

A Delorean passed by but it didn't transport me back in time



On the left Kevin's on the final Stage Road climb to Highway 1; on the right, flatter part of Tunitas, he's enjoying what's left of a Coke. Life definitely went better after the Coke! Nothing different from the normal Sunday routine, except that I got up quite a bit earlier than Kevin to watch the final stage of Paris Nice, and after that, spent some time cleaning a bad winter's collection of mud off our bikes before the ride.

Ohmygosh it was beautiful out there today! First time in many months we got to leave the legwarmers, base layers and jackets at home. Lowest temp I saw was maybe 61? Lower 70s were the norm. Nice enough that Kevin overcooked it a bit climbing Old LaHonda; I saw him for the first 6 minutes or so and then he was gone. It's going to take him a bit of time to get back to full speed, but at just over 20 minutes, he's way faster than I am!

We did the outlaw thing, like everybody else, riding West Old LaHonda through the "dangerous" closed section (which hasn't seemed to have changed at all these past two weeks). The climb over Haskins was pretty slow, although we can blame most of it on stopping to help someone in a car figure out how to get to the coast. Pretty easy; just stay on the same road and it dead ends at the ocean!

The bakery/market in Pescadero was packed, which shouldn't be a surprise, given how nice it was. We're such regulars there that they start making Kevin's sandwich as soon as they spot him in line though, so that saved some time. They even know him by name (which they wrote on the sandwich).

Stage Road? Yeah, tough headwind today, but the only really bad part is just that first few miles to the base of the first climb. Tunitas? Very easy; Kevin was feeling the effects of his Old LaHonda effort. He felt a lot better after drinking the half bottle of coke that I couldn't finish in Pescadero and brought with me though.

I can definitely get used to days like this. After the winter we've had, yeah, we've paid our dues. Time to really enjoy riding on warm days and put the rain bikes aside for a while. Hopefully a long while. :-)