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CALmoto & Tri-Valley Moto SUNDAY RIDE

First Sunday of every month

Sunday, May 3, 2009

Destination: Coalinga & Perko's for lunch

Departure: 9:30am from California BMW Triumph shop in Mountain View

Welcome, friends, to the May 3rd, Sunday shop ride. This time I promise that we will have no ice or frost on the road, as we did the last time. This will be a ride suitable for intermediate and experienced riders, on paved roads only. Some of the roads are very tight but take it slow and you should have no problems. We will be riding right past the entrance to Clear Creek Dirt Riding Area, so we can go through the river ford if you want. Also we can point out the Salinas Ramblers Club campground where we hold dirt riding clinics.

Our route will be down Hwy 101 to Hwy 25 (boring part) to Hollister for a mandatory gas stop, Then after some looong straight-aways, 25 gets interesting and is one of the nicest roads we ever ride each year. 25 finally joins 198 about 60 miles south and we take 198 into Coalinga for a brunch at Perko's, the happening spot in Coalinga! After a leisurely lunch we'll head back on the Coalinga/San Benito Road that will take us back to Hollister via the back way. This is the road that goes past Clear Creek so you may want to check out the route for future exploration.

Departure time is 9:30 am from the California BMW Triumph shop in Mountain View (see website), coffee will be ready by 9:00. Be gassed up and ready to leave by 9:30 am sharp. We'll have a short rider/safety meeting at 9:20. I want to earnestly request that all riders ride within your comfort zones. Stay within the safe limits of your riding ability, and work on being the smoothest rider on the ride, not the fastest rider on the ride. True riding skill is built on a sense of smoothness, control and a sense of line, not in trying to go fast. Practice performing the smoothest possible upshifts and downshifts by good throttle control and matching engine and road speed, and experiment with slight changes in body position and weight transfer to help control the bike in the corners. For this Sunday's ride we are going to set an easy pace, and anyone who exceeds that pace and passes the leader is on his or her own.

I hope you can join us. Have fun and be safe! E-mail me if you have any questions or concerns. (All brands are welcome.)

Best regards,

[Kari Prager](#)