

## Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report

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Hello All:

**Sunday:** Sunday we were riding our monthly century and metric century "Circling San Fernando." We had 8 riders, but we didn't all start at the same time, so I don't have a photo from the start. The eight were: **Nancy Domjanovich, Chris Hedberg, Rafal Karpinski, Gary Murphy, Jacques Stern, Sheila Szymanski, Phil Whitworth,** and me. Nancy, Chris and I did the metric century. Sheila may have also since her car was gone when we got back. The rest did some version of the century -- they had all ridden from home. Despite predictions of lingering heat in the Valley, I thought it was a fairly nice day. According to the temperature track recorded by my Garmin, it never quite got to 90 degrees and just before I started the climb out of the Valley to go back over Sepulveda it was down to about 80. By the time I got to the other side of Sepulveda it had fallen another 10 degrees. I only got one photo from the ride (it's at the bottom of this e-mail), but I did take this one of the Halloween decorations at a home on Kenneth Ave.



This homeowner really likes inflatables. The orange dragon is kept inflated by a fan so that air is constantly escaping from its mouth which makes its tongue flick up and down. I thought it was a nice effect.

**Other Rides:** **Mel Cutler** and **David Nakai** rode the Virtual Hemet Double on Sunday. A virtual double only requires that you meet the distance, elevation gain, and time requirements, but the route is up to you. So Mel and David actually rode the route they used for the Virtual Grand Tour (which

was somewhat similar to the old Grand Tour Route). I think it's a little strange to ride the virtual "Hemet" double but go no where near Hemet, but oh well. A double is a double I guess. Here is a selfie Mel took of the two of them with Lake Casitas in the back ground



Here's a shot of the setting sun as they finished up coming back down the coast.



Two weeks ago **Kit Gray** rode the Sunday ride with his 360 degree camera. He has edited the trip around Palos Verdes down to a few minutes and posted it on YouTube. As you watch the video you can rotate the view 360 degrees around with your mouse. You can see what is ahead, but also what he is passing on either side. Here's the link:

<https://youtu.be/ISk1geSNmsQ>

**Next Week:** This Sunday we will be riding "La Tuna Melt" which starts from the Zoo. Weather forecasts are for cooler temperatures, so it doesn't look like we will be melting as we climb La Tuna. Only the long goes up La Tuna anyway. Another highlight of the ride (long and medium only) is the trip up Christmas Tree Lane in Altadena. Of course the lights will not be on, but it's a pretty street (although steep). All routes have lunch at the same location and then return by the same route although anyone riding the short would arrive at lunch well before the long and medium riders.

**Achievement:** **Ira Kuccheck** was inducted into the Silver State Hall of fame at the recent 508 on September 17. Here is a photo from his induction:



Congratulations Ira!!

**Meeting:** We held our monthly meeting last Thursday. Attached are the minutes. Enjoy!


**Parting Shot:** I got this photo from Sheila Szymanski from last Sunday's ride. It has the advantage of being both a political statement of sorts as well as Halloween related:



See You On The Road

Rod Doty, VP

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