
LA Wheelmen VP Report

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Hello All:

Sunday: Sunday we were in Westchester for "South Bay Ramble." We only had 8 riders, which is disappointing considering the weather was nice and the start wasn't remote. I took this photo at the start:



From left that's a newcomer named **Rafi** (not sure of the spelling), **Gary Murphy**, **Dale Aaronson**, **Thomas Knoll** and **Jacques Stern**. I must have cut **Russ Brynes** out of the photo because I know he was there. We were later joined on the route by **Sheila Szymanski** and I made the eighth. Except for Gary, who had just returned from vacation and cut the ride short to go home and unpack, I think we all did the long route. As often happens, we split in to two groups but we caught the faster group at lunch. Near the end of the ride we were to regroup for frozen yogurt in Westchester. Although he finished well ahead of us, Thomas hung around for us to show up and Gary also joined us from his nearby home. It was a pleasant end to a nice ride, but then it wasn't. While we were enjoying the yogurt, one of our bikes was stolen.

I still can't believe how it happened. We had parked our bikes on a raised walkway outside the yogurt shop in plain view from inside the shop where we were seated. The thief walked up and took the bike before our eyes and yet we could not react fast enough to catch him. I've always felt that if I parked my bike where I could watch it, it would be safe. But it happened so fast and I think we were a bit stunned at first and he was gone before we knew it. I don't know what to think.

Next Sunday: Next Sunday is our annual "Grand Tour Lite." This year it is being held as a charity ride to benefit the VFW in Port Hueneme which we have been using as a rest stop on the Grand Tour and Grand Tour Lite for many years. There is a \$50 fee which will entirely go to the VFW. We have 3 routes (a short 40 miler, a moderate century of 100 miles and a difficult century of about 113 miles which includes a very tough climb). All routes start at the VFW in Port Hueneme. Full details are available on the club web site. The web site doesn't mention late registration, but I imagine you can register at the start of the ride, so it's not too late. I rode the 100 mile route last February and I thought it was a nice route. I look forward to doing it again.

Minutes of the Meeting: Minutes of the meeting held last Thursday are attached. We didn't discuss much so it won't take you long to read them. **Bill Faulkner** provided the refreshments. Thank you Bill.

Vacation Photos: **Gary Murphy** just returned from a trip to South Dakota where he rode the Mickelson Trail in the Black Hills. He posted a few photos on Facebook and here are a couple.





He had a couple photos of buffalo, but everyone takes pictures of buffalo in South Dakota. I liked this prairie dog better.

Mel Canyon: A few weeks ago we noticed that there is a "Mel Canyon Road" in Duarte near Encanto Park. We pointed it out to **Mel Cutler** but didn't get a photo of it. However Mel recently was riding in the area again and took a photo of his canyon




Final Shot: Gary sent me this photo from his trip to South Dakota because he knows I'm a Cubs fan.



Unfortunately, after leading their division much of the season, the Cubs have totally collapsed in the last few weeks and won't even be making the playoffs as a wildcard. I'm disappointed, but probably not as much as this man.

See You On The Road

Rod Doty, VP

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