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## LA Wheelmen VP Report

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Hello All:

**Sunday:** Last Sunday we were riding the Paul Neurerburg Century which was our century of the month. I started early so I don't know exactly who rode. I had reports from **Gary Murphy** and **Jacques Stern** and they gave me some names. The only name I got for those riding the full century was **Rafel Karpinski** but I suspect there were more. On the metric century were **Jacques, Gary, Nancy Domjanovich, Chris Hedberg** and **Mitch Marich**. There may have been others. Actually, Gary intercepted the ride from home and some of the others cut the ride a bit short. I didn't take any photos myself and I only got this one from Gary. It shows Jacques and (I think) Mitch on their way back up the San Gabriel River.



I don't know about anyone else, but I had a great day. The weather was perfect. Garmin only counted one climb on the entire ride and it was only about half a mile long in Whittier near the beginning of the ride. The rest was pretty smooth sailing. I did have trouble following the route in one spot where I have had trouble before, but now I know what the problem is. A portion of a bike path in Yorba Linda has been moved. I've made the correction for next time. Next time I'll also remember to take a break in Seal Beach before getting on the San Gabriel River for the return. That last 30 miles was almost entirely on bike paths and there was no place to get a Coke.

**Next Sunday:** This Sunday we will be riding a favorite of mine, but one we don't often ride -- the "Hollywood Sign Ride." There are only two routes -- a medium and long. The two stay together up to the Hollywood Sign. The medium simply returns to the start while the long does a loop out to the Valley and back. I'd like to sugarcoat this, but the reason we don't do this ride often is that it is very steep. But from the start to the top is only 10 miles and it's only the last few miles that are really tough. Go slow and rest if you want, and you can make it. The view from up there is really something to see. And the next time you look up at the sign, you can say to yourself, "I rode my bike up there." I hope to do the long, but often after making it up to the sign, I've had enough and I head for home. I look forward to seeing you out there.

**Frank Ferren:** Last Saturday many of us in the club attended a memorial celebration for **Frank Ferren** who passed away in September. Frank was a very long term member of the club having joined back in the 60's I believe. He was a very strong rider and for many years held the record for the greatest number of Grand Tour Triples ridden. He also went on many tours with the club and was a perennial volunteer at the Grand Tour when he was no longer riding it. I wish I had taken more photos, but here is one I took of the group.



Besides being a nice remembrance of Frank, for me it turned out to be an opportunity to see a lot of cyclists I haven't seen in some time. From my old Rally days there was **Martha Rolley** and **Chris Hawley**. Former club members or members who don't ride any longer included **Jack & Marian Hallin**, **Ted & Bobbi Gold**, **Gail & Wally Flannigan**, **Cathy Schellhase**, **Jan Copley & Lou Steinhauer** and **Jim Burque**. I'm sure I have left a few out. It was nice catching up with everyone. Jim Burque is a past president of the club who moved up to the Bay Area. I did get a photo of him





It doesn't seem like he has aged at all.

**Halloween Ride:** Although our club did not have a Halloween ride, club treasurer **Ira Kuchek** got together with some friends for a costume ride and he sent me this photo



Ira is the tall one third from the right. I imagine it's hard to come up with a costume which still allows you to ride.

**Parting Shot.** Mel Cutler is in Japan, but he sent me this photo to show that he won't have to get lonely for local cuisine.



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