

MAY SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 3 - 8:30 a.m. HUNTINGTON BEACH GO-ROUND (Long 71 mi & 1100 feet, Medium 58 mi & 700 ft, Short 37mi & 500 ft) The title "Huntington Beach Go-Round" makes me think of a merry-go-round. When you ride a merry-go-round you go round and round and up and down so I was wondering if this ride matched that description. I took a look at the maps and profiles of these routes and I really have to say not so much. There is a little looping around in Long Beach and the long route makes a loop around the Back Bay in Newport Beach, but mostly I would describe these routes as and out-and-back from Long Beach down to Huntington – not round and round. And of course there are some hills, but none of them climb much more than 100 feet. At only about 1000 feet of climbing in 71 miles, the long is one of the flattest routes we have. So I wouldn't really describe these routes as going up and down. So I don't know where they got the name for this ride. The long and the medium are the same except the long extends the trip south all the way to Newport and the Back Bay. The short is similar to the medium but doesn't go quite as far south in Huntington Beach. All return back along the coast on PCH which is usually a fast run. Even if the ride doesn't go round and round or up and down, it still could be "merry." So join us for a merry ride today. **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, May 10 - 8:30 a.m. CAL POLY BY GOLLY (Long 65 mi & 3300 ft, Medium 45 mi & 2600 ft, Short 29 mi & 1200 ft) All routes today head over to the Cal Poly Campus. The last time we rode this one it was October and near the campus the hills were covered with pumpkins and people buying them. It's May and those hills are more likely to be covered with flowers, but probably no crowds of people to buy them. It's spring, so maybe the farm animals at the mini-farm on campus will be out frolicking in the new grass. The long and medium stay together over to the college and then on to Puddingstone reservoir. The long splits off at this point to do a loop taking them over Carbon Canyon and Brea Canyon while the medium heads more directly back to the start. The short takes a fairly direct route to the college and back. All in all, these should be some nice routes for a spring day. **START: PUENTE HILLS MALL in Industry.** From the Pomona Frwy (60), off and south on Azusa Avenue. L - on Colima and L into Mall Parking lot. We park on top of the rise near Colima (away from Mall buildings) and immediately across from Shabaram County Park. **NOTE:** New construction where we used to park will prevent our using that lot, but it appears there is still some parking immediately to the east or immediately below where we used to park.

Sunday, May 17 – 8:00 a.m. LOOKING FOR LEONA CENTURY (century 101 mi & 6800 ft, metric century 65 mi & 5400 ft) Again this month we are offering a century and metric century of the month for those who wish to continue to participate in the Century Challenge. Today's routes were originally scheduled as a training ride but have now been moved to a Sunday. These are nice routes if you want to get away from it all but without driving very far to get to the start. It starts at nearby Reseda Park in the Valley, but takes us all the way out to Leona Valley and back. Along the way we ride two picturesque canyons – San Francisquito Canyon and Bouquet Canyon. Leona Valley itself is a tiny town consisting of not much more than a gas station and café. We start by riding over to Santa Clarita via the Old Road. Then the route will take us up San Francisquito Canyon all the way to Lake Elizabeth Road. After a stop in Leona Valley, we will ride Bouquet Canyon back down. The long climb up San Francisquito is the big climb of the day, but there are plenty of lesser climbs too. The long downhill on Bouquet Canyon is fun, but there are a couple more short hills near the end including going back over the Newhall Pass to the Valley. The metric century starts at a different location. This is to allow metric century riders to ride the best portion of the full century route, we will be starting the metric century from Santa Clarita and riding the century route up San Francisquito and down Bouquet. **FULL CENTURY 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. **METRIC CENTURY START: PARK & RIDE LOT on Newhall Ave. near Sierra Hwy in Newhall.** From the I-5 north take the 14 Frwy east for 2 miles and exit at Newhall Ave. Park & Ride lot is at bottom of ramp to the southeast. Toilets available at nearby Carl's.

Thursday, May 21 – 7:00 p.m. MONTHLY MEMBERS MEETING. This month we may still be holding our meetings by teleconference, but if not, we return to a host who has hosted the meeting many times before -- **Gary Murphy.** He knows the drill very well. We will fold, seal and label schedules for mailing and hold a meeting. Next month will be the Grand Tour, if it hasn't been cancelled because of Covid-19. We will no doubt be discussing that. Of course there will be refreshments. So hopefully we'll be holding in-person meetings again. There's nothing like human contact – it is a social club after all. So why not show up tonight and take part in running your club. **PLACE:** 6364 West 85th Place, Westchester. From the San Diego Frwy, off and West on Howard Hughes Pkwy., L on Sepulveda to a R on Manchester, R on Kentwood Ave (1st R) and immediate R on 85th Place to 6364. Meeting night directions: **(310) 641-7719.**

Sunday, May 24 - 8:30 a.m. VALLEY RALLY (Long 50 mi. & 3500 ft; Medium with hill, 40 mi & 1700 ft; Medium without hill, 42 mi & 1100 ft; Short 33 mi & 1200 ft.) We often ride four different major valleys in Southern California – San Fernando, San Gabriel, Simi and Santa Clarita. So the title of this ride is a bit ambiguous. To clear things up, today we will be riding the San Gabriel Valley. Maybe we should have a set of 4 rides: “Valley Rally – San Fernando,” “Valley Rally – Simi” etc. We could do this just by changing the names of a few existing rides. Well, that’s a matter for another day. All routes today ride the same area in the San Gabriel Valley, but don’t stick together much. All routes head east from Whittier. The Long makes it all the way to Pomona and then returns via Diamond Bar Blvd and Brea Cutoff to Industry for lunch. After lunch it’s a quick hop over Turnbull back to the start. The two mediums head to Industry to join the Longs for lunch (probably beating them there) either by going over Turnbull or around it. They both make an easy return. The Short doesn’t go quite as far east as the mediums before returning to Whittier. The only major hill today on any of the routes is Turnbull and that’s not really so bad. However, the medium does it going out and the long hits it coming back. So come on out and rally in the San Gabriel. **START: Sorensen Park in Whittier** From 605 Frwy, off and east on Washington 0.5 mi. to left on Broadway to Park on right.

Sunday, May 31 - 8:30 a.m. NORTH ORANGE COUNTY TREK (Long 70 mi & 2800 ft, Medium 53 mi & 2600 ft, Short 41 mi & 1800 ft) Today’s ride may start and end in North Orange County but we spend a good portion of the day in Riverside County. There was a time when this would mean miles of rough roads, but not so much any longer. The houses are going up and the dairy farms are disappearing and the roads are being repaved. Two years ago there were still a few cows out there, but there are no guarantees they are still there now. I’m sad to see all this open land turning into housing developments, but at least the repaved roads are nice. As the ride name implies, we start in Orange County. Both the long and medium head east through Santa Ana Canyon to Corona The long continues east all the way to the edge of Riverside. The long then makes an interesting loop back through places such as Norco (where horses seem to outnumber cars) to rejoin the medium route for lunch in Chino Hills. The two routes return together through Carbon Canyon, finally re-entering Orange County on the downhill side of that canyon. The short stays in Orange County as it heads to Yorba Linda and the Santa Ana Canyon area before returning. Having grown up on a dairy farm I still like seeing the cows. I hope there are still a few left. **START: CHAPMAN PARK in Fullerton.** From the Orange Frwy (57) off and west on Chapman, L - Commonwealth, L - San Carlos to Park.