

VP Report - September 27, 2016

Hello All:

Last Week Last Sunday, the scheduled ride was to take us out to Cal Poly Pomona, but it was predicted to be very hot out there and I had enough of that the prior week. I don't know if anyone actually showed up for the ride. I haven't heard from anyone. I do know that two different groups that often show up for our Sunday rides each independently decided to show up in Marina del Rey for an alternative ride near the ocean. I joined one of these groups for a short ride down to Palos Verdes and back. I stopped at Golden Cove while the rest went on to San Pedro. Well, it's a shame we couldn't get the scheduled ride in because I like those particular routes. I think I might schedule it again soon rather than waiting the usual year and a half for it to come due again. I've already scheduled through December, but January is open, so look for it to pop up again then.

This Week This Sunday is our re-scheduled **Grand Tour Lite**. It is supposed to be much cooler than and these routes (except the double metric) spend most of the day near the coast. It should be a nice day for a century. Pre-registration is closed now, but you can always show up the morning of the ride and register late. As club members, you get a \$5 discount so it's a bargain even with a late fee. Full information is on the club web site. I plan to be there and riding the standard century but if I'm not feeling it that morning, I suppose I could always skip the loop in Oxnard and settle for the metric century. I hope to see a lot of you out for the ride.

Tom Estabrook Member Tom Estabrook passed away a couple of months ago, but his memorial service was held just this past Friday at the veteran's cemetery out in Riverside. A few of our club members attended. The following day, the Foothill Cycle Club, which Tom rode with much of the last few years, held a memorial ride for him in the Pasadena area. I and a few other club members attended this ride.

Tom was a long time member. I would guess he must have joined in the 1960s or early 70s. He was one of the first members I met when I joined the club. As I recall, he led AYH qualifying rides and I had done a couple of those. He was known for loving to climb. Often on club rides he would suggest a deviation from the route and I learned to beware of his "little side trips" because they always seemed to involve doing some hill I hadn't planned on. Only a few years ago (when he was probably in his late 80s) I ran into him up at Chantry Flats. He mentioned that he was still riding up Chantry once a week. He was an amazing rider and always in an upbeat mood. I believe he continued to ride right up until

the end. In fact, I think I was told he was getting ready to ride when he passed away suddenly. He was 93.

A few years ago **Chris Hedberg** organized a 90th birthday party for Tom. I took the following photo of him at that party



Extra Photo Since no one rode the regular ride last Sunday, I don't have any photos. **Gary Murphy** sent me one from the alternative ride down to Palos Verdes. I hesitate to include it here since it wasn't really a club event and the two riders in the shot were in a photo I included only last week and I don't want them getting a swelled head. But I've got nothing else, so here it is. That looks like Catalina in the background so it must have been fairly clear. It looks like they were on the climb that goes up past Trump Golf Course -- I recognize that fence.



Well, nothing else to report this week, so I'll let you go.

See You On The Road
Rod Doty, VP