

Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report - November 13, 2018

Hello All:

Sunday: Last Sunday we were to have been riding our monthly century: "Circling San Fernando." However, the fire in the Malibu area put a crimp in our plans. It totally blocked the full century route which would have returned through Malibu Canyon. The metric century route remained open, but smoke in the Valley could definitely have been a problem. Consequently, I don't know if anyone rode the route that day. On Friday, I took this photo of the smoke plume.



This was taken from along Ballona Creek. The streak of smoke coming in from the right was coming from a short lived fire near the Zoo in Griffith Park

I was determined to get a century in for myself, so Sunday I rode the "Coastal Cruise Century" which heads south. I had invited a number of our usual century riders, but had no takers. It turned out to be a nice day for that century. I did take a couple of photos along the way. I've often seen Adopt-a-Highway and Adopt-a-Street signs, but this is the first time I've ever seen an "Adopt-a-Channel" sign.



Here's a shot of the actual channel:



It looks pretty clean, but of course everyone knows the Disney Channel is pretty clean.

Next Week: Next Sunday we will be riding "Apple Blossom Time" which starts out in Redlands which is a long way from the current fires. Let's hope some new fires don't spring up out there. It's a long drive out to the start, but these are unique rides well worth the trip. The long and medium head up to Oak Glen where it is apple picking time -- not apple blossom time. We have run these routes both in the spring and the fall, and I think it's much nicer in the fall. You get that crisp fall air, and the area is much more active with apple pickers and other harvest activities (there might be a corn maze). There is a lot of climbing to get up to Oak Glen, but as I always say (because it's true) -- take your time and you can make it. I hope to see a lot of you there.

Meeting: Just a reminder that there is a club meeting this Thursday at the home of **Mel Cutler** (details in the schedule on the club web site). If you plan to attend, you must contact Mel no later than tomorrow (Wednesday) so he can put your name on the access list.

Triple Crown News: For you double century riders there is good news. In the past you had to complete 50 lifetime Triple Crown doubles to make it into the Hall of Fame. But they have now created a sort of Hall of Fame Lite award when you complete 25 lifetime doubles. For some of you, 50 may have always seemed out of sight, but maybe 25 is possible. This will give you an easier goal to shoot for. They have created a new jersey for those achieving this goal. Here is the design



It looks nice. There aren't many predominately white jerseys out there so it should stand out.

Final Shot: Here is a photo **Phil Whitworth** sent me a couple of weeks ago since he knows I'm a Cubs fan.



I'm guessing it is in reference to the Cubs winning the World Series 3 years ago now. It was the first win in over 100 years, so I think that's worth memorializing on a license plate.

See You On The Road
Rod Doty, VP