

Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report - November 20, 2018

Hello All:

Sunday: Last Sunday we were out in Redlands for our ride up to Oak Glen. Six hearty riders made the long drive. I took this photo of the group.



From left to right: **Terry Neff, Sheila Syzmanski, Gary Murphy, Thomas Knoll and Lee Meller.** I believe we all road the alternate long route. It turned out to be a beautiful fall day for this ride. There was some wind on the way to Beaumont, but once we started the main climb up to Oak Glen, it was gone. We paralleled the main rail line on the way to Beaumont and were passed by 3 long freight trains -- two going east and one going west. I imagine those containers were filled with ipads and iphones on their way to the Midwest in time for the holiday rush or maybe whatever toy is popular this year and is impossible to get. Gary sent me this photo of 3 of us on our way.



I can't quite place this location, but it must have been early because after a while Terry and I were left behind. We did come back together at the village up in Oak Glen but by the time we got there the others were almost finished with lunch. It was the week before

Thanksgiving and a busy time up there, so Terry and I opted to have lunch back down the hill in Yucaipa. Lee sent me a couple of photos from their lunch in Oak Glen. The first is of their waitress who appears to be in the holiday mood.



The second is of Thomas and Sheila making some repairs on Sheila's bike



All in all, a nice ride. The climb was a bit tougher than I remember, but we got there. It took us about 4 hours to get up to the top but only about an hour or less to get back, so it was a nice ride back.

This Week: This Thursday we have our annual Thanksgiving Day ride from the "Corner." This is a fairly easy ride out to the Palisades for a view from the bluffs and then a trip down to the Marina for a break before we all head home. Usually a very pleasant ride. Currently there is talk of rain, but it is supposed to be clearing Thursday morning. I just got a brand new rain jacket so if it is just a little drizzle in the morning with the promise of clearing later in the day, I'll be there. Heavier rain, and I won't.

On Sunday, we will be riding "Bike Trails Galore" which starts at Wilderness Park in Downey. These routes are almost entirely on bike trails which makes for pleasant riding. You can ride side by side and not have cars honk at you. The long makes a complete loop going up the San Gabriel River to the Santa Fe Dam and then jogs over to take the Rio Hondo and LA River down to Long Beach. A ride along the Long Beach Bike Trail takes us over to the San Gabriel which we ride back up to the start. The shorter routes are similar but shorter. I plan on being there.

MeetUp.com. I noticed that a few of you have started using MeetUp.com to post your intention to ride the club rides. That's good, but we need more. Our hope is that if enough people begin posting their intention to join us our our rides, then non-club members will be more likely to join us. So, please -- go to MeetUp.com, sign up (it's free) and locate the club rides on the site and click that you plan to attend (even if you don't).

Parting Shot: I was impressed by this home in Redlands last Sunday. A week before Thanksgiving and this home owner already had an impressive array of holiday decorations up. You can't see him in the photo, but the owner was on the roof putting up more lights.



See You On The Road,
Rod Doty, VP