Hello Randos!

This info may also be found on the web at: <http://www.azbrevet.com/assets/downloads/VultureMine-LMN_12-30-2023.htm>

Welcome to winter in The Valley of the Sun! Saturday’s forecast looks like it will be a beautiful day for a long bike ride. This route has very little climbing and generally has prevailing tailwinds. For a sneak peek into the weather, take a look at RandoPlan (Thanks to Brian Feinberg in San Francisco for making this available!) for this route. You can set the parameters for your estimated speed to get a better forecast. <https://bit.ly/3RGVNB6>

Here are some last-minute notes about Saturday's ride. Please read them so that you come prepared.

1. **NOTE: If you have downloaded the cue sheets and/or the RWGPS files before Thursday - DOWNLOAD AGAIN**. Some changes have been made. You should refresh your browser to get the latest. Chris Schiffhauer should be at the top of the cue sheet.
2. **Parking at the Start**: Please park behind Cortado Coffee to leave the limited parking spaces out front for the businesses' patrons. Cortado Coffee & Bakery opens at 7, so if you're looking for a caffeine hit and/or pastry prior to the ride, this is a good option.
3. **Support on the rides:**
	1. **I will be at the start** to check you in, say hello and send you on your way. I will also be riding, so be ready to roll at 7:20.
	2. **There will be NO support** out on the route. The controls are at a business, so food and water will be available at these locations. There are also additional water locations noted on the cue sheet. Pay specific attention to the distance between some controls and food/water. We will be riding in remote areas and food/water will be sparse in those areas. You should review the RWGPS map ([ridewithgps.com/routes/34967631](https://ridewithgps.com/routes/34967631)) and plan accordingly.
	3. **Day of Ride Contact (DORC)** is **Chris Schiffhauer (602.510.7517)**. If you decide to abandon or need help, please give him a call or text. He is not available to pick you up in the case of an abandonment. His name and number are also on the cue sheet and Brevet card. If it’s an emergency, call 911!
4. **Start Time**:  07:30. Please be there early enough to get your bike and yourself together so that everyone can start on time. I will give any last minute instructions at about 07:25. Also, please check in with me so that I can check you off my list.
5. **You must bring your own documents**.  **GPS files and cue sheets** are linked at [www.azbrevet.com](http://www.azbrevet.com/), and the control cards are linked below.
6. **Every rider should be prepared to collect and submit proof of passage for this brevet**.  The current protocol is detailed here. [www.azbrevet.com/EPP.html](http://www.azbrevet.com/EPP.html) **Please read and understand this info!** If you have questions, ask BEFORE you start your ride.
7. **All Control information will be found on the Brevet cards**. The control card can only be obtained by printing it in advance of the ride from this link: [Vulture Mine 300k Brevet Card](https://www.azbrevet.com/assets/brevetCards/VultureMine300kCard_12-30-2023.pdf)
8. **Proof of passage must be submitted to the organizer** @ mikesturgill@cox.net  **All proof of passage must be emailed within 48 hours of ride completion.** The results for all riders will only be sent to RUSA after all results are received.
9. **If you are running late or can’t make it to the start**, please text me (602.702.2132) so that I know whether you plan to ride or not. My contact info is on the cue sheet and brevet cards.
10. **Personal support while on the ride** is only allowed at Control locations. Riders receiving support outside those locations will not get credit for the ride. See Article 6 in RUSA’s Rules for riders. [rusa.org/pages/rulesForRiders](https://rusa.org/pages/rulesForRiders)
11. **If you abandon the ride at any point**, please text me to let me know.

Let me know if you have any questions.
-Mike