

Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report - March 7, 2017

Hello All

Sunday: Last Sunday was of course our annual installation lunch. There was a ride from the "Corner" to the lunch which was attended by 6 or 7 riders. I know David Nakai was disappointed in the turn-out. But there was rain threatened -- in fact I think the riders did get a light sprinkle. I live within walking distance of the lunch venue and wanted to go over to help set up, so that's my excuse. Anyway, Sandy Weiner took this photo of the group as they passed the "Witch House" in Beverly Hills.



The lunch itself was better attended. I wished more had attended, but I think it actually went up from last year. Here is a shot from Sandy of the assembled group:



After a great lunch, the day's program began. David Nakai was our master of ceremonies. He opened with a parody version of "City of Stars" from La La Land. He actually sang. All I'll say about that is that he is braver than I would be. Here are his lyrics. Below them I've included a link to a YouTube video of the actual song (with lyrics) so that you can see how it was supposed to sound.

City of cars
Are they honking just for me?
'Cause I'm going far
Jealous that I'm traveling gas free
Who knows?
If everyone who's sitting in traffic all rode
With less cars on the street
I'd then be driving these roads
Well perhaps that's not
What I really want

Ain't it bizarre
Just one thing we all desire
It's not very hard
To get out on a bike with well inflated tires

A climb
Yeah all we're looking for is a climb from
This bike club.

Fargo
Turnbull
Latigo
Portrero

The look in everyone's eyes
Heading up toward the sky
To open your shirt as heads are reeling
A voice that says, I'll get there
With all my might

I don't care if I know
Just where I will go
'Cause all that I need is this crazy feeling
The club will be right there
Think I want to stay

City of cars
They're still honking at me
I won't despair
Got this club to keep me company

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QZLT9LmbhPQ>

David then proceeded to the installation of officers. He had a short poem for each of the officers to read. Mel Cutler wasn't there, so David filled in for him :



The winners of the Century Challenge were announced and a special award for persistence was given to Renee Sands for riding at least one century each month for well over 100 months now.

Finally, the recipient of the Jack Flynn Award for service to the club was announced. This year's recipient was Dennis Miller. Congratulations Dennis.



All in all it was a good day and the sun had come out for those who had to ride home (or walk home in my case).

Next Sunday: Next Sunday we will be riding our centuries (full and metric) of the month for March. The century is the "Whale of a Century" created by none other than our Jack Flynn recipient, Dennis Miller. The full route starts in Camarillo and heads to Santa Barbara to view the huge whale skeleton at the Natural History Museum and then returns. The metric is the same except that it starts in Ventura cutting off some of the miles at the beginning and end of the full century, but keeping the middle, which is the best part. Neither route is difficult and they use a lot of bike paths or low traffic roads. I plan to be there and hope to see many of you as well. Note that there are two different start locations and two different start times. Also remember: Day Light Saving starts this Sunday.

Selfie-a-day: For a few years now, member Kit Gray has taken a selfie each day. He says he tries to match his expression to his mood that day. Most are taken at his home, but some are

away from home. At the end of the year, he combines them into a short film set to music. Below are two links on YouTube to his videos for 2016. I think you will find them interesting.

<https://youtu.be/9Mlaki7TDdU>

<https://youtu.be/9RLmY1mt020>

Recommendation: I saw "Finding Neverland" last week at the Pantages. I was very impressed with how well it was staged. Very nicely done. It closes this Sunday, but if you are into that sort of thing, you might want to catch it.

I had more photos this week, but I think I'll hold them for later.

See You On The Road
Rod Doty, VP

Attachments area

Preview YouTube video La La Land - City of Stars DUET - Lyrics
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QZLT9LmbhPQ>

Preview YouTube video 2016 A Selfie a Day
<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/?tab=wm#inbox/15aacaf42ad1cbbb?projector=1>

2016 A Selfie a Day
Preview YouTube video 2016 A Selfie a Day Face Movie
<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/?tab=wm#inbox/15aacaf42ad1cbbb?projector=1>