

LA Wheelmen VP Report

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Hello All:

Last Sunday: Last Sunday we were riding from the "Corner" down to Manhattan Beach to see the Grand Prix races. There were 5 of us at the start and I took this phot

That's **David Williams, Thomas Knoll, Mark** (a newcomer), and **Jacques Stern**. Thomas went on ahead and wasn't seen again, so I'm not sure which route he did. Two of us were planning on doing the medium, but Mark had a flat which apparently neither he nor David could fix, so Mark called his girlfriend for a lift. That left David well rested and he decided to just stop at the racing and head home. Jacques and I completed the medium with a stop for lunch in Palos Verdes and then back to the races. When the woman's race was in progress. I took these photos as they came around the corner.





This was in the early laps. In the later laps one or two riders appeared to have a huge lead over the pack. After the races, it was a quick trip home for the completion of the day and a chance to catch up on the day's Tour de France racing.

This Week: This Sunday we will be riding "Hills of the South Bay." These routes were designed by **David Nakai** and basically seek out and climb almost every hill in the communities from El Segundo to the edge of Palos Verdes. Now I know that doesn't sound like much fun, but I've ridden the entire thing a couple of times and I'm here to tell you it's not that bad. Some of the hills are steep, but none of them are long and the steepest ones are often only a couple blocks long. Take your time and you will be successful. Besides, as usual there are short, medium and long routes so you can always do one of the shorter routes. It's also easy to bail out at any time because you never really get very far from the start location. So why not come out and give it a try.

MeetUp.com For a while now the club has been posting its rides on meetup.com in the hopes of attracting a few new riders. There seems to be a fair amount of interest but not a lot of riders are showing up. We think this is because only two or three club members indicate that they will be attending and a newcomer is probably reluctant to show up for a ride when there might only be two other riders. So we would really like everyone who is even remotely thinking of coming to one of our rides to go on meetup.com to indicate their intention to ride. Even if you don't ultimately show up, at least our numbers would look good to a newcomer. I would think a half dozen or so would be all that's needed. It's fairly easy to do. Go to www.meetup.com and search for Los Angeles Wheelmen under bicycling events.

Triple Dipper Ride: **Phil Whitworth** sent me this photo from last week's Thursday Triple Dipper ride. He noted that in accordance with the signs, there were bikes in the path and horses on the horse trail, but where are the goats supposed to go?



Parting Shot: Gary Murphy sent me this photo he took while on a trip in Illinois. It shows that there are some bike path problems we don't have to worry about here in Southern California



See You On The Road

Rod Doty, VP