have no problems. This is a rain-or-shine ride, but we are forecasting some fantastic weather for the coast this weekend, but be prepared for the cold because it could be below freezing on some sections.

Our route will be north on Middlefield from California BMW Triumph to Charleston which turns into Arastradero, left on Charleston to Page Mill and up to 35. We will cross over 35 onto Alpine and then take Pescadero down toward the coast. In Pescadero we will make a right onto Stage road to San Gregorio and then left out to Hwy 1.

We will then head north on Highway 1 turning right onto Tunitas Creek road. Once we return to Skyline we will continue north on 35 to 92 and then make the short hop to the Harbor in Half Moon Bay. This will be the end of the ride and there are plenty of places to stop and get a great meal.

I will be stopping for something to eat and to pick up some fresh crab. You can get it off the boat if you like and the Princeton Seafood company will cook and clean it for you (or you can get it directly from them ready to go!) Be sure to bring a topbox and some extra garbage bags if you are going to pick up fresh crab from the wharf (believe me, getting the smell of Crab out of a topbox is not easy!)

I want to reiterate: these roads are tight, narrow and bumpy. They are great training roads but they are NOT fast and we don't want anybody blasting up Tunitas Creek, for example. These roads will make you a better rider, but you must exercise extreme caution.

Departure time is 9:00am from California BMW Triumph (We will not be making a stop at Tri-Valley Moto this month), coffee will be ready by 8:30. Be gassed up and ready to leave by 9:00am sharp. We'll have a short rider/safety meeting at 8:50. 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. 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.

I hope you can join us, 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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