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CAL SUNDAY RIDE

Sunday, November 5, 2006

Destination: Livermore via Mount Hamilton Road

Departure: 9:00am

Welcome Friends,

Our November shop ride will leave from the shop parking lot at 9:00 am, the first Sunday of November. This is going to be a rather short ride, with the point of the ride being a nice lunch over in Livermore at Emil Villa's Hick'ry Pit. On the way we will have a chance to ride the very entertaining and challenging Mount Hamilton Road (Rte 130) and

Mines Road into Livermore. When we get to the summit of Mount Hamilton we will stop for a nice break (there are bathrooms there) and then head down the backside of the mountain to the Junction of Mines and Del Puerto roads. There is a coffee shop there and we will stop to regroup.

These roads are challenging, and sometimes have gravel scattered on them, so you must exercise caution. Also, the Mines Road section has several decreasing radius corners which will come out and bite you if you are not careful. This is a ride, not a race, and I expect everyone to ride within their ability and not crash or go off the road.

We'll leave the shop and go down 101 to Alum Rock and take it to Rte 130/Mt. Hamilton Road, which we follow to the top of Mt. Hamilton for our first break. The driveway up the observatory doubles back sharply to the right just as soon as you get to the summit. There is an old school on the right hand side of the road right there, so watch closely and don't miss it. Our next break will be at the junction of Mines and del Puerto Roads. Watch closely, someone always goes blowing by this intersection.

We follow Mines Road all the way back to Livermore, and turn left on Tesla Road. Very soon you will pass the municipal buildings on the right, and immediately afterwards is the right turn into the shopping center. Emil Villa's is at the very end of the shopping center parking lot, and we will probably be eating on the patio.

After lunch you can return via Calaveras Road (very twisty) or straight back on 84 to 680 and the Bay Area.

This is a pretty ride, and has some of the most challenging and technical riding of any of the Bay Area roads, plus it is usually lightly traveled this time of year. Conditions should be good, but I will be going rain or shine!

Please call or [E-mail me](#) if you have any questions, I'll be glad to answer them.

Best Regards,
Kari Prager