
LA Wheelmen VP Report

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Hello All:

Last Sunday: Last Sunday we were starting at the Zoo (where some people say it's all happening) and were riding "Ring Around the Valley." It was predicted to be hot, but I figured the long route was only about 50 miles and I would be able to finish that before it really got too hot. That turned out to be true, but apparently few others had this kind of faith in the weather. There was only one other rider at the start -- **Thomas Knoll** -- and here is his photo.



Right after we started we were joined by **Mel Cutler** who was riding from home. I didn't get a photo of him, but here is a selfie he sent me from his lunch location



There was also a sighting of **Hoy Quan** who was doing his own ride but rode with Mel for a little bit. We all did the long route but Thomas rode on ahead and Mel and I split at lunch. It was a fairly nice day for the ride and I enjoyed the ride through Balboa Park. I finished about 2 p.m., just as it was really warming up. One of the highlights of the route is the trip along the history mural along the Tujunga Wash. I took this photo of the beginning of the mural which starts at 20,000 B.C. with a saber toothed tiger. It then apparently jumps all the way to 1000 A.D. and a Chumash Village. The mural continues all the way up to 1984.



This Sunday: This Sunday we will be starting in Westchester and riding "South Bay Ramble." It should be cooler than last week and the routes stay near the coast so no excuse for not showing up this time. All the routes head down to Palos Verdes and back with the longer routes making larger loops around the peninsula. Traditionally we have gathered at a member's home for ice cream at the end of this ride. We are not doing that this year, but I have routed all the routes past a frozen yogurt place not far from the end of the ride. It's my hope that riders will stay together and gather for a treat at this location. The club has a way of constantly dashing my hopes, but hope springs eternal. I hope to see you there.

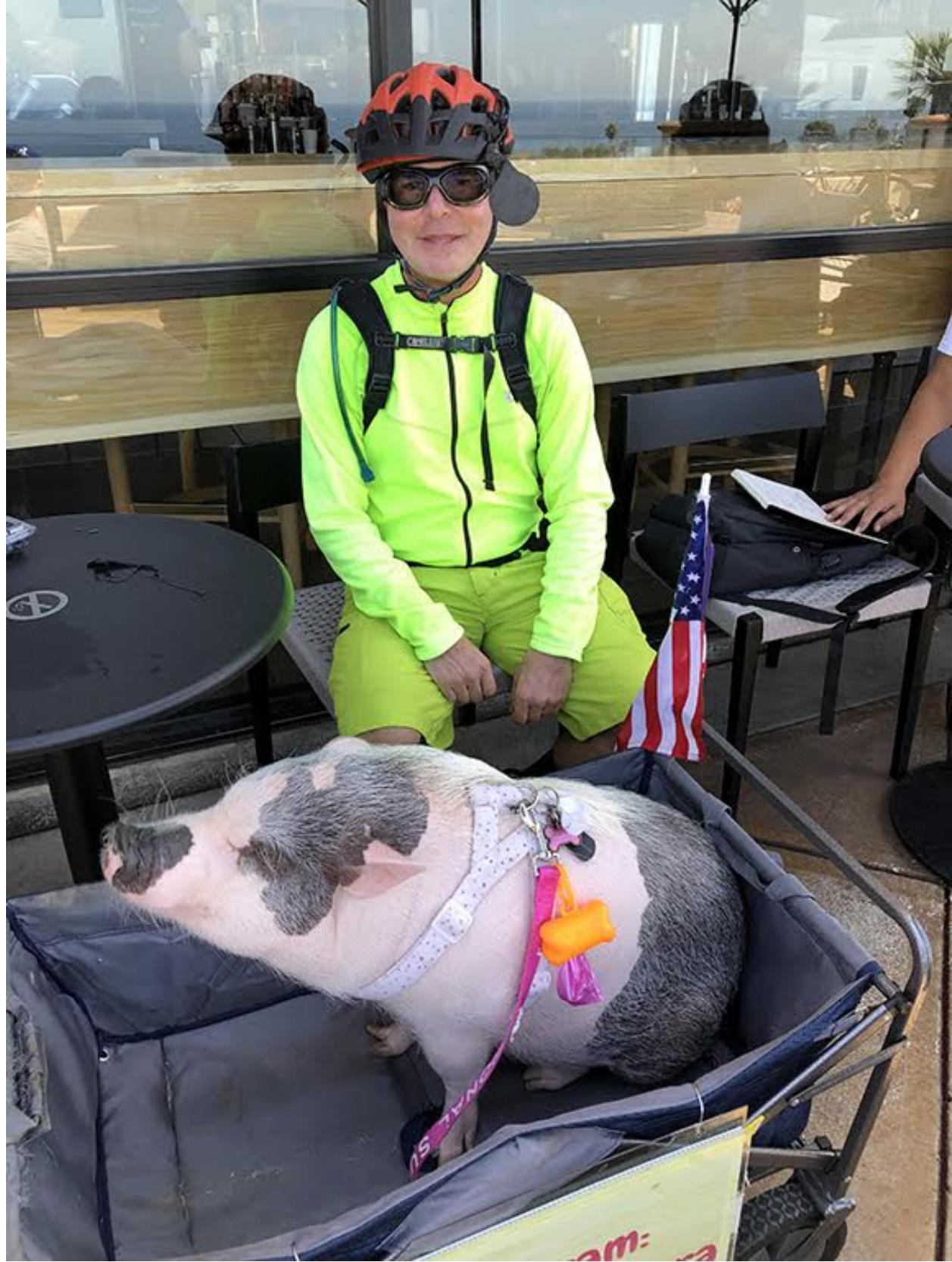
Meeting: Just a reminder -- the monthly club meeting is this Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in Room B at the Culver City Veteran's Memorial Center. No one has volunteered to provide refreshments yet. It would be nice if some one did. But even without refreshments, you should consider showing up.

New Garmin Feature: I recently uploaded a software update to my Garmin 1030 and it included a new feature I really like. They call it "Climbpro" and apparently it had previously been a feature of the Edge 830 and 530. When you are riding a pre-loaded route it determines where all your major climbs are on the route and when you approach one of the climbs, it displays an elevation profile of the climb which is color coded by steepness and a little dot shows where you are on the climb. At the top of the display it counts down the distance remaining to the top and the amount of elevation gain remaining to the top.

That's the part I like. So often when I'm doing a long climb I would like to know how much further it is to the top and maybe how much more climbing I have to do. Now I will know. I've only ridden a couple of short rides with this feature, but I look forward to using it on the way up to Mount Wilson in October.

Parting Shot: Last week on the Thursday Triple Dipper Ride there was a man wheeling around a pig in a wagon at our break location at the Golden Cove shopping area in Palos Verdes. I'm not sure why. Anyway, here is a selfie **Phil Whitworth** took with the pig and another shot he took of **Dale Aaronson** with it.





See You On The Road

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Huge surprise people not turning up in droves for valley rides scheduled during the hottest month of the year. Just saying!

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