

Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report

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Hello All:

Last Week: Last weekend was our annual running of the Janus Sequential Centuries. Unfortunately, I don't think hardly anyone rode. Saturday was predicted to be rainy so I decided to only ride on Sunday. I did not hear from anyone who rode on Saturday. Sunday was a much nicer day and I drove out to Thousand Oaks to ride the century. As I usually do, I started at the crack of dawn, so no one else was there when I started. I thought a few others might catch me during the day or even if I stayed ahead of them, I would see their cars at the end. But I never saw anyone and there were no cars I recognized in the lot at the end. I have heard however that our newest member, **Jaime Lee**, did show up and rode the metric century. That would explain why I never saw her. She would have finished well before me. As far as I know, she was the only other rider. I hope she had a good ride. As for me -- it was a good day. Sunshine almost all day, although the clouds were starting to gather as I finished. As usual it was very cold for the first few miles. I was wishing I had a pair of those Bernie Sanders mittens. But once the sun rose higher and I got past some early downhills, I warmed up. I wish I had taken more photos. At it is, I only took photos at the Ojai Overlook.



I had hoped the rain the previous day would have left some snow on the local mountains above Ojai. I have seen that in past years, but apparently it was still too warm for the snow to come down that low. Here's a better view of the Ojai Valley from the overlook



As the plaque at the overlook notes, this was the view used in the 1937 movie "Lost Horizon" as the characters first viewed Shangri-La (without the chain-link fence presumably). Well, I had a nice day. I just wish more had ridden.

Other Rides: I did hear from **Mel Cutler**. He has set himself the goal of riding at least one 100K RUSA sanctioned route each month and at least one 200K route each month. Last week he got his January rides in (plus some extra) One of his rides took him out to San Dimas where he took this shot of snow on the mountains:



I'm thinking that must be Mount Baldy. I believe he did this ride a week ago Sunday, so it was before the more recent rain/snow.

Although not taken on a ride, **Nancy Domjanovich** sent me this photo of Mount Wilson after the recent rain/snow. I believe the photo was taken by **Ken Nishioka**



This Week: This week the scheduled ride is the "Long Beach Bike Path." All routes ride the 5 miles of the beach bike path in Long Beach. The long makes a large loop almost entirely on bike paths by first taking the San Gabriel River up to the Whittier Narrows area and then taking the Rio Hondo/La River trail back to Long Beach and then the Long Beach path back over to the San Gabriel. Since it is almost all on bike paths, it is a very flat route. However, all that pedaling with no downhills can be tiring. It looks like we might get a break in the weather so I hope more riders will take advantage of it than last week.

Even More Personal 2020 Stats: **Ben King** reported riding a whopping 20,010 miles in 2020. WOW!

Meeting Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held last week are attached. The good news is that we do have a candidate for Treasurer. In fact we had two. However, in order to avoid the expense and hassle of an actual election, I believe a backroom deal is in the works which will end in only one running. By next month, it should be clear who our officers will be for the coming year. It doesn't seem likely we will be holding an installation lunch as usual, so we will have to see how that goes.

Bad News for Tour de France Fans: If you are like me and enjoy watching the Tour de France each year, there could be bad news. NBC has announced it is pulling the plug on it's cable sports network which has televised the Tour the last number of years. Hopefully, someone else will pick it up. If not, I believe you can pay for access via the internet.

Parting Shot: Among the photos Mel included with his ride report was this one:



He thought maybe it was a secret location of our member **Rafal ("Rafi") Karpinski** but probably not.

See You On The Road (if it's not raining)

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