
LA Wheelmen VP Report

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Hello All:

Last Week: On Saturday we were riding our 8th Grand Tour trainer which also happened to be the century of the month. It was "Twin Peaks and Flying Pigs." **Dale Aaronson** took this photo at the start:



That's **Phil Whitworth**, **Sheila Szymanski**, **Gary Murphy**, **Me**, and **Thomas Knoll**. I later found out that **Mel Cutler** rode the route on Sunday, so with Dale, that makes 7 riders. We all did the full century rather than the metric although a few cut it a bit short by returning over Sepulveda instead of the route up Beverly Glen. The twin peaks of the title were the two tops of Old Topanga and New Topanga. I didn't get many photos from the Topangas, but Gary sent me this photo of Dale climbing Old Topanga.



More photogenic of course were the flying pigs of the title: I got several of those. These two are from Phil





Despite their paint jobs, they look very similar, but the wings are different and the legs are in different positions. So I don't know if they have the same source or not. A sharp eyed Mel also saw this pink elephant not far from the flying pig on the right above. Could he be related too?



Phil also sent me this non-flying pig which he photographed in El Segundo. He looks similar, but no wings.



Maybe there is a pig conspiracy going on.

Besides the pig sightings, the ride went well. They have recently repaved most of Box Canyon, which made that much nicer to ride. When I started up Beverly Glen, I noticed a little river of water running down the gutter. As I climbed, I kept assuming I would come to the source but it kept coming and coming. I finally got all the way up to Mulholland and it was still running. Shortly after I turned on Mulholland I found the source -- some sort of leak under the ground along Mulholland. DWP was already there so I assume they had things in hand.

Sunday: I didn't go to the ride on Sunday because it looked like it might be rainy down in Orange County. I haven't heard that anyone else went to the ride either. I will probably be rescheduling that ride again in a few months for a re-do.

Next Week: This Saturday the trainer is the first of what I consider "the big 3" -- 3 trainers all of which have more than 7000 feet of climbing. The first up is "Two Terrible Tjungas." We actually only climb one of the Tjungas and ride down the other,

but the real terrible part is the ride up Aliso Canyon out by Acton. Just last Saturday, the Tour of California rode much of the same route including Soledad Canyon, Aliso Canyon and the climb over Mill Creek Summit. I'll be looking for any traces left behind by the racers. There were king of the mountain points at Mill Creek Summit, so there might at least be a line painted across the road there.

On Sunday we will be riding the "Long Beach Bike Path" which starts (guess where) in Long Beach. The long is almost entirely on bike paths and makes for a pleasant ride. All routes use a lot of bike paths including the 5 miles of the Long Beach Bike Path. As usual, I hope to make both rides if the weather cooperates. I'm getting pretty tired of this rain.

Minutes: We never got around to publishing the minutes from the meeting in April, so attached are the minutes for both that meeting and the meeting we just held last week. Read them at you leisure.

More Business Cards: I received even more business cards this week, so thank you **Ted Ernst**. I now think I have enough cards to last me 3 years or more. Thank you everyone who sent some.

Vacation Photo: **Nancy Domjanovich** was recently traveling back east and sent this photo. She actually sent it to the Thursday Triple Dipper riders because we have an ice cream cone on our Triple Dipper jerseys.



I don't think I could eat it fast enough before it melted, unless it was a cold winter day, but then I'm not sure I would want it on a cold winter day.


Parting Shot: I saw this silhouette sign on Saturday's ride. At first I couldn't even figure out what it was until I almost hit the speed bump it was supposed to be warning me about. To tell the truth, I thought it looked like a large snake that had just swallowed some sort of prey. Or maybe a very low tunnel.




See You On The Road

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