

Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report - November 6, 2018

Hello All:

Sunday: Last Sunday we started in Tustin and were riding "The Amazing Maze." We had six riders at the start. I took this photo:



From left to right: **Lee Meller, Jacques Stern, Terry Neff, Nancy Domjanovich and Phil Whitworth.** We all started on the long route which took us south and through Santiago Canyon and on to Yorba Linda for lunch. At that point, everyone but me decided to cut the return short. I completed the long route which gave me a nice sense of self-satisfaction and maybe a slightly smug feeling of superiority. To be fair, I think Phil would have completed the long route if he hadn't broken a spoke. For me there were only about 25 miles left after lunch, but they included about 2000 feet of climbing (mostly in the Anaheim Hills) so I paid for my smugness. Last week I was looking for Halloween decorations. This week they were all gone, but the most popular lawn decorations were now campaign posters. Some blocks in Irvine seemed like they were one continuous string of posters for all sorts of offices. I felt bad for the realtors who had put up "open house" signs because I think they were lost in the forest of campaign lawn signs. While I was stopped at a light I took this photo of one cluster of signs:



This wasn't the largest cluster I saw, but the only one I caught on camera.

Next Sunday: Next Sunday we will be riding our century and metric century of the month which will be "Circling San Fernando." Both routes start in West LA and ride over Sepulveda before beginning their circle of the San Fernando Valley. The full century and metric century stay together for the first 43 miles as they circle to the north valley. At that point, the metric cuts the circle short and returns back over Sepulveda while the long continues to circle to the west then heads out to the coast via Mulholland Hwy and Malibu Canyon to return back to the start through Santa Monica. Since both routes stay together so long, you don't have to decide which route you want to do until late in the ride, so bring both route sheets and see how you feel. Like I did for the last century, I may start early, but I'll probably see most of you somewhere on the route.

Meetup.com: The club is now posting its rides on Meetup.com which is a web site that facilitates users in finding activities in which they might want to participate. By posting our rides on the site, we hope to attract new riders to our club rides. There has already been significant interest, but so far this hasn't translated into actual riders showing up at the rides. One problem may be that when users look at an upcoming event, the site shows the number of people who have already indicated they plan to attend and for our rides, this number is often just one or two. That does not encourage newcomers to show up. So, what we are asking club members to do is to sign up on meetup.com and indicate that you intend to ride each event. Of course we particularly want those who are actually planning to ride to do this, but frankly, even if you don't plan to ride, it wouldn't hurt to indicate you will be there just to make our events look more attractive. So, please, go to www.meetup.com and sign up. It's free and doesn't take any time at all. About all they ask for is your e-mail address and let's face it -- the Russians already have that. Once you are signed up and have indicated your interest in LA Wheelmen events, they will send you an e-mail for each ride we schedule and all you have to do is click that you plan to attend. Easy-peasy.

November Meeting: Our November meeting of members on Thursday, November 15th will be at **Mel Cutler's** home. Information is in the schedule on the club web site. However, Mel wanted me to tell you that if you plan to attend you have to RSVP to him at least one day in advance so he can get the list to the guard. If you RSVP on the day of the meeting, it will be too late.

Travel Photos: Speaking of Mel, he sent me some photos from from Lodi where he was riding the Giro d'Vino last Sunday. This wine themed ride visits 8 wineries in a flat 40 miles. Here he is at the ride.



Behind him is his brother, and behind him is their designated driver, Stan.

Member News: Club Treasurer **Ira Kuccheck** recently attended the wedding of his daughter. Here is the proud father and the bride:



Congratulations, Ira!

Final Shot: I rode my bike to my polling place to vote today which made me feel doubly virtuous for both voting and using alternative transportation to get there. Here's a shot of my bike at the polls.



Full disclosure: My car is in the shop, but I might have ridden my bike anyway because it was on my way home from my usual Tuesday ride.

See You On The Road
Rod Doty, VP