

Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report

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Hello All:

Sunday: Although we have decided to temporarily stop scheduling our rides on a specific date and time (see below), Sunday's ride had been on the schedule and published on the club web site for a couple of weeks, so it was not surprising that a few of the regular riders and one visitor should show up at the usual time. We were riding the "Sierra Donut Ride" which started from the Zoo. We had a total of 8 riders. **Phil Whitworth** took this photo at the start:



From the left: **Rafal Karpinski**, **Chris Hedberg**, **Nancy Domjanovich**, our visitor, and me. **Jacques Stern** had taken off a bit early and **Gary Murphy** rode from home and we didn't meet up with him until lunch. We all rode the long route. It was a fairly nice day for the ride. We passed the Rose Bowl where normally they would already be working on Rose Parade floats in tents, but not this year. At lunch we split with some going to the donut shop for which the ride is named and the rest opting for a real lunch in Sierra Madre. Phil took this photo (or had someone take it since he's in it) of the lunch group.



At the donut shop Jacques had something I have never seen -- a hotdog inside a croissant (a "croissantdog??") I wish I had taken a photo but didn't. When we got back to the Zoo, the lot had quite a few cars. I had thought the Zoo was closed, but perhaps it is open on a limited basis.

Other Rides: The Triple Dipper Ride on Thursday drew the usual crowd. For a change of pace we climbed Hawthorne Blvd after our usual break and **Gary Muphy** took this shot as we went up the hill. The shadows make for a nice composition.



On Saturday (into Sunday) **Mel Cutler** and **David Nakai** rode their "virtual" Dead of Winter Double. They used the same route they used for their virtual Grand Tour earlier this year which was similar to the former Dead of Winter Double route except they started in West LA which enabled them to cut off the loop to Moorpark and back. Mel took this selfie with Lake Casitas in the background



Mel commented that at this time of year a double involves a lot of night riding, but as veterans of Paris-Brest-Paris and all the long qualifying brevets, Mel and David should be used to that.

Change in the Ride Schedule: At the meeting last Thursday, it was proposed that, in light of the Covid surge and new restrictions, we should discontinue all our scheduled rides. However it was felt by some that many riders would want to continue to ride and that the weekly scheduled rides together with the published route sheets for these rides provide a valuable resource for those who might not otherwise know where to ride or have any routes of their own. A compromise was reached whereby the club will continue to publish its schedule and make the route sheets available, but they will not be scheduled for a specific date and time. They will be published as rides of the week and members are encouraged to simply ride them at a date and time of their own choosing. It is recognized that many riders will want to ride with others and they are free to make their own arrangements to do so. However, they are encouraged to comply with restrictions which suggest groups should be from no more than 3 households and that they should use proper face coverings and social distancing.

This Week's Rides: With the above in mind, there are two rides scheduled this week. First, there is the Thanksgiving Ride. These are traditional routes which start at the "Corner" and go to Marina del Rey for a break. The long and medium routes add a trip to the bluffs above PCH in Pacific Palisades. These are short and relatively easy routes. Although you are encouraged to ride them any time this week, they were published and on our web site for a couple of weeks before we made the changes discussed above. Therefore I imagine a number of riders will still show up at the usual time. However, riders should make an effort to form smaller groups to comply with current restrictions. **NOTE: with the ban on outdoor dining, the usual break at Starbucks may not be available.**

The other scheduled ride of the week is "Revel the Rollies From Redhill" which starts from Pine Tree Park in Tustin. These routes are relatively pleasant rides around Irvine and southwestern Orange County. As the name implies there are some rolling hills, but only the long has a somewhat difficult climb of about one mile. It is a holiday week so traffic should be light no matter which day you choose to ride this one. Since these routes take place in Orange County, I don't think the ban on outdoor dining will be in effect, but you should be prepared for unexpected closures.

Meeting Minutes: The minutes from the meeting last Thursday are attached.

Ride Reports: Since members may be either riding their own routes more often now or riding the scheduled rides at separate times, I would appreciate reports from any of you about the rides you do. It would be really great if you could include photos. I think a lot of our members would be interested in what rides other members are doing.

FINAL WARNING: WINDOW TO ORDER CLUB APPAREL ENDS NOV. 30

Your last chance to order the new club jersey or other club apparel is now open. This will surely be the last opportunity. We need at least 10 total items ordered or the order won't go through. I'm not sure we have 10 at this time. So please make your order now. The order period is now open and will remain open until November 30th. Orders will be shipped in mid January. You order directly from the Voler web site at: <http://www.voler.com/custom/ordering/li/36716>

The Voler web site has lots of support and answers to your questions, but if you can't find answers there, you can contact **Nancy Domjanovich** at nancydomx.icloud.com and she will try to help you.

Parting Shot: This photo was sent by **Mel Cutler** and was taken on his double last weekend (I think somewhere in Casistas Pass).



I take it as a sign of optimism and I don't think it is unwarranted. The vaccine is on the horizon, we will have a fresh administration and a new year will be dawning. Just hang in there a little longer.

See You (or maybe not) On The Road

Rod Doty, VP

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