

2012 LDT Series Rides – Ride Descriptions (UPDATED 3/11/12)

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LDT RIDE: SHORELINE

B/1/(400')/33; C/1.5(1200')/38; D/1.5(1600')/44; E/2(2500')/52

We start the LDT series with a ride through the local flats and foothills before making our way over to Shoreline Park for lunch, where we'll have lunch at Michael's Restaurant (bring or buy). Return via the Stevens Creek Bike Path to Foothill Expressway. Rain cancels.

LEADERS: B = Vern Tucker (vltbike@yahoo.com or 408-730-2548 Home); **C = Guy Shuman** (shumansteiner@gmail.com or 650-961-5357 Home) and **Bill Sherwin** (wbsherwin@comcast.net or 650-888-6749 Cell); **D = Thomas Maslen** (thomas.mpp.maslen@gmail.com or [415-699-1940](tel:415-699-1940)); **E = TBD**

MEETING TIME: 9:45 am for 10:00 departure

MEETING LOCATION: Gunn High School near the intersection of Foothill Expy. and Arastradero.

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LDT RIDE: SARATOGA

B/1.5(1200')/32; C/2(2000')/36; D/2(2200')/42; E/4(6000')/68

This ride will take various routes to Saratoga for lunch at or near the Vienna Woods Deli. B's will take a flatter route, while the C's climb Mt. Eden and Pierce. D's add a run up to the end of Stevens Canyon. E's take a more challenging route up Old La Honda and West Alpine. Return via the maze (E's via Mt Eden/Pierce/Montebello). Rain cancels.

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MEETING TIME: BCD = 9:45 am for 10:00 departure, E = 8:45 for a 9:00 departure

MEETING LOCATION: Gunn High School near the intersection of Foothill Expy. and Arastradero.

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LDT RIDE: PULGAS WATER TEMPLE

B/2(1800')/34; C/2(2400')/40; D/3(3700')/45; E/3(4500')/61

All groups will take various routes to a mid-ride snack stop beside the beautiful Pulgas Water Temple. B's traverse the Portola Loop and return via Jefferson and Alameda de las Pulgas. C's climb Taafe and Westridge on the way to Woodside and return via Edgewood and Lakeview. D's and E's will climb King's Mountain then descend vista-filled Skyline Blvd and Highway 92. E's add an extra 13 mile loop after their Water Temple snack stop. B, C, and D groups will continue on to lunch at the "Golden Triangle". BE SURE TO BRING SNACKS as lunch is late in the ride. Rain cancels.

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MEETING LOCATION: Gunn High School near the intersection of Foothill Expy. and Arastradero.

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LDT RIDE: MORGAN HILL

B/2(1600')/35; C/2(2350')/49; D/2(2700')/53; E/2(3200')/72

Come join us to cycle some quiet country roads with quintessential California scenery on this route. All routes will have lunch at the Vineyard Center (bring or buy) in Morgan Hill. B riders ride a loop north to Bailey Avenue, while C, D, and E routes will include a climb up scenic Gilroy Hot Springs Rd. E's add the Bailey Avenue Loop after lunch. BE SURE TO BRING SNACKS AND WATER as lunch is late in the ride. Rain cancels.

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MEETING TIME: 9:45 am for 10:00 departure

MEETING LOCATION: Uvas Reservoir Park: take 101 to Morgan Hill, exit at Tennant Rd. Turn right on Tennant Rd, go 0.9 miles. Turn left on Monterey Rd, go 0.5 miles. Turn right on Watsonville Rd, go 3.8 miles. Turn right on Uvas Rd, go 2.4 miles.

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LDT RIDE: SEASCAPE**B/2(1800')/33; C/2.5(2800')/41; D/2.5(3000')/46; E/2.5(3500')/68**

Come see Monterey Bay and the scenic apple orchards of Corralitos. Our route includes Aptos Beach, Hames Road, and Brown's Valley to lunch, hot cider and pie at Gizdich Ranch apple orchards. Return via Larkin Valley Road. E riders follow an extended after lunch loop to San Miguel Canyon. Rain cancels.

LEADERS: B = TBD; C = Bill Sherwin (wbsherwin@comcast.net or 650-888-6749 Cell); **D = Mike Harding** (mharding@stanfordalumni.org or 650-325-9362); **E = TBD**

MEETING TIME: 9:45 am for 10:00 departure

MEETING LOCATION: Seascapes Village Shopping Center in Aptos. Take Highway 17 to Highway 1 South. Follow Highway 1 South about 10 miles. Exit right on San Andreas Rd.; turn right at Seascapes Blvd., then right into shopping center at Racquet Landing Drive Park. PLEASE park in back of shopping center parking lot away from businesses.

2/11

LDT RIDE: LIVERMORE**B/3(2400')/35; C/3(3000')/45; D/2.5(3300')/57; E/2.5(3800')/72**

Join us for a beautiful scenic loop over Altamont Pass and Patterson Pass, returning to Livermore for lunch (bring snacks as lunch is 24-44 miles into the ride depending on ride level). D's and E's traverse a new route south of Livermore, and E's include a climb to Del Valle Park. After lunch C, D, and E riders take on Flynn Road. Rain cancels.

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MEETING TIME: 9:45 am for 10:00 departure

MEETING LOCATION: New meeting location for 2013. All groups meet at Robert Livermore Park in Livermore. From I-580 exit at First Street Exit, then R on First Street, L on North Mines Road, R on East Avenue (@ T), R on Loyola Way, L into park.

2/18

LDT RIDE: MARIN HEADLANDS/TIBURON**B/2(2000')/47; C/2.5(3100')/54; D/2.5(3400')/57; E/3(4000')/67**

We will ride through Golden Gate Park and the Presidio, then across the Golden Gate Bridge to the Marin Headlands. C, D, and E riders will climb Conzelman Road and descend to the Bunker Road Tunnel, while the B's will take a flatter route to Sausalito. All routes will head out through Sausalito to Tiburon for lunch. Rain cancels.

LEADER: B = Annie Armstrong (aarmstrong_99@yahoo.com or 415-681-7124); **C = Bill Sherwin** (wbsherwin@comcast.net or 650-888-6749 Cell); **D = TBD; E = TBD**

MEETING TIME: 9:45 am for 10:00 departure

MEETING LOCATION: Meet at the large parking lot at Lake Merced Blvd and Sunset Blvd in San Francisco. From I-280 exit towards US1/Golden Gate Bridge, quickly exit R onto Brotherhood Way and go west towards ocean, R on Lake Merced Blvd, L into parking area at Sunset Blvd junction.

2/25

LDT RIDE: CALAVERAS**B/2.5(2500')/42; C/3(3200')/52; D/3(4400')/58; E/4(6500')/66**

Enjoy this scenic route along the Calaveras Reservoir, with eagles and maybe some other exciting wildlife. All routes climb Calaveras then descend into Pleasanton for lunch at High Tech Burrito. B's start at Ed Levin Park and quickly climb, while the C's get a warmup from Milpitas on Old Calaveras Road. D's and E's enjoy a gorgeous climb up Sierra Road and E's add an additional climb up Welch Creek. All routes return from Pleasanton via Calaveras Road along the reservoir. Rain cancels.

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MEETING TIME: 9:45 am for 10:00 departure

MEETING LOCATION: There are 2 locations: B's meet in the gravel parking lot across from entrance to Ed Levin County Park near Milpitas. Continue east on Calaveras Road 2.5 miles from I-680. The parking lot is on the left side of the street, one tenth of a mile past the park entrance. C's, D's, and E's meet in the shopping mall parking lot at the southwest corner of Landess Ave. and Morrill Ave. in the Northwood Shopping Center in Milpitas. Meet at the side of the lot next to Landess, near Togo's. Directions: 237 East to 880 South, exit Montague East, continue on Landess, R on Morrill, R into center.

3/3

LDT RIDE: PESCADERO

B/2.5(2200')/37; C/2.5(2600')/43; D/3(3500')/57; E/3.5(6100')/70

All routes will enjoy great spring views of the mountains and the sea. B's will traverse Pescadero, Bean Hollow, and Stage Roads, while the C's add Cloverdale and Gazos Creek. D's start in Skylonda for a great descent and climb on Hwy 84, while the E's start in Woodside and complete a circuit including Kings Mountain, Gazos Creek and a climb of Tunitas. All routes will enjoy lunch in Pescadero (bring or buy). All riders are invited to join Vickie Romo and Karin Nelson for coffee/treats on their deck in La Honda after the ride (directions on route sheets). Rain cancels.

LEADER: B = Vickie Romo/Karin Nelson (vic3ster@gmail.com or [650-747-0514](tel:650-747-0514)); **C = Bill Sherwin** (wbsherwin@comcast.net or [650-888-6749](tel:650-888-6749) Cell); **D = TBD; E = Lyresa Pleskovitch** (plesko@earthlink.net)

MEETING TIME: BCD = 9:45 am for 10:00 departure; E = 8:45 for 9:00 departure

MEETING LOCATION: There are 3 locations: B's and C's meet in La Honda, parking on the street along Hwy. 84 anywhere between the fire station and the post office (do not park in the store parking lots). D's meet in Skylonda at the intersection of Highways 84 and 35/Skyline (park in triangle area by intersection). E's meet at Woodside Grade School on Woodside Road.

3/10

LDT RIDE: PACIFIC GROVE

B/2(1700')/35; C/3(3500')/55; D/3(4000')/67; E/3(4700')/74-84

This is one of our most scenic long distance rides. B's enjoy the spectacular ocean views from Pacific Grove and Seventeen Mile Drive to Carmel, then continue on to Point Lobos for lunch (bring or buy). CDE routes climb to the top of Laureles Grade via the tiny Toro Road, avoiding traffic on the climb, and then descend to Carmel Valley. E's add a loop on San Benancio Road as well an optional climb of Robinson Canyon. D's and E's continue on to Point Lobos for lunch while the C's lunch in Carmel. Return via Carmel Hill or Seventeen Mile Drive. Rain cancels.

LEADERS: B = Andy Kirk (andrewk962@yahoo.com at [650-941-1287](tel:650-941-1287)); **CDE = Dick and Donna Matthews** (rmatthews2@aol.com or 408-866-0451)

MEETING TIME: 9:15 am for 9:30 departure

MEETING LOCATION: Meet in Pacific Grove at Lighthouse Ave. and Asilomar Ave. near the Point Pinos Lighthouse.

ACCOMMODATIONS: Many options - contact leaders.

3/11 (Sunday)

LDT SUNDAY RIDE: MONTEREY/FORT ORD

C/3 (3000')/39

Stay overnight after the ride on Saturday or just drive down for a socially-paced ride from the Monterey Peninsula up Seventeen Mile Drive's less traveled high road to the wilds of Fort Ord. Bring snacks as there are no services on Fort Ord. Return through Monterey for lunch on the wharf. Rain cancels. DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME STARTS - SET YOUR CLOCK FORWARD ONE HOUR!

LEADERS: Dick and Donna Matthews (rmatthews2@aol.com or 408-866-0451)

MEETING TIME: 9:15 am for 9:30 departure

MEETING LOCATION: Meet in Pacific Grove at Lighthouse Ave. and Asilomar Ave. near the Point Pinos Lighthouse.

3/17

LDT RIDE: SAN JUAN BAUTISTA

B/1.5(1600')/52; C/1.5(2000')/59; D/1.5(2100')/63; E/3(5000')/81

Come join us for a ride through the rustic and scenic country roads of San Benito County. We'll travel south through Tres Pinos and Paicines. Take Cienega Rd. and Union Rd. over to San Juan Bautista. E's add a hefty climb (2800') up Fremont Peak. Bring lunch or buy at the deli in Windmill Market, and eat at the picnic tables (weather permitting) at the Mission plaza square. Lunch is late in the ride, so bring snacks to tide you over until then. Flat route back to Hollister after lunch. Bring plenty of water to cover the approximately 25 miles between Paicines and SJB. Note: B/C/D riders can cut off 13 miles with a shortcut that skips the Mission lunch stop. Rain cancels.

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MEETING TIME: 9:15 am for 9:30 departure

MEETING LOCATION: Dunne Park in Hollister: Take 101 South, exit south of Gilroy onto Highway 25, continue right on San Felipe Rd (still CA25), right on 7th St, go two blocks to Dunne Park at West Road (62 miles from Palo Alto).

3/24

LDT RIDE: GEYSERVILLE

B/2(1800')/59; C/3!(4100')/60; D/3!(5000')/69; E/3!(5600')/90

Come prepared for an assault on the Geysers, that marvelous tree-shaded 16 mile climb that many of us know and love. Don't be scared off though, as there is only one steep section (1.5 miles). As a reward for their climbing efforts, C/D/E riders will experience a sweeping 10-mile descent back to the valley floor before lunch. C/D/E's ride 40 miles and climb 3800 feet before there is anywhere to buy food, so they need to bring whatever food/water is necessary to get them to lunch. The more civilized B riders will follow the rustic Healdsburg wine loop along Dutcher Creek, West Dry Creek, Alexander Valley, and Red Winery roads. The B route stops for lunch in Healdsburg and includes a 39-mile bailout. All routes have shortcut options (see route sheets online). Rain cancels.

LEADERS: Guy Shuman and **Mindy Steiner** (shumansteiner@gmail.com or 650-961-5357)

MEETING TIME: 9:15 am for 9:30 departure

MEETING LOCATION: Geyserville Elementary School on Geyserville Ave. Take 101 North to the Canyon Road exit (next exit after the Geyserville/Hwy 128 exit). Turn right at the end of the off-ramp, and then right at Geyserville Ave. Take Geyserville Ave. about one half mile. The school is on the right side of the road.

ACCOMMODATIONS: Contact leader with questions. Many options available in area – Saturday group dinner will be in Healdsburg and Sunday ride starts in Healdsburg. Rates at local hotels usually come down closer to the date of stay:

1. Best Western Dry Creek Inn (Healdsburg), 707-433-0300 or drycreekinn.com.
2. Healdsburg Travelodge (Healdsburg), 707-433-0101 or healdsburglodge.com
3. Geyserville Inn (Geyserville), 877-857-4343 or geyservilleinn.com

3/25 (Sunday)

LDT SUNDAY RIDE: HEALDSBURG TO GUERNEVILLE

BCD/2-3(2000')/38

Enjoy a beautiful ride in the redwoods from Healdsburg to Guerneville for lunch. Two route options: steep over Sweetwater Springs Rd. or flat via River Rd. Rain cancels.

LEADERS: Guy Shuman and **Mindy Steiner** (shumansteiner@gmail.com or 650-961-5357)

MEETING TIME: 9:15 am for 9:30 departure

MEETING LOCATION: Meet in Healdsburg at the public parking area on Matheson Street, one block west of Plaza Park (follow signs to "All Day Parking").

3/31

LDT RIDE: BERKELEY HILLS

B/4(4200')/41; C/4(4800')/46; D/4(5300')/53; E/4(7000')/81

This ride starts climbing as soon as you leave the parking lot! We'll climb Tunnel Road, visit Inspiration Point in Tilden Park and climb a couple of the 3 Bears. D riders will also challenge "Pig Farm Hill" and Reliez Valley Road. While there are lots of hills, none are steep and the views are gorgeous. E's add more challenging hills, including Toyonal Drive with its 20% grade. Rain cancels.

LEADERS: Guy Shuman (shumansteiner@gmail.com or 650-961-5357 Home) and **Bill Sherwin** (wbsherwin@comcast.net or 650-888-6749 Cell)

MEETING TIME: 9:15 am for 9:30 departure

MEETING LOCATION: Rockridge BART station in Berkeley/Oakland. We will meet in the parking lot on the west side of College Ave. Directions: from eastbound 24, take the Claremont exit. Stay in the left lane to turn left onto Claremont. Go to Forest St (about .3 miles) and turn right. Go to Shafter (about .2 miles) and turn left. The entrance to the parking lot will be on the left.

4/7

LDT RIDE: PASO ROBLES**B/2(2200')/46; C/2(3200')/61; D/2.5(4400')/73; E/2.5(5000')/82**

A new set of routes for this year explore the rolling wine country surrounding Paso Robles. D and E riders take loops up Hog Canyon and Klau Mine Road and all routes stop for lunch at the San Miguel Bakery. For those of you who will not arrive Friday night, Paso Robles is a three hour drive from Palo Alto so start early. Rain may alter routes but will not cancel rides. Don't miss out in 2012 – this ride is currently offered every two years!

LEADERS: B = Howard Shafer and **Jacquette Ward** (408-247-9980 or jhshafer@sbcglobal.net) **C = Guy Shuman** (shumansteiner@gmail.com or 650-961-5357 Home) **D = TBD E = TBD**

MEETING TIME: 9:15 am for 9:30 departure**MEETING LOCATION:** Adelaide Inn in Paso Robles. (Take Highway 101 south to Paso Robles. Exit Right at Highway 46/24th Street. The motel is on the right at Ysabel Street less than one block away).**ACCOMODATIONS:** Adelaide Inn (805-238-2770). Ask for Western Wheelers discount rate.

4/8

LDT SUNDAY RIDE: PASO ROBLES – PEACHY CANYON**BCD/3(2500')/28-35**

Those of you staying over in Paso Robles will have the opportunity of enjoying more springtime in wine country. The beautiful Peachy Canyon climb with its two scenic summits can be bypassed if desired for an easier route of 28 miles/1400 feet of climbing. Ride will be led at a social pace but will leave plenty of time for the drive home.

LEADERS: Howard Shafer and **Jacquette Ward** (408-247-9980 or jhshafer@sbcglobal.net)**MEETING TIME:** 9:15 am for 9:30 departure**MEETING LOCATION:** Adelaide Inn in Paso Robles (see Saturday listing).

4/14

LDT RIDE: MOUNTAIN CHARLIE**B/3(2200')/35; C/3.5(4250')/50; D/3.5(4700')/57; E/3.5(6500')/88**

Explore the twisty roads of the Santa Cruz Mountains, including some long climbs and wonderful descents. All riders will climb to Summit Road via quiet picturesque Old Santa Cruz Road. B's will explore some "out and backs" along the summit then lunch at the Summit Store, while the C's, D's and E's descend to Scotts Valley for lunch at Erik's Deli before tackling the Mountain Charlie climb. D's add Rodeo Gulch, while the E's take an extended route including Corralitos and Eureka Canyon. Rain cancels.

4/21

LDT RIDE: PETALUMA**B/2.5(3000')/47; C/2.5(4000')/62; D/2.5(4500')/72; E/2.5(5400')/88**

Enjoy beautiful views of Marin County from scenic rolling roads, along with a few moderate climbs including Wilson Hill. D's do an "out-and-back" section on scenic Marshall-Petaluma Road, while the E's continue on to spectacular Tomales Bay. B's will lunch at the Marin Cheese Factory, while the C's, D's and E's have a lovely plaza lunch in downtown Petaluma before rolling home via a stop at the Cheese Factory. Rain cancels.

4/28 (NOTE THIS IS A CHANGE OF DATE FROM ORIGINAL SCHEDULE)

LDT RIDE: CAZADERO**B/4(4000')/42; C/4(5500')/50; D/4(6700')/66; E/4(8100')/82**

Join us for some spectacular riding North of the Russian River. B riders will take the direct route to the coast over Fort Ross Road (bring walking shoes and lock if you want to tour the Fort Ross Historic Park). C, D, and E riders will ride the breath-taking King Ridge Rd. Bring food and enough water for 35 to 45 miles between facilities, as potential lunch stops are near the end of the ride. Rain cancels.

4/29 (NOTE THIS IS A CHANGE OF DATE FROM ORIGINAL SCHEDULE)

LDT SUNDAY RIDE: OCCIDENTAL TO GUERNEVILLE**BC/2.5(~2500')/33-39; D/3(~4000')/57**

New route for 2012 starts in Occidental. Join us for an exploration of the deep forests, canyons, and rolling hills south and east of Occidental. We'll stop for treats at an amazing country bakery in Freestone

and have lunch at the Coffee Bazaar in Guerneville. Optional routes include a 33 mile shortcut and 57 mile extended loop that includes the tough, but beautiful, 1.5 mile climb from the ocean to Coleman Valley (see online route sheets). Rain cancels.

5/5

LDT RIDE: SKYLINE (NOTE THIS IS A CHANGE OF DATE FROM ORIGINAL SCHEDULE)

B/4(4600')/45; C/4(4900')/52; D/4(6300')/60; E/4(7800')/75

We'll climb to Skyline via various routes. C's climb Redwood Gulch, a 1.4 miles steep grade, while B,D, and E routes proceed directly up Hwy 9. All routes then enjoy a quiet ride south along the summit. E's take a side trip to Lexington Reservoir via Black Road. B's and C's will head east to the Summit Store for lunch before returning via Lexington Reservoir and the Los Gatos Creek Trail (there are some gravel sections on the trail) . D's and E's glide down to Boulder Creek for lunch then return via the beautiful redwoods of Big Basin State Park. Rain cancels.

5/12

LDT RIDE: MT. DIABLO

B/4(4400')/46; C/4(5400')/58; D/4(6500')/65; E/4(8000')/91

Enjoy fabulous views as all groups climb to the summit of Mt. Diablo. D's and E's will then get away from it all on remote Morgan Territory Road after lunching in Clayton. B's and C's will lunch in Walnut Creek then return via regional bike trails to the start. C's add a loop on Reliez Valley Road. Rain cancels.

5/19

LDT RIDE: MT. TAMALPAIS

B/3.5(4500')/51; C/3.5(5000')/57; D/3.5(5400')/66; E/3.5(6400')/79

Ride the varied terrain of southern Marin County. All routes approach Mt. Tamalpais from the northwest via Fairfax-Bolinas and Ridgecrest Blvd. The C, D, and E routes include a climb to the summit. B, C, and D riders descend to lunch in Mill Valley then return via a loop on Point San Pedro Road past China Camp State Park. E riders loop west to Point Reyes Station for lunch then return via Nicasio Valley and Lucas Valley Rd. All routes except E have shortcut options (see route sheets online). Rain cancels.

5/28 (Monday)

LDT RIDE: MT. HAMILTON

B/4(5000')/44; C/4(5000')/47; D/5(7200')/59; E/5(9400')/69

Join us for this wonderful Memorial Day finish to the LDT ride series. Mt Hamilton is a long, but not steep, climb with wonderful panoramic views and great spring wildflowers. All routes start with a loop through Alum Rock Park, then the B's and C's climb directly to the summit. D's add a beautiful "out-and-back" spur on traffic free Kincaid Road on the way to the summit. E's add both Kincaid and the exciting descent to the Isabel Creek Bridge on the back side of Mt. Hamilton. All groups have lunch at the summit – **PACK YOUR LUNCH – NO FOOD AVAILABLE.** Be prepared for warm temperatures on the way up and cold temperatures on the way down. Rain cancels.

(Not listed for 2012)

LDT RIDE: PLACERVILLE/SIERRA FOOTHILLS

B/3(3000')/41; C/3.5(4200')/50; D/4(6200')/60; E/4(7200')/76

Explore the Central Sierra foothills South of Placerville, with plenty of climbing and lovely quiet roads. The C's and D's start by tackling steep but beautiful Slug Gulch Road. D's and E's climb Omo Ranch Road up to Dew Drop at 4800 feet before descending Shake Ridge Road to Fiddletown. E's add a loop to Sutter Creek. B's will take a more mellow route through Fiddletown. All groups have lunch at Vintage Deli in Plymouth, then return to Pioneer Park via Shenandoah School Road and Dorado Canyon. Rain cancels.

LEADERS: Guy Shuman and Mindy Steiner (shumansteiner@gmail.com or 650-961-5357)

MEETING TIME: 9:15 am for 9:30 departure

MEETING LOCATION: Start is at Pioneer Park (6740 Fairplay Rd, Somerset, CA). DIRECTIONS FROM BAY AREA (2.5-3 hours): From I-580 Eastbound take I-205 East, I-5 North, Hwy 4 East, Hwy 99 North, Hwy 88 East, Hwy 124 North, Hwy 16 East, Hwy 49 North. In Plymouth turn R on Plymouth/Shenandoah Rd (E16), continue on Mt. Aukum Road (E16), R on Fairplay Road. Pioneer Park is on right after 1/4 mile. ALTERNATE DIRECTIONS FROM PLACERVILLE (20-30 minutes): Take Broadway east from Placerville, continue on Newtown Road, L on Pleasant Valley, R on Mt. Aukum (Co E16), L on Fairplay, Pioneer Park on right after 1/4 mile.

ACCOMMODATIONS: National 9 Inn (Placerville) [530-622-3884](tel:530-622-3884) (Ask for Western Wheeler Bicycle Discount)

5/8 (Sunday)

LDT SUNDAY RIDE: PLACERVILLE/APPLE HILL LOOP

B/4(2300')/24; C/4/(3000')/31; D/4/(3700')/37

Enjoy a fun loop through the apple country northeast of Placerville. Ride past orchards, vineyards, and Christmas tree farms during the quiet off season. C and D groups add extra side loops on this fairly hilly but short ride. It's all downhill after lunch at Boa Vista Orchards on Carson Road. Rain cancels.

LEADERS: Guy Shuman and Mindy Steiner (shumansteiner@gmail.com or 650-961-5357)

MEETING TIME: 9:15 am for 9:30 departure

MEETING LOCATION: Meet in Placerville at the El Dorado Trail Bike Path parking area. From US 50 exit at Broadway, R on Broadway, R on Mosquito, Park in lot on left after underpass.