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## LA Wheelmen VP Report

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### Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report - January 7, 2020

Happy 2020 Everyone:

**January 1st:** On January 1st we had two rides. Out in Malibu we were riding our annual January 1st centuries. We had 8 riders. I was antsy and took off without taking the usual photo, but fortunately **Phil Whitworth** took one of the other 6 riders.



Of the 8, only 4 of us were club members and I didn't get the names of the others. The club members were **Rafal Karpinski** (4th from the left), **David Nakai** (on the left end), **Phil Whitworth** (taking the photo) and me (down the road). Two of the riders did the metric century and the rest of us did the full century. As you can see, we had great weather. David took a photo up in Oxnard which also shows what a nice day it was.



We didn't seem to have the usual tail wind coming back down the coast, but we all finished in good time. It was a great way to start the year.

Our other ride was the "Rose Parade Ride" which rode from Alhambra over to Pasadena to watch the Rose Parade. Apparently only two club members showed up for this one: **Gary Murphy** and **Jacques Stern**. I'm disappointed more don't show up for this ride. Gary sent me a few photos. The first is of Jacques and the second is Gary





This shows how close you can get to the floats before the parade starts.

**Sunday:** For our first regular Sunday ride of the year we were in Torrance for a ride east into Orange County. We had 6 riders. I took this photo at the start:



That's **Kit Gray**, **Jacques Stern**, **Phil Whitworth** and **Rafal Karpinski**. **David Nakai** joined us after the ride started. I believe we all did the long route which took us past Knott's Berry Farm. I took this photo as we went past the entrance.



It looked like they were still having holiday crowds there. We didn't stop there for lunch as we formerly did, but I wasn't real happy with the later lunch choices either. When I got home I re-routed the route to ride past a different lunch location which includes a Habit Burger as well as other options. Should be better the next time we do this ride. However, I just read in the paper today that Habit Burger is being bought by a large conglomerate, so who knows if we will still be liking it as much in the future.

**This Sunday:** Sunday we will be riding "Viva San Fernando" which starts from the "Corner." These are fairly basic routes which go out to the Valley and return (long & medium) while the short tours the west side. These should be easy enough that you can ride them even after attending the club holiday party the night before. I hope to see a lot of you there.

**Holiday Party:** Speaking of the Holiday Party, this is my last chance to remind you that it will be this Saturday from 6 to 10 at the home of **Kermit Ganier** in Malibu. It's not too late to decide to come. It's an enjoyable evening of socializing with club members, many of which you don't get to see very often. And there's food!! and probably cake!! How can you pass it up?

**Death Valley Century:** In November, **Rafal Karpinski** rode the Death Valley Century and he sent me a short write up of his experience along with a number of photos. I have attached it as a pdf file. It is well worth your looking at it. The amazing

thing to me is that after riding this century in Death Valley on a Saturday, he drove back and showed for the club ride on Sunday.

**Century Challenge:** For those who participate in the club's Century Challenge where members track the number of centuries and metric centuries they ride during the year, the new input sheets for recording your 2020 rides are up and running. You can view current results here: <http://www.lawheelmen.org/los-angeles-wheelmen-century-challenge/>

If you haven't participated in this in the past and would like to, contact **Hoy Quan** at [hoyquan@yahoo.com](mailto:hoyquan@yahoo.com) and he will set up the input sheet for you so that you can add your centuries to the totals.

I don't really have the usual parting shot tonight, but I look forward to seeing a lot of you at the party this Saturday.

See You On The Road

Rod Doty, VP

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