

Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report

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Hello All:

Last Week: The scheduled ride last week was "Alhambra & Bikeway" which -- surprise, surprise -- started in Alhambra. To my knowledge, we had 10 riders on the course although not all at the same time. They were **Phil Whitworth, Nancy Domjanovich, David Nakai, Rafi Karpinski, Chris Hedberg, Jainie Lee, Jacques Stern, Russ Brynes, Gary Murphy** and me. Rafi and Gary rode from home. In Gary's case, he joined the route for only the center portion before heading back home. It was a beautiful day for riding. Rafi took this photo of Mount Baldy from the Rio Hondo bike trail. It not only shows what a nice day it was, but also shows that there is just a little snow near the top of Baldy.



To get to the start of the ride at the usual time, Rafi had started his ride in the dead of night but was able to take this shot at the sun was coming and lighting the buildings in the distance while he was still in shadow.



It's a very nice shot. I had hoped to get a shot from the high point of the ride which is in the hills above the Rose Bowl, but it was a little hazy and I didn't take one. On our return, we passed the Rose Bowl. Phil added a couple of laps around the bowl in order to get his mileage up to 60 for the day. He included this shot with his "Relive" video.



All in all, a very nice day. And I was able to check out the new Habit Burger which recently opened in South Pasadena. Of course I had to eat sitting on the curb in the parking lot, but one day the outdoor tables will be back. They weren't very busy. I was thinking it's a terrible time to be opening a new restaurant.

Other Rides: **Mel Cutler** rode his first century of the year last weekend. He chose a course from his home over to a loop on GMR (Glendora Mountain Road) and back. He did spot some snow on his route and sent me this photo of it.



Not quite the snow we spotted on Baldy in the photo above, but then Mel's route took him only to a little below 4000 feet above sea level. I'm surprised he found any snow at that level.

This Week: .This week the scheduled ride is "Soup to Knotts" which is a clever title, but the routes don't actually go to Knotts and I don't know that anyone has ever had soup during the ride. The routes do start within sight of Knotts in Buena Park and the long and medium head to Yorba Linda for lunch. The long takes a more roundabout way to lunch which includes a trip over Turnbull Canyon and a couple of lesser hills. We formerly had lunch at the Knollwood (World's Best Hamburger) place, but it has closed, so we will be scouting new lunch locations.

More 2020 Personal Stats: I heard from **Dale Aaronson**. He had a monster year with 13,597 miles and 754,876 feet of climbing all in 170 rides. Truly amazing. I also heard from **Rafi Karpinski**. He got in 11,470 miles and 411,736 feet of climbing in 2020. Another super human effort. In the more normal human level, **Bob Wyman** reported riding 4508 miles and climbing 342,566 feet in a total of 163 rides. Bob's miles might not be as high as those others, but his climbing is impressive. In fact, if you do the math, I believe his feet of climbing per mile is higher than Dale or Rafi. Finally, **Nancy Domjanovich** mentioned to me on Sunday that she had gotten in 5000 miles last year.

If you want to report your stats for last year, send them to me and I'll include them here. Don't be intimidated by those riding over 10,000 miles per year. We would like to hear about any stats.

Parting Shot: On Sunday, I spotted this ballot drop off box. The ballots have been counted and the electoral college votes have been certified and Biden is due to be sworn in next week, but maybe it's not too late to cast your vote.



See You On The Road (from a distance)

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