

**LA Wheelmen VP Report**

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Hello All:

**Last Week:** On Saturday we rode our fourth Grand Tour Trainer -- "Sand Canyon." I took this photo at the start:

From left to right, **Sheila Szymanski**, **Thomas Knoll** (behind her), **Phil Whitworth**, **Josh**, and **Gary Murphy**. **Dale Aaronson** rode from home and was already out on the course. **David Williams** was also there, but somehow missed the photo. With me, that made 8, which is a pretty good turn-out these days. This is not really one of our more scenic trainers because it includes two trips over Sepulveda and two trips across the Valley, but the 25 miles in the center are really nice. Dale sent this photo of the aerator in operation on the north side of the valley. They let water from aqueduct tumble down the hillside so that it picks up oxygen before reaching the treatment plant. I thought it was sorta pretty and thought about taking a photo myself. I'm glad Dale did..





Phil sent me this photo of Dale reaching Bear Divide which was the top of the principle climb of the day.



In the past, I have shown photos of this sign, which I always thought was funny





But this photo from Gary shows that this year it was actually true. At least I think that's why why the water looks a little green.



Despite the two trips across the valley, I enjoyed the ride. We seldom do the climb up Sand Canyon and the downhill on Little Tujunga was really fun. However, all the way down, I kept thinking "I can't believe I'm going to be climbing this in a few weeks."

On Sunday we were riding our usual Easter Day ride from the Corner, although Passover fell on the same weekend, so the ride could have been for both. We had 6 riders. I took this photo. I think 3 of us were there for Easter and 3 for Passover.





From left to right, **Sandy Weiner**, **Jacques Stern**, **Mel Cutler**, **Marc Spigelman** and **Ann Trank**. It's been a long time since we have seen Sandy on a ride -- welcome back. Mel had just returned from his Europe tour -- welcome back to him too. They both did the short route while the rest of us did the long. On the long route, we made our usual stop at the Witch's House in Beverly Hills. I took a photo, but I've got a lot of photos tonight and I think most of you have seen that house before, so I'm leaving that photo out. We met up with the others at the Marina where it was a very pleasant day for sitting outside and enjoying our break. Most riders went directly home from the Marina, but Jacques and I wanted more miles and actually completed the long route (something that is seldom done). The route took me right past the front gate of my home, so it was particularly hard for me to continue on. Even more so because I used the opportunity to stop and use my own bathroom before continuing on.

**Next Week:** On Saturday, our fifth Grand Tour trainer is "Mount Baldy" Unfortunately, Glendora Mountain Road and Glendora Ridge Road remain closed. They are always closed in the winter due to snow, but I had thought they would be open by now. Apparently there are some rocks to be cleared away. However, the option which takes Baldy Road up to Baldy village remains open, so we will be riding that. This option is shorter and does less total climbing, but it is steeper. If you have never used that route, it is a worthy challenge. It's not a long climb, so you have plenty of time to rest on the way up. I have never made it all the way up without stopping at least once to rest, so why not see what you can do. If we can't use GMR or GRR for the return, we will be returning back down Baldy Road as well. We have left both routes on the club web site in the off chance the roads open before the weekend or you may want to download the routes now and ride them in May when the roads are due to be opened. I plan to be there and this year I'm determined to make it all the way to the ski lift. (but I say that every year and I have only done it once).

On Sunday we will be riding "John's River Ride" which starts in Anaheim. The river of the title is the Santa Ana River which all routes ride down to Huntington Beach. The long and medium head over to Balboa where we take our first ride on the ferry this year. The medium adds a loop taking them up through the Tustin Hills. The medium and short are not very hilly at all and even the long doesn't have a ton of climbing, although that trip through Tustin comes late in the ride and that makes it seem harder. I hope to be there, even if I go all the way to the ski lift on Saturday.

**More Business Cards:** I have received more business cards from **Nancy Wedeen**, **Will Carey** and **Bill Faulkner**. Thank you very much. I could still use some more, so if any of you were thinking of sending me some but forgot, please send them.

**Vacation Photos:** I received some more photos from **Saul Miller** who is in Bruges. He sent several photos of various vehicles he had seen. I thought this was the most interesting:





It looks like it would carry at least 3. One behind the main rider and at least one inside the enclosure.

**Final Shot:** Before he returned from England, **Mel Cutler** sent me a photo of this recruiting poster from World War I. Mel commented that he particularly like the line at the very bottom

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