

Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report

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Hello All:

Last Sunday: Last Sunday was our century of the month -- The "Whale of a Century." I believe we had 5 riders -- **Jacques Stern, Gary Murphy, Rafi Karpinski, Phil Whitworth** and **David Nakai**. I had several reports. It doesn't sound like they stuck together much, but did see each other at some point on the route. David actually rode from home with an added trip over Casitas Pass to make his day around 200 miles. Fortunately the bike paths along the coast north of Ventura were open so the ride was able to be completed as planned. It sounds as if they had a decent tail wind coming back down the coast, which is always nice.

Jacques and Gary both sent me photos (taken by both of them) Here they are at the whale:



The museum was closed, but the whale was still accessible. David sent me a photo of Lake Casitas.



Despite all the recent rain, it doesn't look all that full.

Other Rides: With the bike paths closed and some of the usual regrouping points inaccessible, the Thursday Triple Dippers had to come up with an alternate route, but it still looks like they had a decent turn-out. **Phil Whitworth** sent me this photo of the group in Hermosa



Mel Cutler and **Dale Aaronson** rode the Pioma trainer last week. Mel sent me this photo from part way up the Pioma climb. Not sure if the cyclist down below is Dale or just some other rider. One thing I always liked about the Pioma climb is that there are several points where you can look down on where you have just been. It gives you a sense of accomplishment.



Finally, once again **Thomas Knoll** did his own ride in the Santa Monica Mountains. This time he rode Mulholland Hwy down the hill to the Rock Store. This section has been closed since the Woolsey Fire (a year and a half ago), but Thomas sent me a photo that shows that not only can cyclists still ride this portion of the highway, but apparently they are officially approved (at their own risk).



Thomas reported that there is a small section where the road has been repaired with gravel -- Not a problem for a bicycle, but possibly dangerous to motor vehicles speeding down the hill. It's rare that you see this kind of common sense exception made for cyclists when roads are closed.


Next Week: This Sunday, the scheduled ride is "Reseda Park - Phase I" The long and medium both ride out to Santa Clarita and back. The long does this via a trip over Little Tujunga. I've always enjoyed this climb and I don't think you have to worry about social distancing on the climb. It usually spreads the riders out all by itself.

Meeting: Last Thursday we held the monthly club meeting -- once again by conference call. The minutes are attached. Not a lot was discussed, but it was revealed that the Tour de France has been postponed to the fall. I thought it would probably just be cancelled.

Parting Shot: Here is a photo from **Gary Murphy** that I forgot to include last week. Lots of people go crazy decorating for Christmas or Halloween, but not so many for Easter.



Wishing I were seeing you on the road:

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