



## LA Wheelmen VP Report

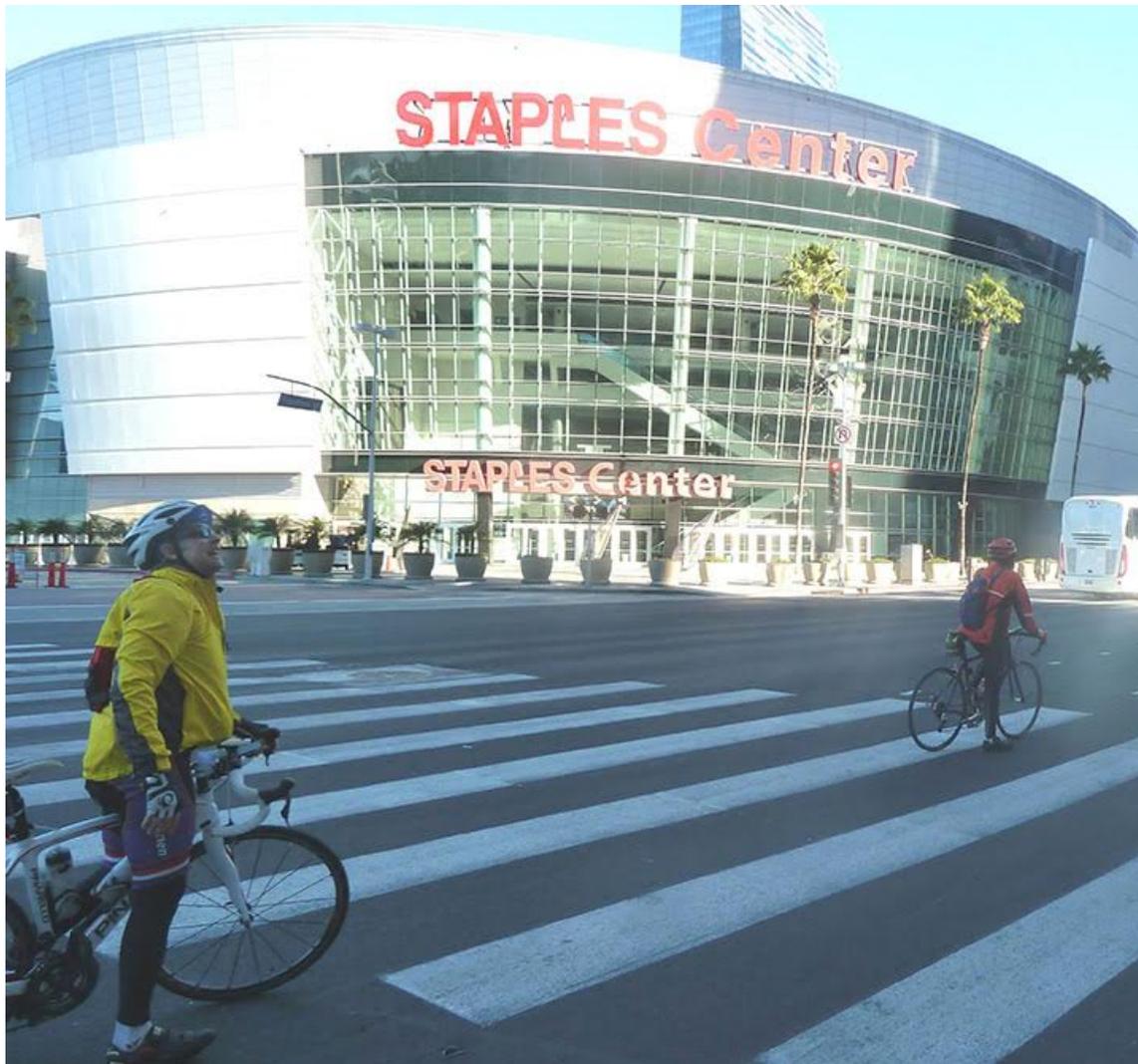
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Hello All:

**Last Weekend:** The ride scheduled for Sunday was our century and metric century of the month -- "East Road, West Road, All Around Downtown." The weather forecasts were not promising for Sunday, but Saturday was predicted to be a nice day, so three of us decided to ride the century on Saturday. Besides myself, the other two were **Gary Murphy** and **Phil Whitworth**. The route doesn't just go "around" downtown, it actually goes through it. Here is a photo taken by Gary of Phil and me by the Staples Center.



I believe Phil is looking up at the "jumbo-tron" type display on the side of a building. It reminds me of some of the scenes in the original "Blade Runner" movie which was in fact intended to depict Los Angeles in the future. We ran into a Chinese New Year bike ride in Chinatown and later came across a run. Seems like everyone was holding events that day. We had a pretty good ride although the last half was mostly into a headwind. I had forgotten how much all the stop lights slow this ride down, but still finished with a little daylight to spare.

I had injured my hand on Saturday in a minor accident, so I didn't plan to ride at all on Sunday, but since the start of the ride was only a few blocks from where I live, I went over to see if anyone showed up. The morning was bright and sunny. It was later in the day when the rain was predicted. Two riders did show up and I took their photo.



This is **Lewis Singer** and **Howard Weden**. They are two of the regulars on the Thursday Triple Dipper ride, but I think this may have been the first time they showed up for a Sunday ride. They hadn't intended to do the entire route anyway and when no one else showed up, they decided to just ride down to the beach instead of the planned route. I don't think it ever rained much that day, so there is good chance they got a nice ride in.

**This Sunday:** This Sunday the ride is "La Tuna Melt" which starts at the zoo. The long is the only route which actually rides up La Tuna Canyon for which the ride is named. The medium takes an easier way up to the Rose Bowl where it joins the long route. Both ride up Christmas Tree Lane in Altadena before heading to lunch in South Pasadena. **David Nakai** has said he plans to be on the ride and plans to find lunch at some place that actually serves tuna melts. Anyone who knows me well, knows I would never touch a tuna melt, but there are several lunch options on these routes so everyone should be happy. I don't think you can actually melt tuna anyway. I don't think there is any rain in the forecast for Sunday, so I hope to see a lot of you at the zoo (where Paul Simon says it's all happening).

**Thursday Meeting:** **David Nakai** has graciously volunteered to provide refreshments at the meeting this Thursday. He always brings something special so you might want to make an effort to be there. Details are in the schedule on the club's website.

**Academy Awards:** The Academy Awards are this Sunday. I have a special interest this year. For several years I have had season tickets at the Pantages Theater. For the 2019-2020 season, they are splitting the shows between the Pantages and the Dolby Theater where the Academy Awards are held. They assigned me a very good seat at the Dolby. For those shows I will be in the 5th row and 5 seats in from the right in the center section (as you look out from the stage). So I thought it would be fun to see if I can spot who is sitting in my seat during the Academy Awards. I'm hoping it is someone like Meryl Streep which would mean it's a really lucky seat.

**Final Shot:** **Mel Cutler** was down in the San Diego area last Sunday for a 300K brevet. He sent me his photo which he said was taken in Solana Beach.



It looks like they may have had pretty good weather down that way. **David Nakai** was doing a brevet up in the San Luis Obispo area. He sent out a long report of the ride to the club Yahoo Group. They had plenty of rain up that way. His report did not make randonneuring sound like fun. But, to each his own.

See You On The Road

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