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## Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report

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Hello All:

**Last Week:** Last week the scheduled ride was "Riding Thru Whittier." I believe 8 riders showed up on Sunday. They were **Chris Hedberg, Nancy Domjanovich, Jacques Stern, Rafi Karpinski, Phil Whitworth, David Nakai, Kit Gray** and me. Rafi and David rode from home and joined the route in progress. Kit did the short route and the rest did the long. I forgot to take my phone, so the only photos I have are taken from Phil's "Relive" video. No ride thru Whittier would be complete without a trip along the Greenway Trail -- a converted railroad right of way. Here is a shot of Nancy and David crossing the former trestle over Whittier Blvd on the trail.



After lunch in Whittier, the route took us up the San Gabriel River to the Santa Fe Dam before turning for home. Here is a photo of the bird sculpture at the end of the bike trail just below the dam



All in all, it was a good day. I'm a little surprised at the low turn-out -- especially after the large number of riders last week. The only unusual thing on the ride was that at the end David Nakai got a lift home from Jacques. Normally I would think David must be at death's door to accept a ride instead of cycling home, but it turns out he taken a spill earlier in the day and his leg had been bothering him throughout the ride. Apparently he had had enough.

**Other Ride:** Mel Cutler and Dale Aaronson got together for a ride to Calabasas last Tuesday. Mel sent me this photo of Catalina Island. It was taken up on Mulholland Drive not too far from Benedict Canyon. It must have been an incredibly clear day to see Catalina so well from that distance.



**This Week:** The scheduled ride for this week is "Pasadena Passion." It will be Valentine's Day on Sunday and I thought this ride had a fitting name for the holiday. The routes start in Pasadena and head east. The short stays pretty much in the Pasadena area but the medium makes it as far as San Dimas before turning back and the long goes all the way to the edge of Pomona. The long actually travels through 17 different cities. If the ride gets boring, you can always try to name them all. Right now they are talking about a chance of rain on Sunday, but it's too early to tell -- it might come through on Saturday into early Sunday morning leaving Sunday as a good day to ride. If not, Monday is President's Day -- you can always ride it then.

**Correction:** A couple of weeks ago I reported that **Ben King** had ridden 20,000 miles in 2020. That is what he reported to me, but it turns out it was a typo in his e-mail to me and he actually rode 10,000 miles. I'll admit that 20,000 had some of us scratching our heads. While it wouldn't be impossible to ride that much, it would be an incredible feat.

**Vaccinations:** The rollout of the Covid vaccine is proceeding slower than most people had hoped, but it seems to me that the LA Wheelmen are ahead of the curve. Of the people I ride with regularly, I think more than half have now had at least the first dose. Of course, that is partly due to the fact that we are an older club and for a bunch of seniors, we are fairly computer savvy. But anyway -- Good Job Wheelmen!

**Parting Shot:** Here's a photo **Phil Whitworth** took last Sunday. It's just a dog park, but the fact that they put in fire hydrants for the dogs' pleasure brought a smile to me.





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

Rod Doty, VP