

Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report

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Hello All:

Last Week: We had two rides last week. The first was the Thanksgiving Ride. This ride and route was posted before the new restrictions on group activities took effect, so I guess it should be no surprise that a few more than 3 households showed up at the same time. I won't mention how many there were or show you the group shots. The course took us to the Palisades where usually there is a nice view. But it was somewhat foggy and we really couldn't see very far. But the view straight down to the beach was clear. Here is a shot **Phil Whitworth** took.



It was otherwise a fairly nice day and despite the new ban on outdoor dining, there were chairs and tables still set out at our usual break spot in the Marina. I always like to post photos of interesting holiday decorations and here is one also taken by Phil in the Palisades.



This is one of the largest inflatables I've seen. I wonder why two of the reindeer near the back seem to be albinos. I don't remember anything about that in the poem.

Our second ride was "Revel the Rollies From Redhill" which started in Tustin. Again, a few more households were represented than 3, but we did make an effort to split up into smaller groups. Everyone rode the long route except one person who rode the medium. The ride took us down to Dana Point where Phil took a few shots. This first one is a sculpture which I guess reflects that Dana Point is something of an artist's colony (although it would be more appropriate for Launa Beach)



The second is of one of Dana Point's municipal holiday decorations. I like the way they combine the holiday theme with the beach community theme.



It was a good day, but the climb up Pacific Island was a killer for several of us. I know last time I made it up that hill without stopping, but not this year. I just had to stop and rest about three quarters of the way up.

Other Rides: **Mel Cutler** and **Dale Aaronson** rode a RUSA Permanent which went from downtown down to Capistrano. They then took the train back. Their route took them past Cook's Corner which they said was hopping. Mel sent this photo.



Orange County doesn't have a prohibition on outdoor dining yet, so I guess they were OK.

This Week: This week the scheduled ride is "Saugus Special." The routes start out in Newhall and both the long and medium head up San Francisquito Canyon and come back down Bouquet Canyon. The long goes all the way to Leona Valley while the medium cuts across on Spunky Canyon. These are picturesque routes which should be nice in the fall weather.

New Restrictions on Group Activities: Group activities are now limited to one household. I imagine it is inevitable that more than one rider will show up at the same time, but riders should attempt to comply with the guidelines by riding separately. It has been jokingly suggested by several people that we should just carry protest signs since outdoor protests are exempt from the new restrictions. I suppose we could also change our name to the "Los Angeles Wheelmen Bicycle Health Club" since outdoor health clubs are also exempt. After all, how is an outdoor spin class different from what we do except that their bikes don't move and ours do.

Parting Shot: On the Thanksgiving Ride we noticed this warning sign on the cliff edge in the Palisades.



What I thought was interesting is that in English it just says "Danger" while in Spanish it says "Danger of death" Why do Spanish speakers get a more severe warning than English speakers? Some sort of double standard.

See You On the Road (after I get vaccinated)

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