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## CAL SUNDAY RIDE

**Sunday, May 4, 2008**

**Destination:** Portola Valley / San Gregorio / La Honda

**Departure:** 9:00am (coffee: 8:30am, rider safety meeting: 8:50am)

Dear Riding Friends,

Welcome to the May Sunday California BMW Triumph Shop Ride!

We will be riding out on Sunday, May 4th, leaving the shop parking lot at 9:00 am. Please be gassed up and ready to go at that time. We'll have a short safety meeting before the ride, and a sign-out sheet for contact information if needed. As always, we'll have coffee and Danish by 8:30 or so. Please arrive a little early to have a chance to relax and socialize before the ride.

This ride is a rather short one, on some very tight and narrow roads. The route is chosen specifically to practice on the type of narrow, tight roads that one might find in the smaller passes of the North Italian Dolomites, or some of the little Swiss and Austrian passes. We've had requests for a slow, technical ride, and you can be sure this will be very technical. There will be a short discussion of proper riding style for roads like this, and the rest of the morning will be practice. The ride is not very long, and we should be back at the shop by noon or a little before.

We'll leave the shop and go out Charleston/Arastradero Road to Portola Valley and Woodside, and up Kings Mountain Road to Skyline, then down Tunitas Creek to Lobitos Creek and out to Highway 1. We'll take that to Old Stage Road, which is just before San Gregorio, take a break at the San Gregorio store for coffee and a pit stop, then take Old Stage to Pescadero. Next we'll take the Pescadero/La Honda Road to Alpine Road, which climbs up to Skyline. We'll take Skyline north to Old La Honda Road and descend to Portola Valley, and retrace our steps back to the shop. These roads are TIGHT and we'll be going very slowly and cautiously, for the most part. I'd say this ride is a little too challenging for a pure beginner unless you are very confident, but it should be OK for anyone with a moderate level of experience. There are bail-out points all over the place if it proves to be too tight for you.

Please, be sure to stay within the safe limits of your riding ability. This is a social ride, not a race, so always ride within your comfort zone and work on being the smoothest rider on the ride, not the fastest. True riding skill is built on the practice of smoothness, control and a sense of the right line, not on trying to go fast. So as always, this is a leisurely ride, nothing difficult, and please, no racing! I hope you can join us. Have fun and be safe!

I hope you can join us. [E-mail](#) or call me (650.966.1183) if you have any questions or concerns.

Best Regards,  
Kari Prager