

VP Report – September 13, 2016

Hello All:

IMPORTANT NOTICE: The Grand Tour Lite, originally scheduled for this Sunday, has been rescheduled for Sunday, October 2nd. See below for details.

Last Sunday we were down in Huntington Beach for the "Orange Coast Tour." I think there were 9 of us at the start and we all did the long route, but when I got back to the start, there was late-comer **Kit Gray** just finishing up the medium route, so I guess we had 10 riders. We split up according to speed, but most came back together at lunch except for two who went off to find something better than the World's Best Hamburger. I don't know how you could find something better than the world's best -- they wouldn't be exaggerating about their quality, would they? On the way back we encountered a closed section of Red Hill Blvd. Seems like we usually ignore "Road Closed" signs and attempt to slog our way through such areas. I have walked through mud and climbed fences with that policy. But Sunday, 3 of us decided to obey the signs and follow a posted bike detour sign. Turns out those signs were leading us the wrong direction and we had to make our own way back to the route (thanks to GPS and smart phones). When we got back I found out that everyone else had ignored the closure signs and had only needed to walk or ride a short stretch of unpaved road. So that's what I get for trying to do the right thing. Next time I come to a road closed sign, I'm ignoring it.

Earlier in the route we had another ride on the Balboa Ferry and **Mel Cutler** took this photo of a few of us on board just as we pulled away from the dock.



Unfortunately, this is the only photo I have from the day.

Now as to this Sunday. We were to be riding the Grand Tour Lite -- I had sent in my registration last week. But the City of Malibu requested that we postpone our event to avoid a conflict with another event that same day. Therefore, we have re-scheduled the Grand Tour Life for Sunday, October 2nd (two weeks later). Those of you who had registered -- your registration will still be good. If you can't make it on October 2nd, I would assume a refund will be forthcoming. If you hadn't registered, but want to ride it on the new date, registration remains open for another week. See our club web site for details. Since this e-mail only goes out to our members and many non-members often ride the Grand Tour Lite, please try to get the word out to your non-member friends who were planning on riding the Grand Tour Lite this Sunday or who might want to ride it in October.

Instead of the Grand Tour Lite, this Sunday we will be riding the routes originally scheduled for October 2nd. This is "Turnbull Revisited." As you might guess, all the routes (except for a flat short route) go over Turnbull Canyon. That is the only major climb for all but the long route. Actually, the long and medium routes are identical except that the long adds a loop up Hwy 39 and East Fork to Williams Camp for a break and then a return back down to rejoin the medium route. Turnbull is not so difficult and it is virtually the first thing you do on these routes, so you hit it while you are fresh. I plan to be there and I hope to see many of you out as well.

This Thursday is our monthly club meeting to be held at the home of **Frank & Suzie Ferren**. I would like to remind everyone that Frank & Suzie have invited everyone to come by early for dinner. We will be celebrating the birthdays of Frank and Kermit. Suzie needs to know how many to plan for, so if you plan to come early for

dinner, please RSVP to Suzie at suzferren@aol.com

As I usually do before the monthly meeting, I have attached the minutes from the last meeting so that you can review them. We will be approving these minutes at the meeting, so you want to know what you are approving.

I don't have many photos this week, so I'm including one from last week's Triple Dipper Ride. (seems like I'm always including Triple Dipper photos, but that's just because they are the only ones I get. If you send me photos from other rides, I'll include them.)



This was a selfie by **Phil Whitworth** (lower left corner) It so happened that all the women that normally ride with us on Thursday were elsewhere (one in Chicago, one in Texas and I'm not sure where the other was). You can see how bereft we were. I think they'll be back by this Thursday.

See You On The Road
Rod Doty, VP