

Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report

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Hello All and Happy Mardi Gras (Laissez les bons temps rouler)

Last Week: Last week we were riding "Pasadena Passiion." On Sunday I believe there were 9 riders total: **Nancy Domjanovich, Chris Hedberg, Phil Whitworth, Gary Murphy, Rafi Karpinski, David Nakai, Jacques Stern, Russ Brynes** and me. Russ rode the medium route and the rest did the long. It was Valentine's Day but about half of us are single and the other half have very understanding spouses or significant others at home. Phil did take this photo of the marquee on the old Fox theater in downtown Pomona:



It was a very nice day for a ride. There was a some wind near the end, but only for the last 10 miles or so. They had been talking rain earlier in the week, but it never developed. The route was fairly flat, but Gary took this shot of riders climbing one of the few hills.



The route took us past Cal Poly Pomona and I can rarely ride past without stopping to take a photo of the farm animals to be seen there. This time it was some sheep



All in all, another good day with the Wheelmen. I'll leave one other incident for the bottom of this e-mail.

Other Rides: I just this minute got a report from **Mel Cutler**. On Sunday he rode a ride with **Dale Aaronson** out Little Tujunga and then on to the San Gabriel Valley. He included this photo (taken near Burbank) which I think **Jacques Stern** will especially like:



Mel and Dale also did a ride today out to Calabasas and back. Apparently it was a pretty good ride until near the end when Mel rear-ended a car which stopped suddenly in front of him. The result was a compression fracture of a disc. He says they are holding him overnight in the hospital for pain management and to fit him with a back brace. We wish you a speedy recovery Mel.

This Week: This week our scheduled ride is our monthly century and metric century: "Twin Peaks & Flying Pigs." These routes start in West LA and head out to Malibu before heading inland to ride to the top of both Old Topanga and New Topanga (the twin peaks of the title) The full century adds a post lunch loop through Box Canyon but then rejoins the metric century for the return back to the start via Sepulveda. Oh, and there are a couple of flying pigs along the route. As I usually do for long rides this time of year, I will probably be starting early, but the days are getting longer now, so it might not be at the crack of dawn like last month.

OPPORTUNITY!!

There have been a couple of requests for the new club jersey and Voler has agreed to once again open a new ordering period and take orders if we order a minimum of 5 items. These can be anything -- jerseys, shorts, jackets etc. So, if you missed the other ordering periods and would like a club jersey or other apparel item, please click on the link below which will take you to the Voler site. The ordering window will be open only two weeks, so don't delay.

<http://www.voler.com/custom/ordering/li/37961>

Here is a photo of the jersey:



Monthly Meeting: The monthly club meeting will be held this Thursday at 7:00 p.m. It will once again be on Zoom. The same meeting ID and password will apply as in the past. If you don't have these, contact **Mel Cutler** at cutlerme@earthlink.net. After seeing the attorney who appeared as a cat in a zoom court hearing, I looked into how I could do that for the meeting. But it turns out you need to Zoom from a laptop (I use my phone) and you need an app from Snapchat. But maybe someone else will show up as a cat. I'm assuming the meeting will go on as usual despite Mel's accident. If I hear differently, I'll send out a special e-mail tomorrow.

Parting Shot: There was one more incident on Sunday's ride I didn't mention above. We made a stop for coffee at a Starbucks and saw this:



Why was this woman standing on a chair? Here is why:



Gary took these photos, but that is Rafi's bike. Phil got this shot of David trying to make friends with the rat



An employee finally came out and chased the rat into the shrubbery.

See You On The Road

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