

Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report

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Hello All:

Sunday: Last Sunday we were riding the "Oak Ridge Rides" which were our monthly century and metric century. A half century and quarter century route were also available. **Kit Gray** took a photo at the start with his 360 degree camera. Here is a slice of the total photo.



To see the entire photo, go to this link and click on the photo and then use your cursor to rotate the photo.

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/rriJLWJKYYdSBQsZ7>

Starting with Kit (in orange) and rotating around counter clockwise that's **David Nakai, Jacques Stern, Rafi Karpinski, Russ Brynes** and **Mario**. According to David, who sent in a report, **Phil Whitworth** was also on the ride, but had started early. There was a split between the various routes, but I'm not sure how many did which routes. David reported overcast skies, which is usually good on a long ride. They had the usual headwinds as they went towards the coast, but that meant tailwinds on the way back. I didn't get photos from the ride, but here is a shot David took of his breakfast (from 7-11) before the ride began.



Other Rides. As usual the Thursday Triple Dippers had another good showing. **Phil Whitworth** took this photo at one of the re-grouping points at the top of the hill just before entering the Palos Verdes peninsula. I count 12 (including Phil)



Mel Cutler and **Dale Aaronson** again rode a Saturday trainer. This time they went up to Mount Wilson. The Cosmic Cafe at the top remains closed, so this is a challenging ride food-wise. Fortunately, at least water was available at Red Box. Here is a shot of the observatory from near the top of the climb.



Next Week: Next Sunday we will be riding "The Amazing Maze." These routes start in Tustin and all head to the "World's Best Hamburger" in Yorba Linda. The long takes a roundabout route through Santiago Canyon while the Medium and Short takes shorter routes. They all ride the "maze" portion of the route in Villa Park on the return, but that's not so much the highlight of the ride as I think it once was. I haven't gotten either of my bikes back yet,

but expect one this week. Nonetheless, I don't want to commit to attending these rides without being sure. So, I might be there and I might not. If I make it, I will be riding the short route.

Meeting: We held our monthly meeting last Thursday. The minutes of that meeting are attached. This month, we did what the entire country seems to be doing now -- we held the meeting on Zoom. I thought it went very well. I was only using the iPhone app, which has some limitations due to screen size, but even so, it was nice to be able to see everyone in the meeting (on the iPhone, you have to swipe right or left to see everyone). We have already agreed that next month's meeting will be on Zoom as well. So, download the app (it's free) and get ready to join the meeting next month. I have a still photo from the meeting, but I think I will hold it and put it on the cover of the schedule going out later this week.

Parting Shot: Not humorous as I usually like, but here is a shot Mel sent me of a Yucca in bloom from his ride to Mount Wilson. It reminded me that this time of year the Yuccas are always in bloom. I remember once a number of years ago after a fire had burned much of the San Gabriel Canyon, the flowering Yuccas (which apparently are very capable of surviving a fire) were the only bright spots of color dotting the canyon as we rode through.



Hope to See You On the Road Soon

Rod Doty, VP

