
LA Wheelmen VP Report

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Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report -- October 29, 2019

Hello All

Sorry, this is a day late again.

Sunday: On Sunday we were starting in Arcadia and riding over to Montrose and the fun four mile downhill on La Tuna Canyon. I believe there were 8 riders. I took this photo at the start:



That's **Jacques Stern, Russ Brynes, Gary Murphy, Sheila Szymanski, Thomas Knoll** and **Rafal Karpinski**. **Phil Whitworth** arrived a bit late and isn't in the photo. I believe Thomas and Sheila did the medium route while the rest of us did the long. For Sunday the weather had cooled and the winds had died down making for a pleasant day of riding. The main difference between the two routes is that the long did a extra loop through Pasadena which took us up to the top of Lake Street. Gary took this photo of me as I neared the top of the climb.



I think the photo makes the hill look steeper than it is, but nonetheless, it's a tough climb. The downhill after reaching the top was very nice as was the downhill on La Tuna. The nice thing was that by the time we got to lunch we had completed the bulk of the climbing for the day. We could eat lunch and have a pleasant return. All in all, it was a very pleasant ride

Next Sunday: This Sunday we will be riding our century of the month for November -- the "Paul Neuerburg Century." This is a classic club century dating back to at least the 1070s. It was always billed as an easy century because it is fairly flat (only about 2000 feet of climbing) and it spends a large portion of the time on bike paths. From Arcadia, the route takes us down to the Santa Ana River which we ride to the coast. We ride north along the coast to the San Gabriel River/Rio Hondo which we take inland back to the start. There is a metric century as well. This is a simpler route which just takes the San Gabriel River down to the coast and returns. A few notes: First, yes, we are starting from Arcadia Park for the second week in a row. I probably wouldn't have scheduled two successive rides from the same location if I had noticed, but one was in October and one in November and I missed it. Second, we return to standard time this Sunday so remember to set your clocks. Third, the days are getting short and at the speed I ride I'm always concerned I won't finish before dark, so I will be starting early (probably around 6:30 instead of 7:30). Feel free to join me for the early start.

Painted Utility Boxes. Gary Murphy mentioned to me on Sunday that he has been seeing (and photographing) utility boxes around the city which have been painted in fanciful designs. Here is one we saw on Sunday



It turns out that Councilman David Ryu has been sponsoring a Utility Box Art Program in Los Angeles. Here is a link to the site: http://davidryu.lacity.org/utility_box_art_program

The boxes we saw on Sunday were in either Pasadena or South Pasadena, so other cities must have their own programs as well.

Parting Shots: Last Sunday was the prime weekend for viewing Halloween decorations. More and more people seem to be decorating their homes these days. I've been taking photos of some unique decorations over the past few weeks. Here a couple I saw on Sunday.



I see a lot of human skeletons and even a number of skeleton dogs and cats, but this is the only skeleton horse I've seen.



I've noticed two trends in decorations this year -- there are a lot more spiders and a lot more inflatable decorations. This house combines both trends

Happy Halloween everybody

See You On The Road

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The 1070s eh - only a decade or so after the Battle of Hastings.

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Like Trump, I'll say "Yes, that's exactly when the ride started."

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