

# SEPTEMBER 2014 RIDE CALENDAR

## FFBC RIDE CLASSIFICATION

Ride leaders are encouraged to maintain their ride paces as outlined at <http://www.ffbc.org/html/RideClassification.html>.

## MAPS TO FREQUENTLY USED START LOCATIONS

Maps to the start locations for September are available at: [http://www.ffbc.org/html/start\\_locations.html](http://www.ffbc.org/html/start_locations.html).

## THANK YOU TO ALL THE SEPTEMBER RIDE LEADERS!

### 1<sup>st</sup> Week in September

**Mon Sept 1** **Monday Morning Recovery Ride**  
**8:30 AM** **40 miles, 1-2 (610'), M**  
Let's meet at the **Cabrillo Park Cafe 4673 Thornton Ave, between I-880 and Dusterberry (former location of the Bicycle Garage)** at 8:30 for an 8:45 start to an easy-going ride down Paseo Padre to South Grimmer. Then it's a flat ride down past Club Sport to the end of Fremont Blvd. We'll turn around and have a coffee break at a local coffee shop and make our way over to Coyote Hills for a trip back on the trail, ending our ride well before 12:30 (on rare occasions we head directly home after coffee, shortening the ride to about 30 miles and getting back close to 11:30). Elevation gain is 610 feet. Rain or threat of rain cancels. If rain threatens, call me between 7:30 and 8:00 on the day of the ride.  
**Mike Northrup; [mikenorthrup@gmail.com](mailto:mikenorthrup@gmail.com); (510) 796-8832**

**Tue Sept 2** **Tour de Fremont Hills**  
**8:30 AM** **29 miles, 3 (~1,900'), M, B**  
Meet at the **Isherwood staging area on Isherwood Way at Paseo Padre Pkwy on the dirt (north) side of Alameda Creek Trail** and join us for a few of Fremont's finest hills. We'll warm up on the nice, flat Alameda Creek Trail before our first mini-climb: Stenhammer. Then it's up Mission (with a few detours thrown in) to the next climb: the short but steep Yakima/ Zapotek leg burner. A quick regroup and on to "The Animals" via Stanford. We'll head up Paseo Padre THE WRONG WAY followed by a short but steep kick up Pine and our weekly grind up Sabrecat. Just to make sure that we've managed to elevate our heart rate sufficiently we'll tackle Paseo Padre the wrong way again or for added suffering we'll climb back over Pine! Then we're ready for a nice downhill coast to Peets for a well-deserved coffee and the end of our ride. Rain cancels the ride. If uncertain of the status of the ride, contact me between 7:15am and 7:45am on my cellphone on the day of the ride.  
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**M: Amy Giles; [apgiles@sbcglobal.net](mailto:apgiles@sbcglobal.net); (510) 224-0829**

**Tue Sept 2** **Show & Go**  
**9:00 AM** **20-50 miles, 1-5, L-M-B**  
Meet at the **Bicycle Garage 5006 Mowry Ave at Blacow Rd.**

**Tue Sept 2** **TNT (Tuesday Night Training)**  
**6:15 PM** **60-90 minutes, 1, M-B-F**  
Club members of all levels and abilities are welcome to join the race team for a training ride around the locale. Departure time from the parking lot will be 6:30 PM. On rainy evenings the training may be moved indoors to The Bicycle Garage. An email will be sent to the Yahoo! Group if the plans are changed.  
**Meet at ClubSport parking lot (46650 Landing Parkway Fremont, CA 94538).**  
When dark, lights required. Helmets are always mandatory.  
**Garry Birch; [garry\\_b94568@yahoo.com](mailto:garry_b94568@yahoo.com); (925) 556-1564, (925) 819-0247**

**Wed Sept 3** **Mid-week Morning Ride**  
**8:30 AM** **35-45 miles, 2-3, M-B**  
Meet at **Raley's shopping center parking lot east side, close to Tutti Frutti, Jarvis Ave & Newark Blvd (Newark)**, for a ride across the Dumbarton Bridge to a destination on the Peninsula. This will be a fun ride en route to a coffee/snack stop, so bring \$\$.  
**Al Quintana; [alanq44@hotmail.com](mailto:alanq44@hotmail.com); (510) 760-9245**

**Thurs Sept 4** **Thursday Morning Coffee Ride**  
**9:00 AM** **Alum Rock Park (from Lake Elizabeth)**  
**42 miles, 3 (1,800'), M**  
**Start location: Fremont's Teen Center in Central Park, 39770 Paseo Padre Parkway**  
Let's move our start yet again. Thankfully we are also moving the start time as well, to 9:00AM. We will gather in the parking lot near the restrooms. There are a lot of parking lots in Fremont's Central Park. To access the correct lot, near the Teen Center, turn in from Paseo Padre at the light on Sailway.  
We will warm up climbing Paseo Padre and have a quick regroup at the top of Warren with a restroom stop at Jose Adobe Higuera (mile 10.6). If you'd like to shorten your ride, meet the group at Jose Adobe or along the route. Then we will ride along the foothills and regroup at the turn onto Penetencia. Then we will ride into the park and there are options to head straight to the Visitor's Center or climb the Inspiration Loop and/or Miguelito. If you are a slow climber, but want to do the extra climbing, please be considerate of the group and turn around when you see the faster riders returning OR bring yourself to coffee on your own. We will have lunch at Noah's Bagels/Starbucks (bring \$) before heading back on a mostly flat route with no regroups, back to Lake Elizabeth.  
Extreme temperatures or construction or the whim of the ride leader may modify the route. Rain cancels, check FFBC Yahoo! Group, email or call me.  
**Lori Sommer; [lorimsommer@gmail.com](mailto:lorimsommer@gmail.com); (510) 693-8624**

**Thurs Sept 4** **TNT (Thursday Night Training)**  
**6:15 PM** **60-90 minutes, 1, M-B-F**  
Every Thursday night (52 weeks of the year, rain or shine, daylight or nighttime). Riders of all levels and abilities congregate from about 6:15 PM onwards and we start a structured program at about 7 PM, training for around 60-90 minutes. We always do a combination of skills practice, speed and endurance work.  
**Meet at Eureka Drive, Newark (from I-880, go west on Stevenson Boulevard.** Cross the Boyce road/Cherry Road intersection. Take the first right on to Eureka and then the first driveway on the left.  
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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Week in September

**Fri Sept 5** **The Friday Bike Club**  
**8:30 AM** **35-45 miles, 3-4, M-B**  
Meet at 580 Marketplace East Castro Valley Blvd East of I-580, on the Safeway Supermarket side of the shopping center (Castro Valley). Meet in the northeast corner of the parking lot. Bring \$\$ for a coffee stop.  
Al Quintana; [alanq44@hotmail.com](mailto:alanq44@hotmail.com); (510) 760-9245

**Sat Sept 6** **Calaveras Clockwise**  
**8:30 AM** **40 miles, 3, M & B**  
This is our traditional "1st Saturday of the Month" ride. We will meet at downtown Niles parking lot across from H St on Niles Blvd. and ride up Niles Canyon into Sunol then on to Calaveras. Our traditional route brings us out in Milpitas and we return via a route that stays close to the hills. Rain or a serious threat of rain cancels.  
M: James Wedewer; [james@wedewer.com](mailto:james@wedewer.com); (408) 409-4040  
B: West Kuihara; [wkuihara@yahoo.com](mailto:wkuihara@yahoo.com); (650) 279-0813

**Sat Sept 6** **King's Mountain**  
**8:30 AM** **60 miles, 5 (4,000'), B**  
Start location: Meet at the Raley's Shopping Center parking lot, close to Tutti Frutti, Jarvis Ave & Newark Blvd (Newark) Over the bridge and up King's Mountain, up Skyline over to Alice's and down 84 and back.  
Tim O'Hara; [tohara2938@aol.com](mailto:tohara2938@aol.com); (510) 471-2464

**Sun Sept 7** **Pleasanton Ridge MTB**  
**8:30 AM** **12 miles, 4 (1,700'), M**  
Start location: Pleasanton ridge parking lot off foothill blvd We will be riding Pleasanton ridge park. The ride starts at the parking lot off Foothill blvd at 8:30 AM. Pleasanton Ridge Park is mostly fire road with a little single track here and there.  
Andy Payne; [andypayne@att.net](mailto:andypayne@att.net); (510) 300-7513

**Sun Sept 7** **Show & Go**  
**8:30 AM** **20-50 miles, 2-4, L-T-M-B**  
Meet at downtown Niles parking lot across from H St on Niles Blvd.

**Sun Sept 7** **Sonoma Beer Ride**  
**9:00 AM** **52 miles, 4 (3,045'), M**  
Start location: Depot Park, 270 1<sup>st</sup> Street W, Sonoma  
I love riding locally but sometimes it's nice to go a little further and try something new, especially if the scenery is good, there's a nice hill and a good place for lunch. This ride checks all those boxes plus there's a stop at a nice beer garden near the end of the ride.  
Our route is a clockwise loop from Sonoma, up Dry Creek Rd. for a 2-3 mile climb (including a Wall-like stretch), to Napa for lunch, and back to Sonoma via Caneros Brews (the beer garden). The climbing is front-loaded with most of the elevation gain before lunch.  
Rain or extremely hot weather map cancel. If the ride is cancelled I will send out an email to the FFBC Yahoo! Group.  
The map for the ride is: <http://ridewithgps.com/routes/4053987>  
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**Mon Sept 8** **Monday Morning Recovery Ride**  
**8:30 AM** **40 miles, 1-2 (610'), M**  
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**Tue Sept 9** **Tour de Fremont Hills**  
**8:30 AM** **38 miles, 3 (~2,000'), M, B**  
Meet at the Isherwood staging area on Isherwood Way at Paseo Padre Pkwy on the north (dirt) side of Alameda Creek Trail. Since I've heard that a change is as good as a rest on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month we'll do one of my favorite local hills – Palomares. We'll do a clockwise loop going up Palomares and Dublin grade followed by the rollers on Foothill. We'll return through the canyon with the ride once again finishing at Peet's for a well-deserved coffee. Rain cancels. If uncertain of the status of the ride, contact me between 7:15am and 7:45am on my cellphone on the day of the ride.  
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**Tue Sept 9** **Show & Go**  
**9:00 AM** **20-50 miles, 1-5, L-M-B**  
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**Wed Sept 10** **Mid-week Morning Ride**  
**8:30 AM** **35-45 miles, 2-3, M-B**  
Meet at downtown Niles parking lot across from H St on Niles Blvd. We will do a loop around Fremont-Newark en route to a coffee/snack stop, so bring \$\$.  
Al Quintana; [alanq44@hotmail.com](mailto:alanq44@hotmail.com); (510) 760-9245

**Thurs Sept 11**  
**9:00 AM**

**Thursday Morning Coffee Ride**  
**Walt's 83<sup>rd</sup> Birthday!**  
**25 miles, 2, M**

**Start location: Don Edwards Wildlife Refuge**

Come celebrate Walt's Happy 83rd Birthday! He drives (at least) twice a week from Orinda to join our club rides and has the honor to be the oldest person currently riding with FFBC. Meet at Don Edwards Visitor Center (Don Edwards National Wildlife Refuge, Marshlands Rd, Fremont) to join the rolling party with Walt. Please wear your club jersey (preferably the new one!). We will ride around Coyote Hills, accompany Walt on his annual trek up Nike (optional) and head to Anderson Bakery near Union Landing in Union City.

Anderson Bakery is welcoming us and will set up tables and chairs outside in consideration of their other customers, but seating may be limited. I will send out a menu in September and take preorders for lunch. Please let me know your order by Tuesday evening, 9/9/14. You can pay individually and and coffee and drinks at the register when you pick up your order.

A route sheet will be provided and cake will be served. This ride is co-listed with the Valley Spokesmen.

Extreme temperatures or construction may modify the route. Rain cancels, check yahoo group, email or call me.

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**Thurs Sept 11**  
**6:15 PM**

**TNT (Thursday Night Training)**  
**60-90 minutes, 1, M-B-F**

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**Fri Sept 12**  
**8:30 AM**

**The Friday Bike Club**  
**35-45 miles, 3-4, M-B**

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**Sat Sept 13**  
**8:00 AM**

**Mt. Diablo**  
**80 miles, 5, B**

**Start location: Meet at downtown Niles parking lot, across from H St. on Niles Blvd.**

A pleasant ride over to a tough uphill, followed by one of my favorite downhills, and then back to Fremont.

**Tim O'Hara; [tohara2938@aol.com](mailto:tohara2938@aol.com); (510) 471-2464**

**Sat Sept 13**  
**8:30 AM**

**Tuesday Hills On Saturday**  
**30 miles, 3 (2,100'), M**

Get all of the Tuesday Tour de Fremont Hills ride fun on the weekend! **Meet at the Isherwood staging area on Isherwood Way at Paseo Padre Pkwy on the dirt (north) side of Alameda Creek Trail** and join us for a few of Fremont's finest hills. We'll warm up on the nice, flat Alameda Creek Trail before our first mini-climb: Stenhammer. Then it's up Mission (with a few detours thrown in) to the next climb: the short but steep Yakima/ Zapotec leg burner. A quick regroup and on to "The Animals" via Stanford. We'll head up Paseo Padre THE WRONG WAY followed by a short but steep kick up Pine and the grind up Sabrecat. If we haven't managed to elevate our heart rates sufficiently we'll head back up Pine; otherwise, it's up Paseo Padre the wrong way again before ending the ride at Peets with a well-deserved coffee (**NOTE:** even though the ride ends at Peet's those needing to return to the start of the ride will be accommodated). Rain or threat of rain cancels the ride. If uncertain of the status of the ride, contact me between 7:15am and 7:45am by phone on the day of the ride.

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**Sun Sept 14**  
**8:30 AM**

**Show & Go**  
**30-50 miles, 2-4, B**

**Meet at Don Edwards Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center (Marshlands Rd., Fremont).**

**Sun Sept 14**  
**8:45 AM**

**Tandems+, Diablo Flyby**  
**44 miles, 2 (1,400'), M**

**Start location: Crank2 Performance Bicycles, Pleasanton**

Ride past the Livermore outlet stores to Collier Canyon. On to Blackhawk for coffee, bagels and other choices. Ride past the south entrance to Mt Diablo Park and into Danville. San Ramon Valley Rd back to Pleasanton.

**Timothy Luders; [timothy@luders.org](mailto:timothy@luders.org); (510) 867-9277**

**Linda Luders; (510) 331-6766**

**Sun Sept 14**  
**9:00 AM**

**"Get to Know Us Ride"**  
**20-25 miles, 1-2, L-T-M**

Please join us on this monthly "Get-To-Know-Us-Ride". This casual, social ride is always fun and offers everyone the chance to meet other cyclists. Bring your cycling friends along and help us introduce newcomers and guests to the club. **Meet at The Bicycle Garage (5006 Mowry Ave., Fremont),** for a ride through the Fremont area. Don't forget \$\$ for a coffee/snack stop. If you have a club jersey or jacket, this is a great time to wear it.

**Gary Smith; [GSMITH289@aol.com](mailto:GSMITH289@aol.com); (510) 797-7809 –H, (510) 304-0956 –C**

## **3<sup>rd</sup> Week in September**

**Mon Sept 15**  
**8:30 AM**

**Monday Morning Recovery Ride**  
**40 miles, 1-2 (610'), M**

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**Tue Sept 16** **Tour de Fremont Hills**  
**8:30 AM** **29 miles, 3 (~1,900'), M, B**  
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**Tue Sept 16** **Show & Go**  
**9:00 AM** **20-50 miles, 1-5, L-M-B**  
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**Wed Sept 17** **Mid-week Morning Ride**  
**8:30 AM** **35-45 miles, 2-3, M-B**  
**Meet at Raley's shopping center parking lot east side, close to Tutti Frutti, Jarvis Ave & Newark Blvd (Newark),** for a ride across the Dumbarton Bridge to a destination on the Peninsula. This will be a fun ride en route to a coffee/snack stop, so bring \$\$.  
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**Thurs Sept 18** **Thursday Morning Coffee Ride**  
**9:00 AM** **Cull Canyon & Schaefer Ranch**  
**26 miles, 3, M**  
**Start location: Endless Cycles (3300 EAST Castro Valley Blvd., Castro Valley)**  
This ride starts at Endless Cycles (3300 EAST Castro Valley Blvd., Castro Valley), NEAR Center Street. Please park in the small side-parking lot. Jeff will open the shop early so we can use the restroom. We will head directly up Crow Canyon and climb out and back on Cull Canyon. Then we will pass the coffee stop (Bodi's Java, anyone is welcome to skip the second climb and have a very long coffee stop) then head up Dublin Canyon and do an out and back up the short, but steep, Schaefer Ranch. If you're a fast climber, when you reach the top, you can do repeats. Bring \$ for lunch.  
Extreme temperatures, construction or the whim of the ride leader may modify the route. Rain cancels, check yahoo group, email or call me.  
**Lori Sommer; [lorimsommer@gmail.com](mailto:lorimsommer@gmail.com); (510) 693-8624**

**Thurs Sept 18** **TNT (Thursday Night Training)**  
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**Fri Sept 19** **The Friday Bike Club**  
**8:30 AM** **35-45 miles, 3-4, M-B**  
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**Sat Sept 20** **Moraga Loop**  
**8:00 AM** **75 miles, 5, B**  
**Start location: Meet at downtown Niles parking lot, across from H St. on Niles Blvd.**  
Palomares, Redwood Road, Pinehurst and back San Ramon Blvd.  
**Tim O'Hara; [tohara2938@aol.com](mailto:tohara2938@aol.com); (510) 471-2464**

**Sat Sept 20** **Portola Loop With a Few Twists**  
**8:15 AM** **38 miles, 3 (2,182'), M**  
**Start location: Burgess Park, 701 Laurel St., Menlo Park.**  
**Meet on the west side parking area of Burgess.**  
Thought you knew the Portola Loop ride? Probably not the version that Julie & Jay are leading. By ditching the boring part of the ride from Don Edwards to Menlo Park there's more time for the fun, scenic parts of the ride through beautiful Portola Valley and Los Altos. Just make sure to pay attention to your route sheet so you don't go into auto-pilot and miss a turn or two. Frequent re-groups and an optional coffee stop near the end of the ride.  
**Julie Gilson; [jmgilson1@yahoo.com](mailto:jmgilson1@yahoo.com); (510) 468-0284**  
**Jay Gilson; [jaymgilson@gmail.com](mailto:jaymgilson@gmail.com); (510) 468-0285 -C, (510) 790-3564 -H**

## 4<sup>th</sup> Week in September

**Sat Sept 20** Luna Park Chalk Art Festival  
**9:00 AM** 24 miles, 1 (300'), T-M  
**Start location: Dixon Landing Park in Milpitas, at Milmont & Jurgens**

The seventh annual Luna Park Chalk Art Festival, north of downtown San Jose, will be the destination for this flat social ride. Besides amazing sidewalk chalk art, there will be music, vendors and food trucks. There is no admission fee. We will spend about 30 minutes at the festival and then proceed to Roy's Station, our coffee/lunch stop in the heart of Japantown, San Jose.

Much of the first half of the ride will be on bike trails and the return home will be on surface streets. Route sheets will be provided. No drops & regroup as needed. Extreme weather cancels or modifies the ride. Any changes will be announced on FFBC Yahoo! Group or call/email/text me.

**Directions to Dixon Landing Park:** I-880 south. East on Dixon Landing Rd. Turn right at Milmont and then right at Jurgens. Parking lot on the right.

For information about the festival: <http://lunaparkchalkart.org/> or <https://www.facebook.com/LunaParkChalkArtFestival?fref=ts>  
Roy's Station: <http://www.roys-station.com/>

**Cindy Maxwell;** [maxwell.c@sbcglobal.net](mailto:maxwell.c@sbcglobal.net) ; (408) 506-6860

**Sun Sept 21** Donna K's Birthday Ride  
**8:00 AM** Reverse Metric Primavera (sort of)  
66 miles, 4 (4,200'), M

**Start location: Union City BART Station (west side)**

It's my 65th birthday, and what better way to celebrate than by combining two favorite Club rides into one 65ish mile ride. Join me and my faithful assistant/tire changer extraordinaire as we start off up and down Palomares, through Dublin Canyon, and onto Foothill Road into Sunol. Then it's up Calaveras and down the Wall on our way to our lunch break at Noah's/Starbucks in Milpitas. A roundabout quick trip up Warren en route to Fremont Boulevard (I had to get my 65 miles in, right?) will give us a nice, flat ride back to the start.

There will be plenty of regroup in all the usual places, including bathroom breaks at the end of Dublin Canyon, the Sunol Train Station, and Ed Levin Park. Since our one food stop isn't until about 50 miles into the ride, please bring snacks for the ride. Also, since our first bathroom opportunity isn't until 2 hours into the ride, and BART bathrooms can be an "iffy" proposition, please plan accordingly.

Rain and/or excessive heat may cancel/modify the ride. If unsure, call me or Mike Northrup between 7:00am and 7:30am the day of the ride.

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**Sun Sept 21** Show & Go  
**8:30 AM** 20-50 miles, 2-4, L-T-M-B  
**Meet at downtown Niles parking lot across from H St on Niles Blvd.**

**Mon Sept 22** Monday Morning Recovery Ride  
**8:30 AM** 40 miles, 1-2 (610'), M

**Let's meet at the Cabrillo Park Cafe 4673 Thornton Ave, between I-880 and Dusterberry (former location of the Bicycle Garage) at 8:30 for an 8:45 start to an easy-going ride down Paseo Padre to South Grimmer. Then it's a flat ride down past Club Sport to the end of Fremont Blvd. We'll turn around and have a coffee break at a local coffee shop and make our way over to Coyote Hills for a trip back on the trail, ending our ride well before 12:30 (on rare occasions we head directly home after coffee, shortening the ride to about 30 miles and getting back close to 11:30). Elevation gain is 610 feet. Rain or threat of rain cancels. If rain threatens, call me between 7:30 and 8:00 on the day of the ride.**

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**Tue Sept 23** Tour de Fremont Hills  
**8:30 AM** 38 miles, 3 (~2,000'), M, B

**Meet at the Isherwood staging area on Isherwood Way at Paseo Padre Pkwy on the north (dirt) side of Alameda Creek Trail.** Since I've heard that a change is as good as a rest on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month we'll do one of my favorite local hills – Palomares. We'll do a clockwise loop going up Palomares and Dublin grade followed by the rollers on Foothill. We'll return through the canyon with the ride once again finishing at Peet's for a well-deserved coffee. Rain cancels. If uncertain of the status of the ride, contact me between 7:15am and 7:45am on my cellphone on the day of the ride.

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**Tue Sept 23** Show & Go  
**9:00 AM** 20-50 miles, 1-5, L-M-B  
**Meet at the Bicycle Garage 5006 Mowry Ave at Blacow Rd.**

**Tue Sept 23** TNT (Tuesday Night Training)  
**6:15 PM** 60-90 minutes, 1, M-B-F

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**Meet at ClubSport parking lot (46650 Landing Parkway Fremont, CA 94538).**

When dark, lights required. Helmets are always mandatory.

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**Wed Sept 24** Mid-week Morning Ride  
**8:30 AM** 35-45 miles, 2-3, M-B

**Meet at downtown Niles parking lot across from H St on Niles Blvd.** We will do a loop around Fremont-Newark en route to a coffee/snack stop, so bring \$\$.

**Al Quintana;** [alanq44@hotmail.com](mailto:alanq44@hotmail.com); (510) 760-9245

**Thurs Sept 25**                      **Thursday Morning Coffee Ride**  
**9:00 AM**      **Tully's via Kilkare, Happy Valley & Bernal Bump**  
**27 miles, 3 (1,600'), M**

**Start location: Dirt lot across from the Sunol Train Station**  
Last month we had to reroute due to construction so let's give it another try. We will meet in the gravel parking lot across from the Sunol Train Station and ride up Kilkare. Our route will head up Foothill to ride Happy Valley and continue up the Bernal Bump. There are some options if you want to skip some climbing and meet us at Tully's coffee in Pleasanton. No one left behind. Bring \$.  
Extreme temperatures or construction may modify the route. Rain cancels, check yahoo group, email or call me.  
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**Thurs Sept 25**                      **TNT (Thursday Night Training)**  
**6:15 PM**                              **60-90 minutes, 1, M-B-F**

Every Thursday night (52 weeks of the year, rain or shine, daylight or nighttime). Riders of all levels and abilities congregate from about 6:15 PM onwards and we start a structured program at about 7 PM, training for around 60-90 minutes. We always do a combination of skills practice, speed and endurance work.  
**Meet at Eureka Drive, Newark (from I-880, go west on Stevenson Boulevard.** Cross the Boyce road/Cherry Road intersection. Take the first right on to Eureka and then the first driveway on the left.  
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**Fri Sept 26**                              **The Friday Bike Club**  
**8:30 AM**                              **35-45 miles, 3-4, M-B**

**Meet at 580 Marketplace East Castro Valley Blvd East of I-580, on the Safeway Supermarket side of the shopping center (Castro Valley).** Meet in the northeast corner of the parking lot. Bring \$\$ for a coffee stop.  
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**Sat Sept 27**                              **Calaveras CCW**  
**8:30 AM**                              **38 miles, 3-4, M**

**Start location: Downtown Niles parking lot across from H St.** Sometimes it's good to go against the grain, or in this case counter-clockwise instead of clockwise. This counter clockwise loop of Calaveras meets in downtown Niles and takes the usual route to Calaveras. Map and route sheet online at: <http://ridewithgps.com/routes/3945502>  
Coffee at the end of the ride at Peet's in Fremont.  
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**Sat Sept 27**                              **Show & Go**  
**8:30 AM**                              **30-50 miles, 2-4, B**

**Meet at downtown Niles parking lot, across from H St. on Niles Blvd.**

**Sun Sept 28**                              **Dale & Ken's Excellent Adventure**  
**8:14 AM**                              **36 miles, 4 (2,600'), T-M**

**Start location: Fremont BART Station**  
Come join us for the great climb from Oakland up Old Tunnel Road and over the top of the Caldecott Tunnel to Skyline. We'll make a quick "historical" stop at the monument/display about the 1991 Oakland Hills Fire.  
You will enjoy great views across the Bay of San Francisco and whole area as you climb (unless there is fog). The Old Tunnel Road climb is less than two miles and not very steep--easier than the climb to the "false summit" on Calaveras Road.  
We will then continue along Skyline and descend Redwood Road before riding back into Castro Valley for lunch/coffee. From there, we will use a relatively flat route home.  
The ride will start with a BART ride to the Rockridge station. **We will leave Fremont on a Richmond train at 8:14 AM.** We will change trains at 19th St. Oakland for a Pittsburg/Baypoint train that will arrive at Rockridge at 9:00. BART fare is \$4.35. We should be on the road by 9:10. We will ride back to the Fremont BART station.  
All "T/M" paced riders are welcome to join us and as always, no one will be left behind. Faster riders who are willing to regroup are always welcome.  
Here is a link to the route: <http://lasthill.net/Maps/RockRidge.html>  
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**Sun Sept 28**                              **Show & Go**  
**8:30 AM**                              **30-50 miles, 2-4, B**

**Meet at the Raley's Shopping Center parking lot, close to Tutti Frutti, Jarvis Ave & Newark Blvd (Newark).**

## 5<sup>th</sup> Week in September

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**Meet at the Isherwood staging area on Isherwood Way at Paseo Padre Pkwy on the north (dirt) side of Alameda Creek Trail.** For our final ride this month we're going to have a surprise! Hills will be involved and of course we'll have our obligatory stop at Peet's (but maybe not our regular one) for a well-earned coffee.  
Rain cancels (like that's going to happen!). If uncertain of the status of the ride, please check the FFBC Yahoo! group or contact one of the ride leaders on the morning of the ride.  
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