

Welcome friends, to the May 5th shop ride. 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. We are forecasting some fantastic weather for the coast this weekend, and we haven't ridden Page Mill in a while so join us for a short but pleasurable shop ride this month.

Our route will be north on Middlefield from Calmoto Mountain View 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 Main Street where I will stop for a late breakfast. This will be the end of the ride and there are plenty of places to stop and get a great meal.

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 down Alpine, for example. These roads will make you a better rider, but you must exercise extreme caution.

Departure time is 9:00am **from Calmoto Mountain View (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 (650.966.1183, ext. 3) if you have any questions or concerns.

Ride Safely! ...and, all brands are welcome, of course...

[Mike Meissner](#)