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Great turn out for the GMR to Baldy Village Remote Ride!

Quick News

CLUB MEMBERS: Join R5CICLISMO on our Facebook page exclusively for members and share your amazing cycling pictures!

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This Saturday's Ride



Starting at 8:00am - Saturday, July 15, 2023

Ride Start: Rock N Road - Laguna Niguel

Laguna Niguel Start - #6 La Pata North/Antonio/Live Oak

Join us on a Saturday group ride starting at Rock N Road in Laguna Niguel. We'll go counterclockwise towards Dana Point, ride along the coastline to San Clemente, and then climb La Pata Ave and Antonio Parkway up to Rancho Santa Margarita Pkwy (with regroups along the way). From there, we'll turn right onto Plano Trabuco Dr, left onto Trabuco Canyon Rd, and tackle the scenic Live Oak Canyon Road. After regrouping at Cooks Corner, we'll enjoy some easy downhill via El Toro and Los Alisos Blvd before making our way back to Rock N Road Laguna Niguel on Aliso Viejo Pkwy and Aliso Creek Rd. This route offers spectacular views. Don't miss out!

For safety, please ride single file while cycling on Live Oak Canyon Road.

<u>Laguna Niguel Start - #6 La Pata North/Antonio/Live Oak</u> <u>Route</u>

Distance - 52 miles Elevation Gain - 3493 ft

Starting Point Address:

Rock 'N Road Cyclery Laguna Niguel

LEVEL: Intermediate-Advanced

Avg 16-19mph

You do NOT have to be a member of R5 to ride with us.

Members Only Facebook Page

CLUB MEMBERS: Please be sure to join our R5CICLISMO "Members Only" Facebook page. This is a *PRIVATE page* where we post exclusive information for club members such as sponsor discounts, special events, photo sharing, etc...

CLICK TO JOIN - MEMBERS ONLY Facebook Page

Etiquette and Safety

Wheels and Handlebars

- 1. Watch the bike in front of you and protect your own front wheel. It's your safety zone and your responsibility. Stay directly behind the bike ahead, following their path within a safe braking distance. This distance may vary for less experienced riders, ranging from several feet to yards.
- 2. When climbing, maintain a greater distance between you and the rider in front, in case they get out of the saddle. This initial slowing down can lead to a collision if you're too close behind.

- 3. Avoid half-wheeling or cross-wheeling. This occurs when your front wheel overlaps the rear wheel of the rider in front of you. Any sudden swerving or turning can cause the wheels to rub or collide, often resulting in the trailing rider falling.
- 4. Keep your hands on the handlebars with your fingers wrapped around the bars or hoods at all times. Avoid placing your hands on top of the bars, unless you're climbing.
- 5. Never ride 'hands-free' in a group. Even a small pebble or bump can cause you to lose control of your bike, resulting in wobbling or a crash, endangering those riding behind you.

Remember, following these guidelines ensures a safer and more enjoyable group riding experience for everyone involved.

July Birthdays

Join Us in Wishing These Members a Happy Birthday!!!

- Karen Kelly
- Kyle McNeil
- Donald Carson
- Erasmo Brenes
- Steve Rooten
- Jason Huang

Membership

Membership is Open!

Attention current and past members! Please take a moment to renew your membership by clicking on the link provided below. Don't miss out on the

exclusive benefits and opportunities that come with being part of our community. We appreciate your continued support and look forward to having you with us for another year.

To streamline the process, we are using BikeReg to collect dues and waivers in one place. Please note that BikeReg charges a small fee, which will be added to the \$35 registration fee that remains unchanged from last year. Don't wait any longer to sign up and take advantage of these exclusive offers!

R5CICLISMO 2023 Member Registration

Weekday Ride



Starting at 6:00pm - 7:30pm Every Wednesday Night (Daylight Saving Time) Wednesday Night Hill Repeat Ride

We will depart promptly at 6 pm and finish by 7:30 pm, riding as a cohesive group. All levels of riders are welcome (Men, Women & Juniors). This is a great workout for everyone no matter what level you are.

We ride together, hitting hills hard and regrouping after each one. Regroup points: bottom of 1st hill (Highlands), 3rd hill (PID S.), optional hill (Clubhouse). Regroup at top of 2nd hill (Niguel Rd) and last hill (PID N.), then return as a group. To keep the waiting to a minimum, turn around and descend once the first rider reaches the top and passes you descending while you're still climbing.

Wednesday Hill Climbs Route

Distance – 17 miles Elevation Gain – 2381 ft

Starting Point Address:

Board & Brew -Aliso/North Laguna Niguel

LEVEL: Intermediate-Advanced

Avg 12-16mph

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For your safety and the safety of your fellow riders, please keep the following reminders in mind:

- Faster riders, please don't start the hills before the group. This cheats slower riders of the opportunity to make it up the hill, and it also shortens the re-group time.
- Observe traffic signals and don't run yellow or red lights, especially when heading to the first climb on Highlands. If the group splits, the second group will not be able to get as far up the hill.
- Pass slower riders on the left, and slower riders should stay to the right.
- Always stay in the bike lanes. If you must get out of the bike lane to pass a fellow biker or avoid road hazards, check for cars first.
- Be cautious on PID South, as there is a center divider with only a few places to turn around to descend. Watch out for cars in both directions when you turn to descend, and help your fellow riders by calling out if it's safe to turn around.
- For those who want an extra challenge, the Clubhouse climb is optional and can be completed after we re-group at PID South on Alicia/PID. We'll send out the faster climbers who choose to tackle this climb about 1 minute ahead of the rest of the group. The rest of us will head out to do the last climb on PID North, aiming to finish before the Clubhouse climbers catch up with us. We'll all re-group at the top of PID before heading back to the finish together as a group.



Upcoming Rides



Starting at 8:00am - Saturday, July 22, 2023

Ride Start: Rock N Road - Irvine (Woodbury Town Center)

Irvine Start – #1 Seal Beach

Our flattest route starts down Jefferey Road, goes to University and Campus Drive, and loops around Newport Back Bay via Dover Drive before reaching Pacific Coast Highway. The challenging section is going north from Seapoint to Warner through Bolsa Chica, where you can practice pacelining. After regrouping at the gas station, we ride to Seal Beach for coffee at Bogarts, then return via the Newport Back Bay path to Rock N Road.

<u>Irvine Start – #1 Seal Beach Route</u>

Distance – 59 miles Elevation Gain – 1017 ft

Starting Point Address:

Rock 'N Road Cyclery – Irvine

LEVEL: Intermediate-Advanced

Avg 16-19mph

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Starting at 8:00am - Saturday, July 29, 2023

Ride Start: Rock N Road – Laguna Niguel

Laguna Niguel Start - #2 Pata South/San Clemente/Las Pulgas

The route starts at Rock N Road in Laguna Niguel and follows a clockwise path down to San Clemente, including an out-and-back section to Las Pulgas. On the return trip to Rock N Road, the route passes through Dana Point and San Clemente before heading back up via Alicia Parkway.

<u>Laguna Niguel Start – #2 La Pata South/San Clemente/Las</u> Pulgas Route

Distance – 59 miles Elevation Gain – 3141 ft

Starting Point Address:

Rock 'N Road Cyclery Laguna Niguel

LEVEL: Intermediate-Advanced

Avg 16-19mph

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