

## 68 miles, 7200ft of climbing, it should've seemed easier than it was!



### Stage Road between San Gregorio and Highway 1

It didn't seem like that tough a ride. Head up Page Mill, down the other side to Pescadero, Stage Road to Tunitas Creek and back. Nothing convoluted. But what we didn't count on was much-warmer temperatures (high-80s, not hot by any means) and forgetting that Page Mill towards the beginning of a ride is just plain rude.

Kevin continues to ride strongly, but our idea of caffeine holding off his seizures didn't work out as he had two on this ride, one about 2/3rds of the way up Page Mill, and another one much later, about 2/3rds of the way up Tunitas. The first one left him a bit groggy but on Tunitas, he couldn't wait to get back up on the bike and continue the climb; his total down time was almost exactly a minute, and having recently passed a number of other cyclists on the way up, he wanted to make sure they didn't have a chance to catch back up.

Oh, guess I should point out that a bit earlier, he had dropped me on the climb and it looked like he was gone for good, but I gradually began to claw my way back up to him, doing the best Levi Leipheimer imitation I could muster.

The high point of the ride? Seeing so many of our customers out there on bikes we've sold them, some of them recently, some of them 20 years old.