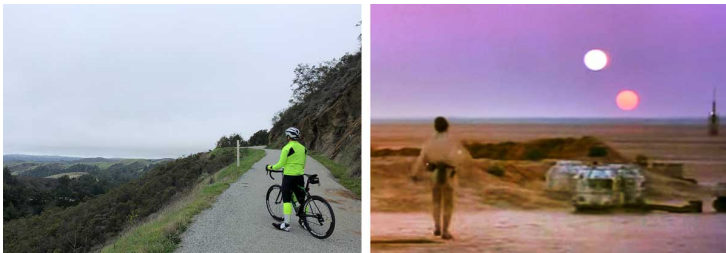


Is the camera off?



Doppelganger for sure

Normalcy almost restored. This morning I was able to get my left foot into my regular shoe (with a little help from two advils) and it felt better and better as the ride went.

Just myself and Kevin this morning; not sure where everybody else was, since rain was in the forecast for later in the day. You'd think people would want to get out while they could! But only saw a couple others out there; Tom C descending Kings as we were climbing (he's apparently one of those "morning" people) and another guy (Chris C according to Strava Flyby) at the top of West Old LaHonda who'd just finished the infamous "morning" ride just prior. Instant cred for that!

Kings was nothing fast, just getting used to things again, and obviously in winter mode. Without any rabbits to chase, Kevin stayed with me all the way up, with the easy pace even allowing for some conversation (the sort of conversation where he prefaces some questions with "Is the camera off?"). Just normal life stuff. I was still a bit concerned about having time to do the full West Old LaHonda loop, but the often-ridiculously-long light at the Bear Gulch construction area was actually green for the first time in recent history, saving us several minutes.

West Old LaHonda didn't have much of a view, with the storm coming in, but still had to get in the mandatory photo. In my mind, I swear, there was a double sun hanging out over the ocean as Kevin gazed into his future and saw... well never mind, like I said, the camera was off.



My foot's not quite so gross once you crop out the bad stuff.

Really really glad the broken toe isn't causing much of an issue. It's changed from "something that can't be unseen" into, well, it's not exactly pretty but kind of curious to look at. Interesting hues of purple. The only thing a bit off-putting might be the hairs that show up in the photo, but it's not like I'm going to "go Brazilian" for my feet. I mean, do people actually do that sort of thing? Ewwwww.

Just a couple more rides before I'm off for a bit. Well, not completely off the bike; heading to Cambodia with my daughter for a few

days, where we'll be doing some tours of the Angkor Wat region by bike. Pretty easy biking; completely flat and maybe 30km/day, but it's a lot better than walking or being driven around!

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