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## LA Wheelmen VP Report

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### Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report - October 8, 2019

Hello All (Sorry I'm getting this out a little later than usual):

**Sunday:** Last Sunday we were climbing to Mount Wilson from the Rose Bowl. I believe we had 10 riders. I took this photo at the start:



From the left: **Phil Whitworth, Jacques Stern, Dale Aaronson, Lee Meller, Rafi** (still not sure of the spelling or last name), **Gary Murphy**, a visitor whose name I didn't get, and **Mel Cutler**. We saw **Sheila Szymanski** out on the course, so I assume she got an early start. I believe all but Jacques and maybe Sheila went all the way to the top of Wilson. I had been worried it would be hot, but it was cool when we started and it remained fairly cool as we got up into the mountains. The occasional shade and a slight breeze made for a pleasant climb. It was definitely much warmer as we came back down, but we were coasting downhill by that time. As usual, we divided into groups. Here is a photo Mel took of the faster group at lunch at the Cosmic Cafe



On the way up, Gary took this photo of Dale:



You can see that, even though it is October, the hills remain fairly green. Whenever I go up to Wilson, I always hope it will be on one of the rare days when it is so clear you can see downtown LA very clearly. Unfortunately, Sunday was not one of those days. From Wilson, I couldn't see downtown at all. Gary took this photo from down the mountain closer to Clear Creek and you can barely make out the buildings. Sort of like a modern Brigadoon.



**This Sunday:** This coming Sunday we will be riding our monthly century and metric century -- the "Dam Corner Century." These routes start from the "Corner" in Beverly Hills and ride to the Santa Fe Dam and back. The metric century makes a fairly direct route there and back while the full century takes a more roundabout course. The metric route also cuts off some significant climbing done by the full century. The full century has a major climb right after lunch in Pasadena, but the truth is, if you check a map, you can easily cut this off and still get enough miles for a full century. I've done that the last couple of times I've ridden this ride, but I hope to do the full thing this Sunday. I hope you will join me.

**Triple Crown Hall of Fame:** Recently at the California Triple Crown annual breakfast, this year's batch of inductees to the Hall of Fame were honored. Our own **Ira Kuceck** was one of these inductees. Congratulations Ira!!

**Club Meeting:** We have a monthly meeting coming up on Thursday the 17th. Unfortunately, I won't be at this meeting, but we still need someone to bring refreshments. If you can do this, please let me know. The good news is that this is one of the last months I will be making this plea. I plan to bring the refreshments in December, so that only leaves November this year. In the new year we are returning to holding our meetings at members' homes.

**Parting Shot:** I don't have a funny or odd photo this week, but I saw this tree last Sunday on the way up to Wilson. I'm amazed at how such a large tree could apparently get a foothold and grow out of solid rock.



See You On The Road

Rod Doty, VP