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## LA Wheelmen VP Report

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Hello All:

**Last Sunday:** On Sunday we were down in Capistrano for "Capistrano Caper." The weather was fine (not hot at all), but I guess the long drive discouraged most riders because only 3 of us showed up. Here is a photo I took at the start:



That's **David Nakai** on the left and **Lee Meller** on the right. We all started out on the long route which included a very tough climb into the hills above San Clemente. David sent me a few photos from the climb.





That's me in one of the steeper stretches.





And this is Lee nearing the top.



And this is the view we were rewarded with when we got to the top. Pretty nice, huh?

When we got down to where the medium and long routes split, Lee changed her mind and turned back to complete the medium. David and I rode down to Oceanside, but David planned on riding on to his home in Fallbrook to have lunch with his wife, so that left me alone to have lunch in Oceanside and then return. The winds were more favorable going back and the miles flew by -- particularly the stretch on the Freeway. One pleasant surprise -- The last stretch of the bike path just north of the entrance to Pendleton at Las Pulgas Road has always been extremely rough -- I was dreading it. But they have actually smoothed it out. They appeared to have used one of the grinding machines to grind off all the bumps. That was nice. It really was a pleasant day. I wish more had come down to ride with us.

**This Week:** This Sunday we are out in the Valley for "Ring Around the Valley." These routes start at the Zoo lot and make loops around the Valley. There are 4 routes and each makes a different sized loop. All loops ride past the mural in the Tujunga Wash. The long makes the largest loop getting to the north valley and as far west as UC Northridge. The two mediums make slightly smaller loops and the short does little more than tour the mural and return. There is not a lot of climbing on any of these routes and they are fairly pleasant. I hope to see you there.

**Monthly Meeting:** If you read David Nakai's e-mail to the club on the Yahoo Group, you may have gotten the impression that the next meeting is this week. I just want to make clear that the meeting is next week on Thursday, the 19th. As usual, we need someone to provide refreshments. If you can do this, please contact me.

**Vacation Photo:** I was a little surprised to see **Lee Meller** show up for the ride last Sunday because earlier in the week she had sent me the following vacation photo from Germany.





This was taken at a reconstructed Bronze Age settlement at Lake Constance. She says there is a 170 mile car-free bike path around the lake. Sounds good.

**Final Shot:** Last Sunday I was going to have lunch at the usual place in Oceanside, but it was so crowded and I never cared for it much anyway, so I went up to PCH -- the main street through Oceanside -- to see what was there. I didn't find much there either and ended up eating at In-N-Out. When I walked in I thought, "Well if it's good enough for the Marines, I guess it's good enough for me."





But actually, when I looked closer, all their uniforms said "U.S. Army."

See You On The Road

Rod Doty, VP