

## Revised VP Report

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### Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report - May 12, 2020

Hello All

**Last Sunday:** Last Sunday we were riding "Cal Poly by Golly." It sounds like there were 6 riders. **Phil Whitworth** took this photo at the start:



From left to right: **David Nakai** (who I wouldn't recognize except for the bike), **Rafi Karpinski**, **Russ Brynes**, and **Ben King**. **Kit Gray** showed up a little late and took this selfie





Kit did the short, Russ did the medium and the rest did the long. Kit sent me some photos from the Cal Poly campus including this one of a Kapok tree. I wasn't familiar with this tree, but apparently it has pods that burst open into balls of fluff. (There is an unburst pod on the left) Seems kind of neat.



David also sent me a few photos including this one of social distancing markers for an ATM. I think Wells Fargo has an inflated idea of how long the lines at the ATM get.





**Other Rides:** As usual, the Thursday Triple Dipper ride drew a good number of riders. **Mel Cutler** sent this photo of the group at their break at the Yellow Vase in Golden Cove. He commented that they took up almost all the available space at the restaurant.





**Mel and Dale Aaronson** also did a Saturday ride. This time they went up San Dimas Canyon. Here is a selfie of the two of them and a shot of the San Dimas Reservoir.



I don't believe I've ever seen the San Dimas Reservoir. Looks nice.

**Next Week:** Next Sunday is our monthly century and metric century. This time we will be riding "Looking for Leona" which takes us out to the tiny town of Leona Valley. The highlights of the ride are the long climb up San Francisquito Canyon and then down Bouquet Canyon. The century starts in the San Fernando Valley while the metric starts in Santa Clarita. That way they both ride the center portion of the ride which includes the highlights I mentioned above. The first time I rode this one, I wasn't so crazy about it, but I've ridden it 3 times now and it has grown on me. Come see what you think.

**Road Report:** Mel Cutler reports that Forest Lawn Drive near Griffith Park is currently roughed up in preparation for re-paving. Hard to say how long before the re-paving is done. It is usually not much more than a couple of weeks.

**Big Month:** The Strava report for **Rafi Karpinski's** riding in April was forwarded to me. For April he rode 26 days for a total of 1736 miles and a total elevation gain of 52,946 feet. Pretty amazing!! I would guess he is not working due to the pandemic and is making good use of his time. I haven't worked in years, but I've never had a month like that. Congratulations.

**Parting Shot:** Here is a photo sent to me by **Gary Murphy** from the Yellow Vase in Palos Verdes.

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He speculates that it's not a misspelling, but a clever way to say that you must be wearing a mask to use the restroom.

See You On the Road (soon)

Rod Doty, VP