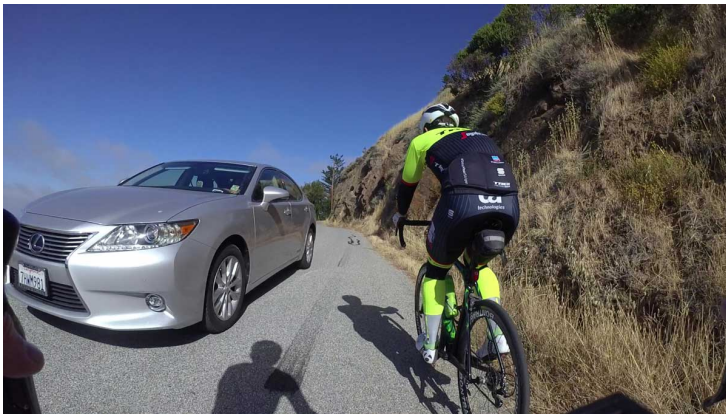


A week of missing entries! Lots of ground to cover



That's not the view you expect to see, riding up West Old LaHonda! OK, first the obligatory West Old LaHonda photo from Thursday-morning's ride. Only this time, no view! Not sure why we're suddenly seeing one, sometimes two cars heading down WOLH as we're heading up. What's up with that?

So yes, I'm way behind in almost-daily diary entries. Shop stuff got in the way, big time. We've been inundated with repairs, which puts a lot of pressure on me (repairs tend to have unique scenarios requiring time spent not just in diagnosis but also running down odd-ball parts, and having to explain to some that a bike just isn't worth fixing up, which they don't want to hear until you've spent 10 minutes totaling everything up), plus parking issues again care of construction around us (even though there are a huge number of dedicated, fenced-in parking spaces available for construction workers, where do they park? Right in front of our store!!!), new bike models coming in but no resources to build them (due to all the repairs) nor anyplace to put them (again due to repairs). Add to the normal summer repairs the additional customers we have coming up from our former Los Altos location, and it's hard not to feel like you're in the middle of one of those hospital triage settings on a TV show.

Oh, also a website re-do, so if you go to chainreaction.com on your cell phone (which is the way about 50% view our website) it doesn't look terrible. Kind of in the middle of that one. And one more thing. Plantar fasciitis. I start the day feeling ok, but as the hours roll by, my right heel becomes increasingly sore, causing me to quite visibly hobble around the shop. Interestingly, this is an on-the-feet-only scenario. Riding a bike, no problem, because of the rock-hard soles that don't allow your foot to flex. Walking in regular shoes is another thing entirely. OK, I think that's it.

But yes, I have been riding. It's the only thing that keeps me sane. Sunday Kevin and I did the usual Pescadero loop, Tuesday morning we had a special visit from Chris, one of our former regulars and fast enough to give Kevin a challenging time climbing Kings, and this morning (ok, yesterday by the time you read this) it was the return of JR. JR had a knee re-do in February and is just now beginning to come up to speed. Fortunately not full speed yet; it was a pretty relaxing pace this morning.

I am looking forward to things settling down. Hopefully within the next three weeks, prior to Kevin and I leaving for France. Have to admit I'm also looking forward to 10 days doing something different!