

Los Angeles Wheelmen.VP Report

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Hello All:

Sunday: Last Sunday we were in Long Beach for the "Long Beach Rides" (that makes sense). We had 9 riders and **Phil Whitworth** took this photo at the start:



From the left: **Me, Rafal Karpinski, Ben King, Chris Hedberg, Lee Meller, Nancy Domjanovich and Jacques Stern.** For some reason over half the people in the photo seem to be working on their bikes. Not in the photo are **Bill Faulkner** and of course **Phil Whitworth**. Bill rode the medium route and the rest of us did the long. It was a nice day -- not too hot and not a lot of wind. The group mostly stayed together. We split to a couple of different lunch spots, but then came together again for the ride back. I can't think of anything else to say about the ride -- just another nice day with the Wheelmen.

Other Rides: Of course we had the usual Thursday Triple Dipper ride, but I didn't get any photos this week. **Mel Cutler and Dale Aaronson** did another RUSA (Randonneurs USA) sanctioned ride on Saturday. This time it was a "Populaire" which is only 100K, but they rode from home so they actually put in almost 200K on the day. Many homes already have their Halloween decorations up and Mel sent me this photo. Because they finished their ride a little after dark, they got to see the decorations at night -- something I rarely see:



Obviously a lot of decorations are meant to be seen at night.

Next Week: This Sunday we will be riding our monthly century and metric century. This time the route will be "Circling San Fernando." Although they spend much of the day in the San Fernando Valley, these routes start in West LA and go over to the Valley on Sepulveda. The full century makes a fairly complete circle around the perimeter of the Valley except that instead of closing the circle by coming back over Sepulveda, it heads to the coast on Malibu Canyon and returns back through Santa Monica. The metric makes a slightly smaller circle of the Valley and does return back over Sepulveda. It's hot this week, but they are talking about a slight cool down by Sunday, so I hope that comes to pass and I hope to see you there. I plan to ride the metric. I earned a free lunch at Pick-Up-Stix last Sunday and I plan to cash it in this Sunday.

Farewell Yahoo E-Mail Group. For many years the club has had a Yahoo E-mail Group which members could join. It was a convenient way of communicating with a large number of club members and sharing photos. In recent years, it has been used primarily by **David Nakai** to send out his ride reports to the club (those who had joined the e-mail group). Well, Yahoo had announced that they are discontinuing the service in December. They recommend several different alternatives. It might be possible to transfer our photos and e-mails to a new service before Yahoo pulls the plug, or we could just let it go and start new, or maybe not have any e-mail group service at all. This will no doubt be a topic of discussion at the meeting this Thursday (see below). If you want to weigh in on the future of a club e-mail group, you should plan on joining the meeting.

Monthly Meeting: We will be holding our monthly meeting this Thursday at 7 p.m. Once again it will be via Zoom. As mentioned above, we will be discussing the future of the club e-mail group as well as other topics. If you would like to join in, simply go to Zoom on your computer, Ipad or smart phone and click on "join a meeting" When prompted, the meeting ID is **822 465 9666** and the password is **LAW** (all caps). It's fun and you can participate from the comfort of your own home. See you there.

Halloween Decorations: I have already seen a number of decorated homes while out riding and there is Mel's photo above. In the next few weeks, I'll try to include in this e-mail some of the better decoration photos I receive. So, if you see some really good decorations, take a photo and send it to me. Although this is not a home which has been decorated, **Kermit Ganier** sent me this photo of his nails which have been decked out for the holiday:



Parting Shot: For the third week in a row, I'm including a photo of a campaign sign. This one was again spotted by **Tim Evans:**



Only a few more weeks and it will all be over.

See You On The Road

Rod Doty, VP