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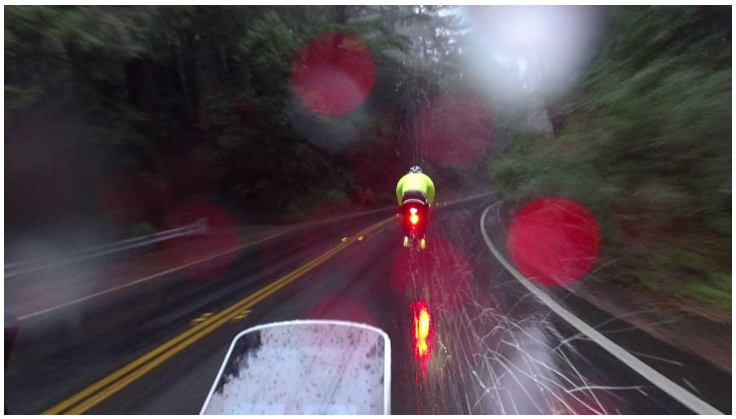
We ride in the rain so you don't have to



It could have been a bit disappointing; the weather forecasting a possible slight break in the storm right when Kevin and I would be out riding, leaving us with wet roads, messy bikes and no real credit for doing something stupid. But if you could believe something 8 hours ahead, there was supposed to be a small spot of nasty landing on top of us right about the time we'd be up on Skyline. And this morning, that's exactly what happened.

Nobody else with us on the ride. On the way, I spotted someone far ahead of us on Canada, probably a die-hard commuter, but nobody returning from the infamous "morning ride" and no tire tracks on the road. Kevin and I headed up at a pretty slow speed, stopping at the park entrance to remove our jackets before continuing on. It really wasn't that cold; between 48 and 52 most of the way.

Up on Skyline things changed from wet roads to drizzle to pretty decent rain. We did see another rider, heading in the opposite direction, dressed all in black. Without a light, would have been completely invisible. Stealth mode on a rainy day doesn't make sense.

Since we were running slow we skipped the West Old LaHonda section, heading straight back down 84. Main disadvantage to that is that you can get a bit cold, since you're essentially descending 2500ft or so continuously, instead of breaking it up into two sections. But once down into Woodside you feel a lot better.