

## The final-final-FINAL ride for the rain bike this season?

The weather forecast had been for showers all day long today, and in fact, still shows showers/rain until 6pm. And yet, since at least 7:05am this morning, we've had quite a bit of sun, some wind, but no rain, not even a drizzle. Wet roads though, so I had no choice but to bring the rain bike.



Nigel riding up the valley on west-side Old LaHonda, with the continuation of the road on the other side clearly visible

Just Eric and Nigel (back from the UK) this morning, with the rest likely scared off by the rain that wasn't. We rode at a fairly easy pace up the hill, or at least Eric and I did after I decided that staying on Nigel's wheel would enforce anti-social behaviour (since I can't carry on a conversation at anything over 80% effort). Yes, it was cool, but not really cold, and the broken clouds made for a beautiful backdrop. The run down 84 to west-side Old LaHonda was a slight grind due to headwinds coming off the coast, but I just glued myself to Nigel's wheel and all was well.

West-side Old LaHonda? Let's enjoy it while we can. I think one big truck, perhaps something like one of the propane trucks that frequently rumble through the coastal roads, could be enough to finish the road off. That will be a very sad day indeed.