

Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report

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Hello All:

Sunday: On Sunday the scheduled ride was "North Orange County Trek." There were 7 riders and as usual, **Phil Whitworth** took this shot at the start:

From the left: **Gary Murphy** (maintaining social distancing) **David Nakai**, **Rafi Karpinski**, **Nancy Domjanovich**, **Chris Hedberg** and **Ben King** (throwing caution to the wind). I had reports from Nancy, Phil and David. Gary did the medium route and the rest did the long. Sounds like they had a good day with only a couple of minor mechanical problems. Two commented on the lateness of the lunch. I'll have to look into that. Here is another photo Phil sent of the riders on the bike path along the Santa Ana River near Green River.



As requested, Phil sent a photo of some of the cows, so I guess there is still at least one dairy farm out there.



He also sent this photo of some pigs which he took near Norco.



We also had hogs on our farm when I was a kid, but they weren't like these. I've never seen any with shaggy hair like that.

Other Rides: Didn't really get any photos from other rides this week. **Mel Cutler** and **Dale Aaronson** did their usual Saturday trainer, but they simply rode last Sunday's "Valley Rally" and didn't take any photos worth sharing. **David Nakai** usually adds some miles riding to the ride and this past Sunday he stopped at a couple of doughnut shops. He sent me this photo of one of them:



That's got to be one of the best stocked doughnut shops I've ever seen.

Next Week: This Sunday we will be riding "Honolulu For Lunch" which starts in Monterey Park and heads to Montrose (Honolulu Blvd). The long and medium take a roundabout way to Montrose while the short heads there directly. The long makes an extra loop up and over La Tuna Canyon and returns back through Eagle Rock while the short and medium make a more direct return. These are nice routes and the 3 routes give you a good choice of difficulty.

Grand Tour: Although I reported last week that we had decided not to hold the Grand Tour this year as a self-supported event, that decision has now been reversed. If you want to ride the Grand Tour this year, you will be able to ride it on your own (or in small groups) any time during a specified period. You will submit your Strava track for credit. Many other doubles are doing this, so it was decided the Grand Tour might as well do it too. I assume details will be available on the club web site when available.

Proposition: I have a proposition for some of you. I plan to return to riding with the club on Sundays in two weeks -- June 14th. But for the first few weeks, I plan on only riding the short route. I think there may be some of you who would like to start riding with the club again, but you don't because you know the riders who show up for the Sunday rides usually do either the long or medium routes and you don't think you are ready for that. Rarely does anyone do the short route, and you don't want to show up and ride alone. So, for a few weeks, why not join me on the short route. By the time I'm ready to graduate to the medium or long routes, maybe you will be too. Give it some thought -- it might be an easy way to get back into cycling with the club.

Parting Shot: This week's parting shot is courtesy of **Mel Cutler**. I'm not sure where he spotted this unusually specific sign:

PLEASE DO
NOT PUT SAND
IN DRINKING
FOUNTAIN

POR FAVOR NO
PONER ARENA
EN LA FUENTE
DE TOMAR AGUA

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It brings up lots of questions. Why would people put sand in a drinking fountain? Had there actually been a problem with people putting sand in the drinking fountain? And, as Mel pointed out -- Does this mean you can put other things in the drinking fountain?

See You On The Road (in two weeks)

Rod Doty, VP