

## Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report - November 8th, 2016

Hello All:

**Last Sunday:** Last Sunday we were out in Redlands for the ride up to Oak Glen. Only 6 riders showed up. We don't usually get a very big crowd for this one, but we have had more than that in the past (and fewer too). The riders were **Terry Neff, Phil Whitworth, Sheila Szymanski, Russ Brynes, Steve Benoff** and me. Unfortunately I didn't take any photos of the group. Steve, who lives in Beaumont, was only planning on riding back to Beaumont and not continuing up to Oak Glen. The rest of us decided to do the Alternative Long, but when we came to the split with the full long, Phil decided to take off and do that instead. We later saw him on the downhill returning back from Oak Glen. It was a really nice day for riding up to Oak Glen. That's why I like to ride this one in the fall. We often get great fall weather. But there is a downside to riding in the fall -- lots of people head up to Oak Glen for the various harvest activities and apple picking. In fact, when we got there, the line at Apple Annie's was so long we decided not to eat there and simply continued down the hill to eat in Yucaipa. So no apple pie for us. I usually alternate riding this one in the fall and spring so next time we will probably ride it in the spring. No crowds then, but the weather is often not as nice.

I didn't take any photos of the group, but on the way to Beaumont I took the photo below. This was in Riverside County and I figure they don't have the money for real K-rails, so they use this poor-man's version of K-rails. Terry dubbed them "Hay-rails."



**Next Weekend:** This Saturday we have our Century of the Month for November. It's "East Road, West Road, All Around Downtown (clockwise)" This one starts in Culver City and makes a large clockwise circle. We start by heading downtown and then on to Alhambra and Industry before climbing Brea Canyon Cutoff and Fullerton Road. This takes us to the title East Road and West Road before we stop for lunch. The return is fairly flat using a stretch of river trail and a long stretch on Del Amo Blvd. It's a fairly fast century despite the city riding. I hope to be there.

On Sunday we are riding up to the Hollywood sign from the Corner. There are only two routes. The medium simply goes up to the sign and returns for a total of only 20 miles. The long tacks on a circle taking you out to the Valley and back. I hope to be there, but if I do the century on Saturday, I'll probably just opt for the 20 mile route. It's short, but part of the trip up to the sign is very steep. That will be plenty for me.

I'm not going to comment on the election. But last Sunday I saw a campaign sign out in the Yucaipa area that I thought was moderately amusing. Someone

running for the Water District Board was using this slogan on his posters: "Make Water Great Again." I wish I had stopped to take a photo of it.

I've got nothing else to report tonight.

See You On The Road,  
Rod Doty, VP