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First ?longer? ride of the year

Follow that wheel! Ouch. So I finally get to ride the infamous "Bakery" ride, which leaves from Woodside 8am on Saturdays. Normally I can't do a Saturday ride because the shop is open (and Saturday's our busiest day) but today it was the 4th of July and I'm sure if we were open we could have done a lot of business but frankly, we needed a break. A chance to rest after three months of non-stop craziness in the bike biz.

But is it "resting" when you're on a ride where nearly everyone else is faster then you? When one guy (Jeff Z) is so strong that you can barely hold his wheel on the flats yet he's taking it easy because this is his "recovery" ride?

Nevertheless it was a lot of fun. Up Kings, south on Skyline to 84, west to LaHonda, Haskins to Pescadero, Bean Hollow/Highway 1 loop to add 12 extra miles, Pescadero again with brief stop for a Mtn Dew and Mexican version of a mixed-nut/sesame bar that was REALLY good.

Time out to end endless sentence.

Then Stage North and return via Tunitas. I managed to keep people in sight everywhere but Tunitas; I stayed with Kevin (pilot) and we let Jeff Z and Linda J and another guy go on ahead. Even stopped on Tunitas to chat with some other cyclists I hadn't seen in a long time.

It was a lot of fun. Hard work too! But good to know I can still do 70 fairly hard miles. Still wondering when I'll be doing a Santa Cruz loop again... 112 miles. Kevin (not the pilot) has to nurse his knee back to health first.