

# Descenders 3rd Annual Nick Venuto Memorial Ride

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26 Descenders, family and friends met at the Nick Venuto Memorial this morning for a friendly informal gathering in honor of Nick, who was killed on the 56 bike path by a vehicle while riding his bike May 31, 2011. We followed the gathering by two different group rides.

The combined ride started very friendly down to the 7.5 mile turn around for spot for the family ride. Gary Hawkins, a long time friend of the club joined the group back to the start—Thanks Gary! Next year we look forward to having more families join the short ride as a Descenders tradition. We will behave, we promise.

So that was about where the “friendly” part ended though, as the Descenders began their usual mischief which elevated as the ride progressed, up to a final shattering of the club by Chief San Bagger David Ernst in Rancho Sante Fe. However, it seems like their were fresh legs every segment, willing to dish it out. Farkas, Matt Davis, Big Rick, Cresap, Guido, Brian, and others I couldn't see while sitting in the back.







Riders start to gather while Geoff and Dave pin up the Memorial Ride sign on the fence.

Missing below include Geoff's wife - our photographer, Jeff and Ilene, Garrett, and Keith and Christi Sherwood.







Voris gives ride directions at the gathering. However, most people were merely admiring his new Specialized shoes.



Riders enjoy quiet early morning roads and a social pace in the opening miles of the ride.



We then enjoyed perfect coastal weather for the rest of the ride.