

## Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report

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Hello All and Happy Holidays

**Last Sunday:** On Sunday we were down in Orange County for "Revel the Rollies III" Rain was due in late in the day, but I thought it looked like we could get the ride in before it showed up, so I drove down. Apparently almost no one else shared my optimism. There was only one other rider: **Rafal Karpinski**. I took his photo at the start



Rafal rode the long and I rode the medium. I was a bit concerned the rain might come in before I finished so I skipped lunch. But near the end it was clear the rain was hours off yet, so I detoured over to a favorite lunch spot of mine and had a nice lunch. When I got back, Rafal's car was gone already, so even riding the long, he beat me back. It really was a nice day. Riding alone, I didn't take many photos, but near the top of Laguna Canyon I stopped to take a picture of the sky just to prove we did have some blue sky during the day.



I had thought maybe riding through Laguna Beach would be busy since it was the last shopping weekend before Christmas and original artworks always make nice gifts, but actually traffic was less than on a summer Sunday. It's just a shame more riders didn't take the chance on the weather.

**Tomorrow:** Tomorrow is our annual Christmas Day ride. I had all but made up my mind it would be too rainy to ride, but I just now checked the forecast and they seem to be pushing the rain into the late afternoon. The morning and early afternoon are now listed as partly cloudy, which also means partly sunny. So, I'm going to wait until tomorrow morning before deciding. It's a nice ride through the empty streets of downtown LA and I hate to miss it. So, check the forecast in the morning and maybe I'll see you there.

**Sunday:** The weather is much more promising for the weekend. Our Sunday ride is "Life Begins at 8:30" The long and medium both head out to Malibu and inland on Malibu Canyon. At Mulholland, the long turns left to eventually return to the coast on Latigo while the medium turns right to return through the Valley and over Sepulveda. The short simply stays on the westside. This will probably be my last ride of the year and probably yours as well. So let's get together for one last good ride before we start the new decade. It will also be my first opportunity to view the fire damage along Mulholland and I am interested to see that.

**New Year's Day:** Although I will be sending out another report next Tuesday, I want to remind you now that next Wednesday on New Year's Day we will have our usual ride to the Rose Parade starting in Alhambra and our usual century rides starting out in Malibu. The Parade ride is really the best way to see the parade and centuries allow you to start your year off with a bang. So either way, it's a good day to ride with your club.

**Minutes of the Meeting:** Attached are the minutes of the meeting held last Thursday. We actually conducted a bit more business than usual, so you might want to check them out.

**Holiday Party:** Our annual holiday party (post holiday actually) will be Saturday, January 11th at the home of **Kermit Ganier** from 6 p.m. to 10. You should have already received the e-vite sent out yesterday. If you plan to attend, please RSVP through the e-vite. If you did not receive the invitation, let me know.

**Solstice Ride:** As they have the last few years, **Mel Cutler** and **David Nakai** rode the Winter Solstice Ride last Saturday. This is a 200K night ride which takes place on the longest night of the year. Mel sent me a few photos. The first is the group at the start



Mel is 4th from the left. I don't believe David is in the photo. As you can see, some of the riders had decorated their bikes with lights. Here's a photo of one of the more elaborately decorated bikes



**Parting Shot:** I took this photo on a ride a couple of weeks ago.




I can understand snowmen as holiday decorations, but this would seem to be a Yeti and I'm not sure what a Yeti has to do with the holidays.

Anyway, Happy Holidays to everyone in the club

See You On The Road

Rod Doty, VP

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