

LA Wheelmen VP Report

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Hello All:

Sunday: On Sunday we were riding our monthly century and metric century. This time it was the "Dam Corner Century" which started from the "Corner" in Beverly Hills and made its way to the Santa Fe Dam and back. We had 5 riders. I took this photo:



From left to right that's **Dale Aaronson, Mel Cutler, Rafal Karpinski** (a new member who I believe goes by Rafi), and **Phil Whitworth.** Phil was planning on riding the metric century, but he had ridden from home and would end up with a full century anyway. The rest of us were doing the full century. I had been worried about smoke in the air from the fires which were still burning, but other than one or two stray whiffs of smoke, we seemed to have good air on the course. I got separated from the others and rode most of the route by myself. I did get a text from Mel & Dale when they got to lunch, but (surprising to me) I was ahead of them so I just kept going. This route really loops around a lot. I assume it is to get the necessary miles, but several times I wondered why I didn't just cut straight across a loop that seemed to be taking me out of my way. But I did the whole thing. It might have been the first time I've done that. I didn't get many photos. In Eagle Rock I came upon a fire hydrant which apparently had been sheered off and was shooting a geyser of water up through a tree. I took a photo of that



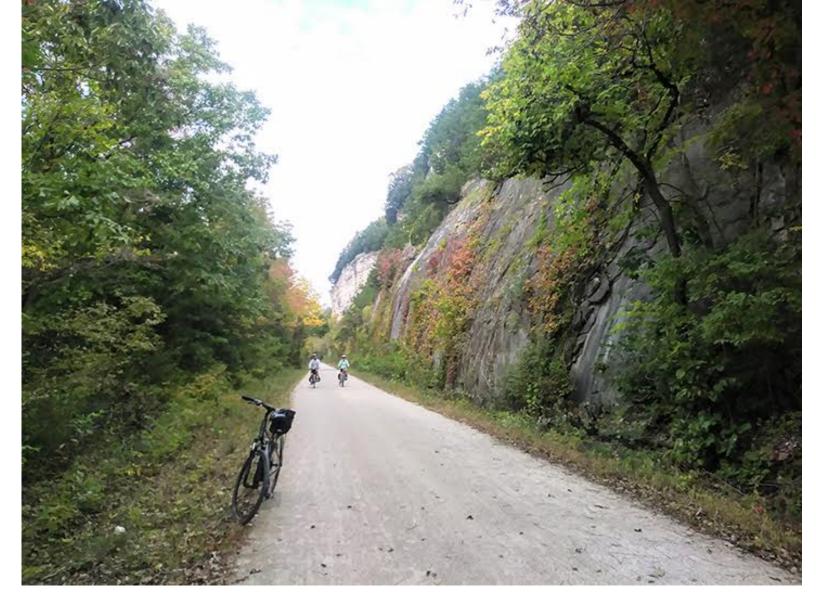
Next Week: This Sunday we will be down in Orange County for "Winding Roads of Orange County II." Like the name sounds, these routes wander around Orange County spending a lot of time in Irvine, the Turtle Rock area and Newport. The long adds a loop taking you down to Mission Viejo and back. There are a few hills of course, but nothing really major. Orange County might not provide the scenic beauty of rides like our trip up to Mt. Wilson a few weeks ago, but it is generally pleasant riding on wide streets. What more do you need from a day on the bike? I hope to see a lot of you out on the ride.

Meeting: Just a reminder that we have a club meeting this Thursday at the Culver City Veteran's Memorial Center (Room B). I won't be there, but you should consider attending. We still don't have anyone providing refreshments, so if you can do that, let me know.

Vacation Photos: A few of our members (**Nancy Domjanovich, Ken Nishioka**, and **Gary Murphy**) are currently on a tour which is riding most of the Katy Trail in Missouri. The Katy trail is a rails-to-trails project which travels about 240 miles mostly along the Missouri River. Gary sent me a few photos and here are a couple of them.

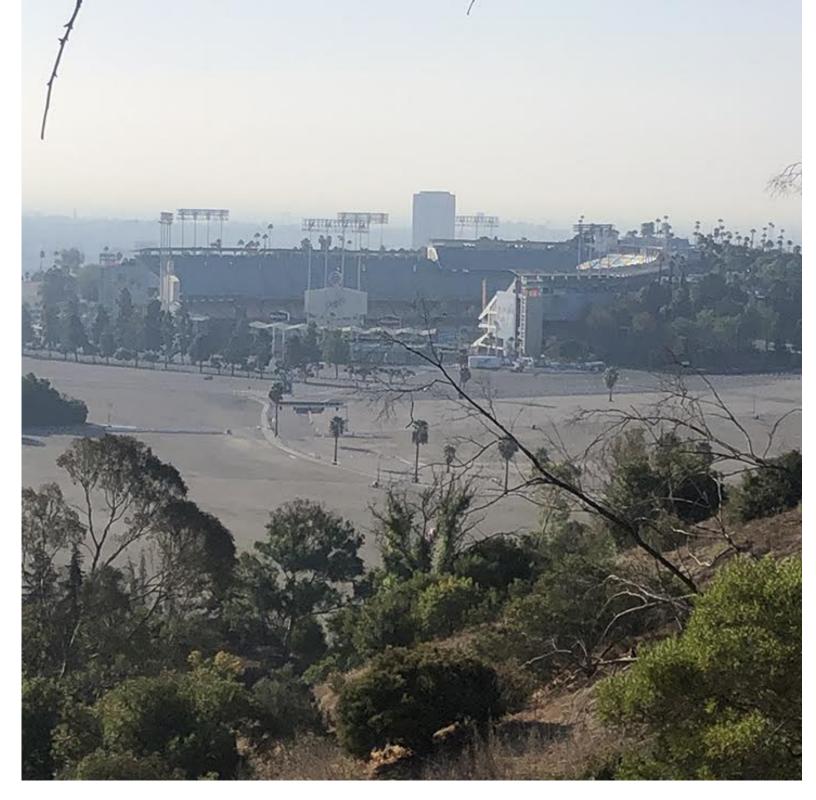


That's Ken and Nancy apparently having lunch.



Here's a shot of the trail. You can see how pretty it is -- Especially in the fall.

Parting Shot: Sunday's ride took me through Elysian Park to a point above Dodger Stadium where I took this shot. If the Dodgers hadn't lost the playoff series with Washington, they would have played a game at Dodger Stadium on Saturday and on Sunday there probably would still have been activity at the stadium as they clean it up after the game. But the stadium looked very quiet on Sunday. Well, maybe the Dodgers shouldn't feel too bad -- At least they took Washington to the 5th game whereas Washington just beat St. Louis in 4 straight games.



See You On The Road Rod Doty, VP