

Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report

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Hello All:

**Saturday:** Last Saturday we held a "leap day" century. **Phil Whitworth** sent me this photo from the start, so it would appear there were only 3 riders, but I'm not sure,



I didn't really hear much about the ride, but **Gary Murphy** sent me this photo of a refinery on the route where only days earlier there had been a fire. He wasn't sure if the plume of smoke was from the fire, or just steam from normal operations.



**Sunday:** On Sunday we held our 75th Anniversary Installation. It started with a short ride. **Thomas Knoll** sent me this photo from the start. Counting Thomas, it would appear there were 7 riders.



They were joined on the route by **Chris Hedberg** who rode from home. There was only one route, but there was an optional climb up to the Baldwin Hills Overlook which some did and others didn't.

The big event of course was the lunch and installation. I believe we had 48 past and current members in attendance which was really great. After a fine Chinese lunch catered by the Ms Chi Cafe in Culver City, we gathered for the group photo. I'm going to save that photo for the cover of the next Schedule, but I have to say it's more gray hair in one photo than I think I have ever seen. One of the events was the installation of officers. **Tad Daley** sent me this photo of that.



All the officers were present except **Mel Cutler**. **Hoy Quan** gave out the awards for the century challenge. I don't have that list but I'll get it for next week. However, he did give a special award to **Renee Sands** who has ridden at least one century each month since the century challenge was created many years ago. I'm not sure of the numbers but I think it is something like 160 consecutive monthly centuries. We also gave out a few special awards, The member present who has been a member the longest went to **Lavern Boethling**. Here is a photo of her (from Tad Daley)



The award for the person who traveled the farthest to attend the lunch was **Ira Kuceck** who came up from Balboa Island. Tad, who until recently lived in the Washington DC area, would have won that easily but he admitted that he had moved back here several months ago. An award for the most enthusiastic new member went to **Rafi Karpinski**. Since joining, he has hardly missed a single ride. The big award of the day was of course the Jack Flynn Award. This went to **Mel Cutler** who wasn't there to receive it, I'll try to get a photo of him with the trophy at a later time, The day was capped off with cake, The club extends its thanks to **Nancy Domjanovich** who took the lead in organizing the day's events,

**Next Sunday:** This Sunday is our century and metric century of the month for March. We will be riding the "Laguna Canyon Century." These are fairly easy centuries which travel from Torrance down to Laguna (century) or Long Beach (metric) and back. Not a lot of climbing on either route, I always

enjoyed this route -- I wish I were going to be there.

**Ride Information:** The organizers of the annual "Finish the Ride" have asked us to pass along information on their upcoming event in Griffith Park. They offer routes from 9 to 50 miles. Information on this event is attached,

**Parting Shot:** Phil Whitworth sent me this photo from last Saturday's ride taken at the railroad tracks which took me down and broke my arm. I accused him of trying to give me nightmares, but actually I look forward to the day when I can ride across those tracks again.



Still Healing,

Rod Doty, VP

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