

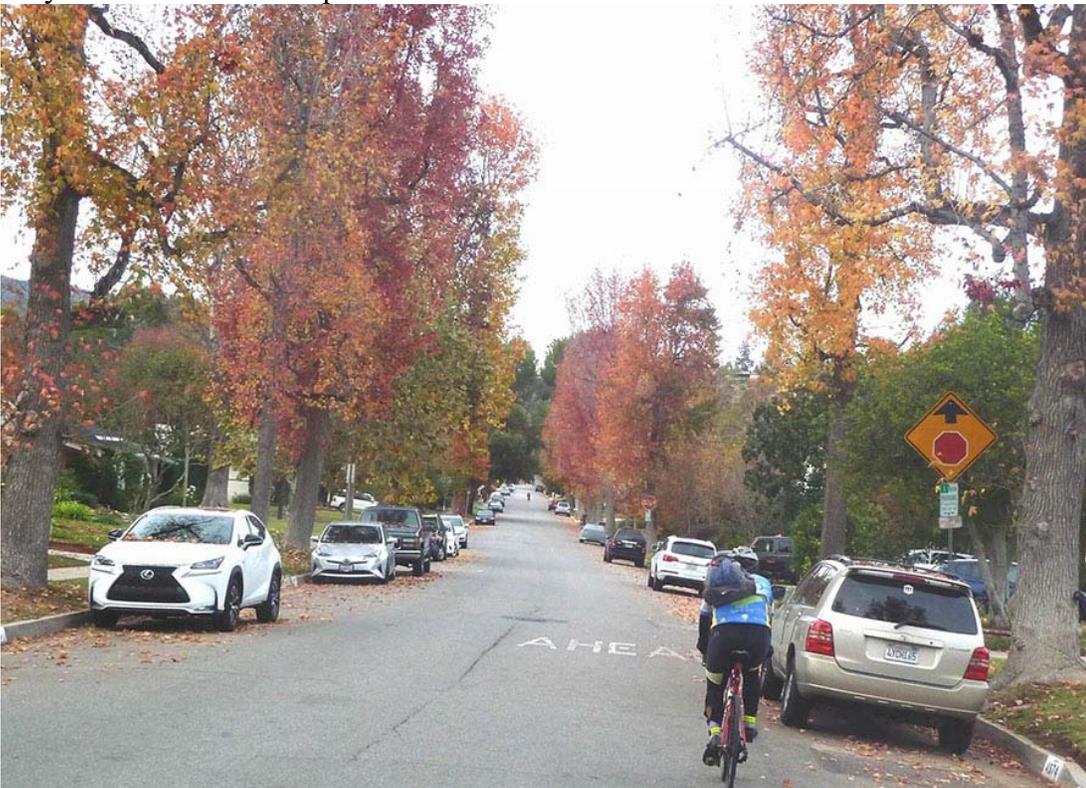
Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report - December 11, 2018

Hello All:

Sunday: Last Sunday we were riding our monthly century or metric century. **Terry Neff** and I started the century an hour early, so I didn't get a group shot. We ended up finishing just about the same time as the other riders, so I'm thinking the hour head start was the right move. There were 4 other riders on the century: **Gary Murphy, Phil Whitworth**, a newcomer named **Brian**, and a stranger named **David Nakai**. I never saw any of the riders on the metric, but I was told there were two -- **Jacques Stern** and another unidentified rider. It was a beautiful day for a ride. The recent storm had put a lot of snow on the mountains and since our route was out the San Gabriel Valley and back, we could see them most of the day. I received several photos of the snow, but my shot was about as good as any, so here is mine of Mount Baldy:



Gary sent me some other photos that show the beautiful fall colors we saw:





I played my annual game of counting cars with Christmas trees on top and came up with 11 which is a pretty good total.

Next Week: This Sunday we will be back at the "Corner" for "Exploring the Environs." The long and the medium both head out to the Valley, go west across the Valley to lunch. After lunch it is over Topanga or Old Topanga to the coast and a return to the start. Although the routes travel to the same areas, they don't actually stay together much. The short stays on the Westside. The trip through Topanga should touch on a bit of the recent fire area. It should be interesting to see what it looks like. I don't have an elevation gain for the long route based on actually riding the route, so I hope to do that route. I hope to see a lot of you there.

December 20th Meeting: We have our monthly meeting coming up in a couple of weeks on the 20th. I've decided I will whip up a batch of Grandma Doty's sugar cookies for refreshments (I always like to make a batch for the holidays), but I would like a volunteer to bring drinks (soda, water, coffee, whatever). If you can do this, let me know. This meeting is a little more important than usual because nominations for club officers open up. We have a vacancy in the secretary position and it would be great if we could fill that. Consider showing up and throwing your hat in the ring (it will probably be the only one, so don't worry about campaigning).

Weekly Sunset Photo: For the third week in a row, **Mel Cutler** sent me a photo of the sunset. He says this one was taken through a dirty train window down near San Clemente. I'm beginning to think he has a thing for sunsets.



Well, that's all the news I've got tonight, so . . .

See You On The Road

Rod Doty, VP