

BREAKFAST RIDERS

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Newsletter (free)

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Freeport was rained out **Nevada City:**
 It was a glorious St. Paddy's Day. We had fifteen bikes show up, picked up two in route. We had five new friends: Arick, J.R. Walker, Ray H., George S., and Candy Gannett. And the regulars of Mark Plantz, Tony Pini, Ed Buckner, Mike Harris, Diana Harris, Capt Ray, Ken Lewandowski, James Mickens, Steve Wright, and Orrin Anderson and his wife. We got onto Hwy 80 and ran a nice steady and comfortable pace. Then we smoothly dipped onto Hwy 113 and started getting into the bucolic portion of the ride. The original plan was to stop in Knights Landing (where Orrin was supposed to join us), but Jim said he knew of a better place just

catch us in flight (due to an agricultural vehicle's slow pace). I made my usual mistake and missed the turn onto Garden Hwy, but I realized my mistake fairly quickly and got us turned around and back on course. We stopped at a gas station just south of Hwy 20 (not the one Jim thought of), took a butt break, and got snacks and drinks. I had planned on an extra stop in Marysville, but that made no sense now, so we zigged and zagged our way through Marysville and stopped on the other side to make sure we had everyone. Then onward up Hwy 20. Soon we started to climb into the hills and the road started winding and twisting (I needed the turns by then). We held a steady pace through lovely scenery and soon joined onto Hwy 49 at Grass



Breakfast Riders
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riding.

Most Breakfast Rider runs meet at Lou's Junction parking lot, 3333 N.Texas, Fairfield and leave by 9:00. Check web page or email GrumpaLes@comcast.net to be sure of details. Each rider is responsible for their own insurance and behavior.

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south of Marysville. So we made a change. As we rolled through Knights Landing, I looked for Orrin and did not see him. Thankfully he saw us and was able to

Valley. We took the Broad St exit and pulled the bikes into the little parking lot on Nevada St. From there we walked up into old town.

All Breakfast Riders rides are open to all riders -- with their head on square. No stunts. Riders are responsible for their own insurance.

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Calendar for 2007

May 18-20	x	Infineon - Super Bikes (InfineonRaceway.com)
Sat, Jun 02	\$	Sierra Hope (SierraHopeRide.org)
Sat, Jun 09	*	Guerneville
Jun 22-24	x	Infineon - NASCAR (InfineonRaceway.com)
Sun, Jun 24	\$	Ride-4-Kids, Pleasanton (Ride4Kids.org)
Sun, Jul 08	*	Santa Cruz (early start at 08:00)
Wed, Jul 18	x	Ride to Work (RideToWork.org)
Jul 21-22	x	U.S. Grand Prix (Laguna-Seca.com)
Jul 28-29	x	Infineon - NHRA (InfineonRaceway.com)
Sat, Aug 18	*	Jackson
Aug 24-26	x	Infineon - indy cars (InfineonRaceway.com)
Sep 01-03	x	Takin It to the Streets, Clearlake (Road-Shows.com)
Sun, Sep 09	*	Occidental
???, Sep ??	\$	Napa Valley Horseplay (star351.org)
Sep 19-23	x	Reno Street Vibes (Road-Shows.com)
Sun, Oct 07	\$	Ride-4-Kids, Woodland (Ride4Kids.org)
Oct 12-14	x	Redding Big Bike Week (Road-Shows.com)
Sun, Oct 21	*	Middletown
???, Nov ??	x	International Motorcycle Show (MotorCycleShows.com)
???, Dec ??	\$	Ronald McDonald House Toy Run
???, Dec ??	\$	Other toy runs -- galore

* Breakfast Riders run, \$ Benefit/cost run,
 x Non Breakfast Riders event of interest, (???) date not yet determined

Breakfast Riders runs are open to everyone - we allow all makes, cruisers, sport bikes, tourers, young through old, male and female. We are looking for riders, friends, and family who enjoy

Clearlake The planned ride was for Mines Rd, but there was an off-road biking event that weekend just off Mines Rd and thus it would be very clogged with support vehicles, spectators, etc. So I chose to run the group to Clearlake (which had been rained out the month before). We had six bikes show up on a glorious morning. Steve Berger,



Steve Wright, Mark Plantz, Jim Mitterer, Ken Lewandowski, and me. We took off with Jim doing tail gunner duties. A brief jaunt on the freeway to get to Lagoon Valley Rd exit. Quickly over the freeway and onto Pleasants Valley Rd. After a nice run of mellow twisties, we stopped at Hwy 128 to let everyone gather. The wind was quite strong and gusty, making the bikes dance a little. First from the left, then from the right, then from in front. Jim said he was going to pull off at Winters

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and head home -- not feeling well. So we got onto Hwy 128 and into Winters. As we made the left onto Railroad Ave, Jim kept going straight to the freeway. We rolled along straight Railroad Ave and into Madison. Another brief gather and we were onto Hwy 16. Mark was a little distracted in Esparto and almost missed one

of the lefts to stay on Hwy 16. I did not give enough of an indication of the turn. We took a nice stop at Cache Creek (big signs for David Cas-

sidy -- whoo hoo). Another re-gather at Hwy 20. Then we made our way to Hwy 53 heading west and into Clearlake. We pulled into Main Street Café. The service was still slow-ish, but much better. The food was good. We stopped for gas, then got back onto Hwy 53. We made the left onto Hwy 29. Here is where I get nervous looking for Seigler Canyon Rd. It is never soon enough for me. Did I miss it? There it is...whew! Finally on some tighter twisties...wheee. After an all too short bout of glee, we hit Hwy 175 at Loch Lomond. This day, traffic was not as considerate as they could have been, so we Continued...

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Shortly after we got started uphill, Jaurdan showed up in his car. Everyone split into little groups to enjoy the many restaurants and shops. I went for Chinese. Jaurdan sat with me but wasn't hungry. He almost had his trike back together -- but the dang throttle cable was too frayed. We took a long break to give everyone time to wander into and out of stores. I found the chocolate shop -- hmm dark chocolate, pecan turtle. I heard that Candy (who missed the start) had met some of our group and knew where to join us. So we gathered back at the bikes. A few riders left for their own way home. The remaining nine started back down the hill. We stopped in Penn Valley and got gas -- and a few miles of nice twisties on Spenceville Rd and Indian Springs Rd. Then back onto Hwy 20. Again we held a steady pace into Marysville. Here more



bikes split off for different ways home, getting us down to four bikes. I missed the turn onto Sutter (not my fault -- the sign was 6 feet into the exit), so we had to wade through the lights of Marysville -- yuck. Once onto Hwy 99, we soon were at Hwy 113. Hwy 113 runs into Hwy 5 and

immediately splits off. I never saw the signs, so we followed Hwy 5 to Hwy 80 and home.

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lollod along often below the speed limit. All those nice turns wasted. We stopped in Middletown for gas. Then got onto Butts Canyon Rd. Here we were able to use the turns with spirit. Made it onto Pope Canyon Rd. We made it to the rest stop at the bottom of the hill and joined the fleet of bikes (mostly sport bikes). I told the group that from here on we would be sure to take a very mellow pace as there would be too many boaters and sheriffs to allow for high speeds. I also told them I was going to pull over when my bike reached 100,000 miles! Yup! I have logged that many miles on my bike. We pulled into the Turtle Rock bar/store, got some snacks and drinks, and rested before going home.



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