

SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE

Sunday, September 6 - 8:30 a.m. ORANGE THRILL AT REDHILL (Long 62 mi & 2700 ft, Medium 42 mi & 1700 ft, Short 27 mi & 800 ft) Tomorrow is Labor Day so we are in the midst of a holiday weekend. There was a time when many in the club would spend the 3-day weekend riding up to Ventura on Saturday, riding in the Ventura area on Sunday and then riding home on Monday. It was a lot of fun. But fewer and fewer people participated until one year I think there were only two of us. So we quit doing it. I suppose even if we were still doing it now, we might cancel it this year due to the pandemic. Anyway, to celebrate your 3-day weekend this year, we will be riding some fairly easy rides in Orange County today. The long and medium both head southeast from Tustin, staying together for the first 17 miles. The long goes all the way down to Capistrano and Dana Point before heading back to the start. The medium doesn't go quite that far, turning around in Laguna Niguel. The long has lunch in Dana Point while the medium stops in Old Town Irvine for lunch on the return. The short pretty much follows the medium route, but only goes as far as Lake Forest before returning. It too stops in Old Town Irvine for lunch. These are all pleasant routes with only some moderate hills, so it's a perfect way to spend the middle of your Labor Day weekend. It's the traditional end of summer, so let's make it a good one. **START: PINE TREE PARK in TUSTIN.** From Santa Ana Frwy (I-5) in Tustin, off & east on Redhill, L- Bryan one block to park.

Sunday, September 13 - 8:30 a.m. IVANS RIDE (Long 46 mi & 3200 ft, Medium 42 mi & 2500 ft, Short 34 mi & 1500 ft) When I see the name "Ivan" I often think of Ivan the Terrible. Supposedly the "terrible" part was an English translation of a word that meant "inspires terror" and not that he was really a horrible person. But I just read a little about him and he was clearly not a very nice guy. But even if you are reminded of Ivan the Terrible by the name of this ride, I want to assure you that these routes are *not* terrible. Actually, today's routes were originated as a memorial ride for Ivan Gazdik, a member who passed away in 1979. They all head out to the Valley. All routes head over Sepulveda although the long makes a death defying plunge down Encino Hills Dr.(which might inspire terror). All routes also ride along the "Great Wall of Los Angeles" which is the mural painted along the wall of the Tujunga Wash in the Valley. After viewing the mural, the routes meet for lunch in the East Valley. The short makes a relatively easy return over Cahuenga while the long and medium return up Mulholland and down Deep Canyon/Benedict back to the start. Nothing so terrible about all that. The routes are all short so you can take your time on the climbs. Why not join us. **START: THE CORNER, Olympic Blvd, 1 block west of La Cienega in Beverly Hills.** From the Santa Monica Frwy (10), off & north La Cienega 1 miles, L - Olympic 1 block to R- Le Doux.

Thursday, September 17 – 7:00 p.m. MONTHLY MEMBERS MEETING. Things are starting to get better, but I'm not sure we will resume in-person meetings until there is a vaccine. Maybe sooner, but I wouldn't put money on it. The Zoom meetings are working pretty well anyway. In any case, we will once again be meeting via Zoom again tonight. You should really consider joining us. No need to drive anywhere. You don't even need to wear shoes (or pants for that matter). And if you don't want others to see your home, Zoom allows you to substitute a different background. So why not "come" to the meeting. Not sure what will be on the agenda since most our plans have been shot to hell by Covid-19. Last month we had very little to talk about, but there is always a little gossip and that can be fun. If you would like to join the meeting, contact **Mel Cutler** at cutlerme@earthlink.net for the necessary information. We look forward to *seeing* you at the meeting.

Sunday, September 20, 7:30 a.m. EAST ROAD, WEST ROAD, ALL AROUND DOWNTOWN (CLOCKWISE) (Century 96 mi & 2500 ft, Metric Century 63 mi & 1600 ft) **(NOTE EARLIER START TIME)** This is the official century and metric century of the month for September. The last time we did these routes, I cut my hand in a minor accident, but it just would not quit bleeding. It's a wonder I wasn't faint from blood loss by the end of the ride. I'm not sure I will be welcome back at the Habit Burger in Whittier after the way I messed up their bathroom. Well, I shouldn't dwell on bad memories when describing a ride. These are actually fairly nice routes for urban centuries. Both routes make a loop through downtown with the long extending the circle all the way out to ride East Road and West Road in La Habra Heights. Both routes start in Culver City and first head downtown to ride through the heart of

the city in the early morning hours. You ride along Broadway and can see all the old theaters that line that street. Then it's on to Alhambra and West Covina. The metric skips the loop along East Road and West Road, but joins the full century in Whittier for lunch. From lunch, the full century makes a longer return to the south while the metric century makes a more direct return going back through downtown. The full century includes a couple of moderate climbs which the metric misses. These are Brea Canyon Cutoff and Fullerton Road as well as the hills along East Road and West Road. After lunch, the return on both routes is fairly flat. These are distinctly urban centuries, but you will be surprised at how nice much of it is. East Road and West Road are always fun. Come join us and see for yourself. If we are still wearing masks in September, they probably won't recognize me at the Habit Burger, so I should be OK. **START: CARLSON PARK** in Culver City. From San Diego Frwy, off and east on either Culver or Washington (careful--neither exit actually put you directly on those streets). Right on Overland and Left on Braddock a few blocks to park. We will meet near the restrooms. (Check parking signs around park – if you drive, you may need to park a block away.)

Sunday, September 27 - 8:30 a.m. RESEDA PARK - PHASE II (Long 61 mi & 2600 ft; Medium 51 mi & 2200 ft; Short 32 mi & 800 ft) We have a Christmas ride and an Easter ride but I've always thought it a little unfair we don't have rides for other religions and their holidays. I notice that Yom Kippur starts at sunset tonight so maybe we could consider this a Yom Kippur ride. And since the holiday doesn't really start until tonight, riding during the day shouldn't interfere with any observances. Of course, I'm not actually that familiar with the holiday and maybe a holiday ride isn't really appropriate. So I guess you can consider this a holiday ride if you want, but otherwise it's just one of our usual Sunday rides. All routes start in Reseda and basically head west. The longer the route – the further west it goes. The short simply goes as far as the west valley for lunch and returns. Both the long and medium routes go further west through Santa Susana pass to Simi Valley. The medium has lunch in Simi and then returns back over the pass. The long also goes to Simi but continues west all the way to Moorpark for lunch before returning. The long also adds a trip through Box Canyon on the way to Simi which is interesting, but includes a steep climb. So, plenty of options and you get home well before sunset. **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.