

Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report

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Hello All:

Sunday: Last Sunday we were riding our monthly century and metric century -- "East Road, West Road, All Around Downtown" -- which I think is the longest title for a ride we have. The smoke had cleared and the temperature had fallen so at last we had a good day to ride. There were 8 riders at the start which is a pretty good number for a century. **Phil Whitworth** took this photo:



From left to right: Nancy Domjanovich, Hoy Quan, David Nakai, Gary Murphy, Jacques Stern and me. Rafal Karpinski showed up after the photo was taken. The group was later joined by Rhonda Earick. At lunch Phil took this selfie of Rhonda and himself.



David took this photo at the top of Pathfinder (the highest point on the ride)



That's Rafi on the left, so now I think I've included everyone on the ride in one of the photos. Hoy cut off early. Jacques and I did the metric century while the rest did the full century. Before the two routes split, we all rode through downtown. Here are a couple of photos of that. The first is from Gary and the second is from Phil



Both groups had lunch at a Habit Burger in Whitter, but two different locations. Just shows you how ubiquitous Habit Burger is becoming. I can't speak for the century riders, but I had a good day. It was getting warm at lunch, but the route back took us back towards the coast and I could feel it getting cooler the closer I got to the end.

Other rides: On Saturday Mel Cutler and Dale Aaronson rode a brevet which took them out to Fillmore and back. I think only Mel was doing the ride for RUSA credit and Dale was just along for the ride. Mel sent this photo taken along Hwy 126.



I've ridden that stretch many times and I don't think I have ever seen cattle grazing there.

Next Week: This Sunday we will be riding "Reseda Park - Phase II" which starts at Reseda Park. These routes head west and return. The long makes it all the way to Moorpark while the medium turns around in Simi Valley. The short stays in the San Fernando Valley. The long and medium both do Santa Susana Pass in both directions which is the primary climbing of the day. However, on the way out, the long gets to the top of Santa Susana via the very steep climb through Box Canyon. This is scenic, but no kidding -- it's steep. I will probably be doing the medium route although I think I'm about ready to start doing the long routes again.

Meeting: We had a meeting via Zoom last Thursday, but hardly anyone showed up. I think there were only 4 of us. I don't think there were any minutes taken, but the only piece of business discussed was the decision to not renew our membership on "Meet Up" It never generated many new riders and we had quit posting our rides on it back when the pandemic started.

Relive: Lately Phil Whitworth has been sharing his rides via relive.cc. This web site allows you to post or share a map of your ride similar to Strava, but it also allows you to create a little story of your ride incorporating photos and your notes etc. I assume it takes a little more work to put your ride together, but it does make for a nice presentation. Apparently they offer a free trial period, but beyond that there is a fee to use the service. You might want to check it out.

Parting Shot: Mel took this shot on his Saturday ride. I think it was in Piru



Based on the sign, it is possible they only offer horses, but it seems a little odd to use the generic "animals" in the name as if they offer a wide range of animals. Mel should have stopped in and asked if they had any wombats or maybe a gnu.

See You On The Road

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