

Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report

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Hello All:

Sunday: Last Sunday we started in Newhall for "Action in Acton" which took us out to Acton and back. There were 6 riders and I took this photo at the start:



That's **Lee Meller, Jacques Stern, Rafal Karpinski** and **Sheila Szymanski**. **Gary Murphy** didn't make it into the photo and that's my shadow in the lower left. We all rode the long route. It was a beautiful fall day. There was a consistent headwind on the way out to Acton, but that became a very nice tailwind on the way back. Along the way we made our usual stop at Shambala - Tippi Hedren's wild animal refuge. We couldn't see any lions, as we usually do, but did spot this one tiger basking in the sun. Gary took this shot:



I took a photo of this "sculpture" which several of us had noticed before:



It's a jungle gym with a bunch of crows perched on it. It would appear to be a re-creation of a scene from Tippi Hedren's most famous movie -- "The Birds." The first time we saw it, I think we thought they were real birds, but since they are there every time we go by, I guess not.

We had lunch at the Halfway House Cafe, which appeared to have barely escaped the recent Santa Clarita fire. In the cafe they had two TVs going. One was showing a football game and the other appeared to be showing a movie. As I watched the movie, I realized that the scene I was watching

had been filmed at the Halfway House Cafe. But then a commercial came on and it also featured the Halfway House Cafe. Then it switched to an old episode of "Melrose Place" which was filmed at the Halfway House Cafe. Turns out they were running a compilation tape of all the clips featuring the cafe which have been made over the years. It is amazing how many times that place has appeared in film and TV.

One final thing about Sunday's ride. The ride out through Soledad Canyon follows a rail line and at one point the tracks go through a tunnel. I have always wanted to see a train going through that tunnel. Sunday Gary caught this train just as it emerged from the tunnel.



This Week: This Thursday is Thanksgiving and as usual we have our traditional Thanksgiving Day ride scheduled. Right now, it is not looking like the weather will be very good for the ride. On the off chance the forecast is totally wrong, it will be the usual ride from the "Corner" out to the Palisades and then down to the Marina for a break. I never make my final decision whether to ride or not until the morning of the ride, but if it's raining or there is a high percentage chance of rain during the day, I won't be there.

On Sunday we are scheduled to ride "Santa Anita Canyon" which starts in Alhambra. The weather for the weekend is uncertain, but more promising than on Thursday. The long route is a trip out the San Gabriel Valley and back while the medium is a much shorter route which simply goes up Santa Anita Canyon to Chantry Flats and back, but that is a significant climb. I hope to make the trip up to Chantry.

Meeting Minutes: Minutes for the meeting held November 21st are attached. Not a lot happened at the meeting, but we did set the date of the Holiday Party for Saturday, January 11, 2020, so SAVE THE DATE. This year the party will be returning to the home of **Kermit Ganier**.

Triple Dipper Annual Photo: Every year Manhattan Beach lines its pier with Christmas Trees and it seems like every year now, the Triple Dipper riders take a group photo with the trees. **Phil Whitworth** send me this year's photo. The little girl in front is the daughter of the person who took the photo for us.




Parting Shot: Mel Cutler was up in northern California last weekend where he did some riding and he spotted this sign. The sign may only say "No Trespassing -- This Means You," but somehow I think we know who it is meant for.



See You On The Road

Rod Doty, VP

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