

Tour de Tahoe

by Dean Seibel

Left Stockton Saturday morning for a 2 ½ hour drive to South Lake Tahoe and the Tour de Tahoe event on Sunday. Arrived about noon and stopped at a Starbucks for some lunch and from there I drove to the campground by the lake where I will be camping for next two days. I can see the lake from the campground so I walked there to pass some time. G-Man calls and says that he's checked in to the Hard Rock and we agree to meet at Applebee's for dinner. After dinner I walked back to the lake from my camp until it was too cold to be there in a tee shirt. I'm worried about the weather tomorrow. A low of 37° is predicted. (Actually it was 35° according to my Garmin).

Alarm goes off at 6:00. I got dressed and had a bite to eat at the McDonalds and arrived to a nearly full parking lot at the Hard Rock. To my surprise while digging my bike out of my car the person in the car next to me says "I know you" and hard to believe it was Andre "Dre" Aguirre and Ray Pursley who ride with Ride to Recovery and Gary Colburn! Dre tells me that Jamie Harmon is there as well but already at the start. I ride off and tell them I'm going to find G-Man and will see them on the road. So after riding around in circles dodging other bikes I could not find G-Man and his phone wasn't answering, so I left and hoped to find him on the road.



Dean and G-Man: Tour de Tahoe Veterans

Still in South Lake Tahoe I caught G-Man and his explanation for not being at the start was that it was so cold that he had to leave with Jamie. It was in this area that my Garmin recorded the low of 35°. Riding with G-Man now and just north of Camp Richardson the sun started breaking through the trees and the temperature started to rise ever so slowly but enough to warm up for the climb that was not too far off. I lost G-Man here and was hoping to see him at the Emerald Bay rest stop. I ran into Dre, Ray and Jamie near the end of the climb and took the first break with them. There are hundreds of riders here and that full Hard Rock parking lot explains that. "The boys" and myself left without seeing G-Man and I didn't see him until the finish at the Hard Rock.

A climb starts as you leave the Emerald Bay Rest Stop and I dropped Dre, Ray and Jamie. The descent that follows is the fastest on both the California and the Nevada sides with sweeping turns that require little braking and speeds of 40 mph+ are easy. I teamed up with 4 or 5 other riders here and we take turns pulling our small group into the Tahoe City Rest Stop. This is the last stop where you can discard your extra gear like arm warmers, windbreakers and anything else you don't need. In the 3 years that I've used it I haven't lost anything. I looked around and found Dre, Ray and Jamie. I left with the "Boys" but dropped them again. I found out later that Jamie was going to ride in the "Silver State 508" the following week so this was an altitude training ride of sorts.

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From Tahoe City to King Beach the road is good with a bike path and riding here is easy and relatively flat. Kings Beach is the resort destination for the north shore in California with bike rentals, restaurants, craft shops and a small theater from the 1920`s. Lunch is on the beach in the middle of town and I would say there are 400 or so people here. I left with "the boys" once again and after a short climb to the state line I lost them again. At the state line there is a boarded up casino, the Cal-Nevada that G-Man said belonged to Frank Sinatra back in the 60`s and had a colorful history.

Incline Village is the last major "city" on the Nevada side until you reach Zephyr Cove about 24 miles away by bike. There are state beaches and small residential areas here just like on the California side but they seem to be less crowded. The ride itself avoids going through town and diverts through a neighborhood of multimillion dollar homes with a gated private beach and after a mile or two it returns to the two lane highway and a bike path. The road here is on a cliff and you can look straight down to the water which is a very blue-green turquoise, but the view is somewhat spoiled by the traffic. The road starts to climb and passing slower riders is next to impossible with cars, trucks and motorcycles that are sightseeing just like you. Often there is car beside you and you could easily talk to the passenger if their window was down. The road starts to widen giving you some much needed breathing room and you have two more stops to think about. The first one is at the 55 mile mark before Spooner Pass and the other is at 60 miles after the pass. Both are complete stops but are only 5 miles apart. I only needed one to top off my water and grab a fig bar or two I chose the one going downhill. There are four more notable rollers now and there is a slight 1% grade to the finish at the Hard Rock.

At the finish you are handed a medal: this is my third and I think that G-Man has at least 5. The menu for this year was the same as last: soft tacos with a salad and your choice of tea or water It was catered by the Hard Rock so you know it was good. I couldn't

believe how good the ice tea was. There also was an open bar and live entertainment, country style.

I found G-Man finally and while he had his soft tacos I had more of that excellent tea. He planned on staying one more night and I was going to try and head home after an hour or two of rest. I never saw Dre, Rey, or Jamie after the lunch stop. Back at camp I took a shower, napped for an hour or so, broke camp and was on the road. Made it home by sunset: it was a good day.



Rest Stop with a View. Some View!

RIDE SCHEDULE – November 2018

Helmets required.

Rain or 'serious' threat of rain cancels. Follow Stockton Bicycle Club Facebook page for updates on ride status.




Rides may be amended and additional rides may be scheduled via the Stockton Bicycle Club Yahoo! Group. (details below).

A ride: 20+ mph, paceline riding, few if any regroup. **B** ride: 16-20 mph, experienced rider, regroup at major intersections, turns.

C ride: 12-15mph, regroup, no drop ride. **MPH is based on a flat ride**

For questions or to list a ride of your choice, please call or email Roberta Hoffman at robertahoffman10@gmail.com or 763-2807

New Riders Note: There is a rest/refuel break about the middle of the ride. Unless otherwise stated, all rides are recreational in nature and intended for the enjoyment of all. **Terrain:** F=flat, R=rolling, H=Hilly, VH=very hilly

Date	Time	Miles/ Terrain	Start Location	Description	Leader
Tue	9:00	35-45 F/R	Lockeford Jack Tone & Hwy 88 Payless Mkt	Show and go Linden, Galt, vineyards, Clements?	
Thu	9:00	35-45 R/H	Wallace Tri-Lakes Church 8021 Wards Ave.	Show and go	
Sat 3	9:00	40-45 F/R	Lockeford Jack Tone & Hwy 88 Payless Mkt	Brandt, Stampede, Johnson, Clements, Mackville, Vineyards – Tour with Sean	Sean Flaherty
Sun 4	8:30 – 9:00	75K	Acampo 5950 E Woodbridge Winery Acampo	Giro D' Vino Wine Tour of Greater Lodi – www.deltavelo.com	Clock Falls 1hr
Sat 10	9:00	39-B 53-A	Clements 88 Mkt & Grill 21850 Liberty	B- Ride starts at Camanche Blues, North Camanche Pkwy, N on Buena Vista, Stoney, Pardee, Water Tower – break at Starbucks- Pardee, Coal Mine	
Sun 11	9:00	34/42 F/R	Linden Orlando's Market	34:FloodRd.,EscalonBellota,Shelton, Wimer (726') 42: Milton Rd to Jenny Lind for pancake breakfast \$5 at Odd Fellows Hall	
Sat 17	8:30-B 9:00- A	45/48 H/VH	Ione Howard Park	45: Volcano (3400') 48: Ram's Horn, Shake Ridge (4300')	Steve Neiner
Sun 18	9:00	45 F	Thornton Library 26341 Thornton Rd.	https://ridewithgps.com/routes/23715017 Thornton, Walnut Grove, to Clarksburg	..
Thurs 22	9:30	25-35 F	Stockton Bear Creek HS	A show and go. Thankful to ride on Turkey Day! Joni Bauer guides the group!	
Fri 23	9:00	34/45 F/R	Linden Orlando's Market	34: Flood Rd., EscalonBellota, Shelton and back 45: Hwy 26, Warren, Evergreen, Southworth, Ospital-Wimer, Shelton https://ridewithgps.com/routes/5293790	
Sat 24	8:30-B 9:00- A	38/51 H	Starbucks (ValleySprings) Mar-Val Shopping Ctr	38: Pardee-Stoney- Jackson Break - out and back (3900') 51: Loop up Butte Mtn and down Clinton Rd.	
Sun 25	9:00	38-42 F	Woodbridge Meet Lower Sac and Augusta St.	Acampo, Elliott, Tully to the Fruit Bowl!	

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