

## Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report - October 30, 2018

Hello All:

**Sunday:** Sunday we were at the Zoo ("It's all happening at the Zoo" as someone once said), for "David Does Descanso." There were only 4 of us at the start, but we were joined en route by two more. Here's a photo from the start:



That's **Sheila Szymanski**, **Thomas Knoll** and **Terry Neff**. The two who joined us later were **Gary Murphy** and **Josh** (I still don't have his last name). I believe we all did the long route. The route includes three major climbs and Gary sent me photos from each one. First up was Elysian Park where we passed one of the entrances to Dodger Stadium and later could look down into the stadium from the hills above. They had just lost game 4 the night before (and would later lose game 5 that night). We noticed some pools of water near the bottom of Stadium Way -- could have been tears. Here's a shot of downtown taken from the top of Elysian Park



Notice the sculpture (?) on the left. Not sure what that is.



The next big climb was in the Mount Washington area. Here is a shot of Terry and me winding our way up that hill.



That is a very pretty area and I always enjoy that climb.

Last up was the very steep climb up Camino San Rafael. Here I am nearing the top of that one.



All in all it was a good day. It got a little hot for that last climb, but once that was done all we had left was lunch and a downhill back to the start. I was disappointed we didn't see more houses decorated for Halloween. I thought there would be a lot of them in Mount Washington, but I guess most of the homes there are built on the hillside and don't really have lawns to decorate. We finally saw a number of decorated houses when we got back down to Glendale along Mountain St and Kenneth Rd. I took a shot of this one:



I'd never seen these large inflatable decorations before. They must be the latest thing, because I saw similar inflatables at a couple of other homes.

**Next Week:** Next Sunday we will be starting down in Tustin for the "Amazing Maze." All routes make their way to the World's Best Hamburger" in Yorba Linda for lunch and all tour the "maze" in Villa Park. The short does this in a fairly direct and easy route. As usual, the medium adds some miles and a little more climbing and the long adds even more miles and even more climbing. The long does a nice ride through Santiago Canyon, which really doesn't have all that much climbing. It will be the first Sunday in November and that means we will be returning to Standard Time. Don't forget to change your clocks or you will show up for the ride an hour early. Three of the clocks I use the most these days (my iphone, computer and garmin) change by themselves. It's getting so you don't really have to remind people to change their clocks anymore -- the clocks do it themselves. Anyway -- I hope to see a lot of you there -- especially since you will get an extra hour of sleep Saturday night.

I don't have anything else to add tonight. I'm sorry for you Dodger fans, but as a Cub's fan, I know all about saying "Next Year." Happy Halloween. They say more and more money is spent on Halloween decorations every year. I can believe it. Here's a shot of an extensive graveyard I took in Palos Verdes last Thursday.



See You On The Road  
Rod Doty, VP