
Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report

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Hello All:

Last Week: Last week's scheduled ride was our monthly century and metric century -- "Twin Peaks & Flying Pigs." I believe there were 8 riders, but it was one of those days when almost everyone ended up doing something different. The wind had a lot to do with it. I'll just run through all 8: First, I started early, but I just didn't feel much like riding and I think I was looking for any excuse to cut the ride short, so when I started encountering stiff winds in Malibu Canyon, I turned around and went home for only about 45 miles. (I made up for it today by riding a century on my own). As I was heading back, I saw **Jacques Stern** and **Gary Murphy** heading out. I later found out Gary stayed on the coast (where it wasn't so windy) and Jacques did go through Malibu Canyon, but then came back to the coast on Topanga and skipped the rest of the ride. **Nancy Domjanovich** and **Phil Whitworth** followed the course until Calabasis, but then skipped doing the "twin peaks" (old and new Topangas) and went back across the valley and back to the start. Phil added enough extra miles to get in a metric century. **Thomas Knoll** actually rode the full metric century route. **Rafi Karpinski** and **David Nakai** were the only ones to do the full century. David said the winds weren't so bad, but it couldn't have been fun. On the way back down the coast, I was struck by what a nice California day it was in contrast to all the pictures we have been seeing on the news from Texas. So I took this photo and captioned it



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Sorry Texas

Other Rides: As I mentioned, I rode a century today to make up for bailing on the century on Sunday. Phil must have been thinking the same thing because today he extended his usual Tuesday ride up Latigo into a full century and added trips up Box Canyon and Topanga Canyon so he could visit

the two flying pigs he missed on Sunday. He sent these photos:



He also sent this photo:



This used to be my favorite home in Latigo Canyon. You could see it a long time as you climbed the canyon and they had a small vineyard in their yard. But it didn't do well in the recent fires. The vineyard is gone and the house is being re-built.

This Week: This week the scheduled ride is "Balboa - Newport" which starts at Pine Tree Park in Tustin. All routes make their way to Balboa Island and a ride on the ferry. The long and medium make a loop down Laguna Canyon before heading to Balboa. The long adds an extra loop after Balboa while the medium returns more directly. The short simply goes to Balboa and back by a direct route. None of the routes are excessively hilly, Orange count usually provides pleasant riding, and the ferry is always fun.

Reminder: You can still order a new club jersey or other apparel items, but you must act before March 1st

We have to have orders for at least 5 items for Voler to fill any orders, so if you want a jersey or other item, please order now. You must do so before March 1st. Simply click on this link to take you to the Voler ordering site. <http://www.voler.com/custom/ordering/li/37961>

Meeting: Our monthly meeting scheduled last Thursday was postponed due to **Mel Cutler's** accident. Mel is home now and says he will be able to host the meeting this week. So the meeting is on again, this Thursday at 7 p.m. The Zoom log-on information is the same as in the past, but if you need the ID or password, you can e-mail me and I'll send it to you roddoty@roadrunner.com

Parting Shot. I don't really have much this week, but as I was riding through Malibu last Sunday I did see this license plate. It caught my eye because it manages to combine both my alma maters in one plate. I wonder if the owner went to both schools or is it just someone from Southern California whose name is Duke.



See You On The Road

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