

APRIL SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 5 - 8:30 a.m. LONG BEACH BOOGIE (Long 64 mi & 2700 ft Medium 54 mi & 1600 ft, Short 34 mi & 600 ft) We scheduled this one just last February but it got rained out and rather than wait almost two years for its turn in the queue, I thought I would run it again this month. As I said in February, I used to schedule this ride mostly in the summer because it starts in Long Beach and it would be cooler at the beach in the summer. But actually, despite starting in Long Beach, these routes don't spend much time near the beach. In fact the long route heads inland all the way to Brea Canyon where in the summer it could be very hot. So maybe it's not so bad that we are riding these routes early in the year. The long and medium riders head up Coyote creek almost 10 miles all the way to Santa Fe Springs. The long then makes a long loop over to Brea and around back to Santa Fe Springs. This includes a significant climb over Colima and a climb on Pathfinder. The medium skips this loop but still does a climb over West Road and East Road. The two routes come back together for lunch. We have to spend some time in Long Beach in order to justify the name of the ride, so before returning to the start, there is a short loop in Long Beach. The short gets off Coyote Creek a little earlier than the other two routes and tours northern Orange County on its way back to the start. But don't worry if we don't get to the actual beach today. We'll have plenty of opportunity for that throughout the summer. **START: EL DORADO PARK in Long Beach.** From San Diego Frwy (405), off & North/East on Studebaker 1 mi. to Park. Park in Library lot on right just before Spring St.

Sunday, April 12 - 8:30 a.m. FUNNY BUNNY EASTER RIDE. (Long 44 mi & 1900 ft; Medium 34 mi & 1300 ft; Short 25 mi & 500 ft) You might be wondering what's so funny about the bunny in the title of this ride. Well actually nothing – but there used to be. Once upon a time the route sheets for these routes were written in “Elmer Fudd-ese” (as in “wight” and “weft” turns etc.) I guess this was in reference to Bugs Bunny, although Bugs has little to do with Easter. I think the directions were also backwards – “R” for left and “L” for right – just to make following the route more fun. Somewhere along the way these little route quirks disappeared but the ride is still fun and we have kept the title. Today is Easter and these are our traditional Easter routes. There is nothing particularly “Easter” about them except that they are short allowing you to get home early for other festivities if you like. The routes head down to the Marina for brunch where we can dine al fresco and soak in the rays. The long and medium do a few small hills in Beverly Hills first (nothing real bad) before heading south to the Marina. The short skips the hills. The long takes an extra loop on the return for a couple of more hills and some extra miles. Come on out. Maybe someone will bring some marshmallow Peeps. **START: THE CORNER, Olympic Blvd, 1 block west of La Cienega in Beverly Hills.** From the Santa Monica Frwy (10), off & north La Cienega 1 miles, L - Olympic 1 block to R- Le Doux.

Sunday, April 19, 8:00 a.m & 9:00 a.m.. A WHALE OF A CENTURY (full century - 104 mi & 2400 ft; metric century – 63 mi. & 2000 ft). For those who wish to continue their string of monthly centuries, we are continuing to offer a century and metric century of the month. This was originally intended to be a training ride this year, but we have now scheduled it as a Sunday ride. The full century is very flat with long stretches with no stop signs, so it's a fairly fast and easy century. The route runs from Camarillo up to Santa Barbara and back. It gets its name because it makes a loop to view the huge whale skeleton on display at the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History. It rides along the coast much of the time, which accounts for it being relatively flat. The profile shows 5 distinct hills, but 4 are only about 200 feet each and one tops out at about 300 feet. It uses a lot of bike paths along the way which eliminates the stop signs. The metric century rides the center portion of the full century. This gives you the best portion of the full century and with the later start time, a chance to still ride with the full century riders. Starting in Ventura, it joins the full century route up to Santa Barbara and back to Ventura. It still does the bulk of the climbing of the full century. **NOTE** the two separate start locations and start times. **START (Full Century – 8:00 a.m.): VALLE LINDO PARK IN CAMARILLO.** Take the 101 Frwy North to Camarillo and exit north on Carmen Dr. Left on Ponderosa Dr & Right on Valle Lindo Dr to park. Park where Valle Lindo Dr curves left. **START (Metric Century – 9:00 a.m.) PARKING LOT NEAR MISSION PARK IN VENTURA** Take 101 Frwy to Ventura and exit at California St. Go 1 block north to a left on Santa Clara St. Go 4 blocks west to parking lot on the right opposite Junipero St.

Thursday, April 23 7:00 p.m. MONTHLY MEMBERS MEETING. NOTE that we are meeting on the 4th Thursday instead of the usual 3rd. Last month, due to the Coronavirus, we didn't hold an in-person meeting – we teleconferenced instead. We will probably be doing that again this month. Information regarding this will be sent out via the weekly e-mail to club members. If by chance things have returned to normal by late April, here is the normal meeting information: We have another new host this month – **Howard Wedin.** Howard has been a member of the club a couple of years now and has been a regular rider on the Thursday Triple Dipper ride, so if you only ride with us on Sunday, you may not have met him. Here's your chance. A new host, but the meeting remains the same. We will do the usual preparation of schedules for mailing and hold a business meeting. The Grand Tour is only months

away so we will probably be discussing that. Our ongoing 75th Anniversary celebration will also be discussed. As usual we will have refreshments. So why not join us. **PLACE: 4424 Westlawn Ave., Los Angeles 90066.** This is on the Northeast corner of Short Ave & Westlawn Ave in West Los Angeles. From the San Diego Frwy, go west on Culver Blvd about 1 mile to a right on Centinela Ave. Go about 3 blocks to a left on Short Ave and 2 blocks to Westlawn. Meeting night directions: **(310) 261-2907**

Sunday, April 26 - 8:30 a.m. RESEDA PARK - PHASE I (Long 83 mi & 4900 ft, Medium 57 mi & 4300 ft, Short 28 mi & 700 ft) This is one of the earliest club rides I ever did and it's still one of my favorites. By the time this date rolls around, it will have been a little over two months since I broke my arm. I have some hope I might be back on the bike by then. The question is whether I will be back in shape for today's climbs. And there are definitely some climbs today. Both the long and medium head out to Santa Clarita for lunch, but the long gets there by the long climb up and over Little Tujunga (nothing little about it) while the medium heads out the old road – a climb either way. Both return back over the Old Road (another climb). Both routes have an optional climb up Kagel Canyon although they do it in opposite directions. There are other options which allow you to customize these routes to your taste. Of course there is always the short route which stays in the San Fernando Valley for a relatively flat ride. Possibly I'll be ready for that. So come on out. I hope I'll see you there. **START: Reseda Park - Reseda & Victory Blvds in the San Fernando Valley** From Ventura Frwy (101), off and north on Reseda, right on Victory one block to park.