

MAY 17th, 2009 – East Ojai Cycling Event Update

To: East Ojai Residents

From: The Ventura County Stage Race Organizing Committee

Subject: Update about the Ventura County Stage Race Event on 5/17/09
(Ventura County Permit Number PE09-0086)

Through recent discussions with community members, we have come to realize our initial letter about the cycling event on May 17th may not have been as clear as we had intended. We deeply apologize for any confusion or frustration our previous letter may have caused.

Our previous letter described the time of the event (Sunday May 17th between 7am and 5pm, with set up starting at 5am) and the course. We understand some community members understood that the race would lead to complete road closures. To clarify, this is not the case. The following roads will have occasional cycling traffic:

- Grand Avenue – between Fordyce Rd. and Mc Andrew Rd.
- Fordyce Road – between Grand Av. and Carne Rd.
- Carne Road – between Fordyce Rd. and Thacher Rd.
- Thacher Road – between Carne Rd. and Mc Andrew Rd.
- Mc Andrew Road – between Thacher Rd. and Reeves Rd.
- Reeves Road – between Mc Andrew Rd. and McNell Rd.
- McNell Road – between Reeves Rd and Thacher Rd.

During these hours, the roads will only be closed to car traffic temporarily while cyclists are passing to ensure safety. We will have flag persons on these roads to make both motorists and non-racing bicyclists aware of all on-coming cycling traffic. In addition, there are no restrictions on parking and there is no towing of vehicles.

We also neglected to explain that a significant portion of the proceeds of this event will go to supporting the ***Breakaway from Cancer Initiative***, which funds cancer research and patient supportive care.

In case there are questions that this letter does not answer, we would like to invite you to a meeting to allow a chance for public comment, open discussion and information sharing about this event.

Time: Wednesday, May 13, 2009 from 5:30pm to 7:00pm

Location: Boccali's Restaurant (patio)
3277 Ojai-Santa Paula Rd
Ojai, Ca.

We hope this race will be a fun event for Ojai residents, as well as for the cyclists. Again, you have our sincerest apologies if our earlier letter created any confusion. If you have further questions, please contact us at tommasini@gmail.com or call 312.543.4127.