
Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report

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Hello All:

Last Sunday: Last Sunday high winds were predicted for Orange County where our scheduled ride was to be held. I ended up not riding at all, but I had a report from **Kit Gray** who did attend. He said only 3 riders showed up. One was **Russ Brynes**, who thought the winds were too strong and went off to ride somewhere else. That left Kit and his assistant **Danielle** and they rode the short route. Here is a selfie of them at the start:



The short route pretty much just went to the coast and Balboa Island and back. Kit reported that they had a nice tailwind all the way to the coast and it reversed to give them a push most of the way back. So perhaps we all missed out on a good ride. Here is another photo Kit sent of coffee shop named for him.



They rode the Balboa ferry and Kit took a 360 degree video of the trip. You can find it on YouTube here: <https://youtu.be/GGaJHleTuU4>

It gives you a pretty good feel for the trip if you have never ridden the ferry.

Other Ride: Today, **Dale Aaronson** rode a 120 mile ride up to Camarillo and back through Simi Valley and Box Canyon. I think it must have been a RUSA ride since most of the photos he sent appeared to be control point photos. But he also included this photo from PCH



Seems like most people refer to this as Mugu Rock these days, but when I first started riding with the Wheelmen, it was called "Slot-in-the-Rock" I always liked that name better. This is a very popular site for TV commercials.

This Week: This week, we sort of have two rides. Because of the winds predicted for Orange County last Sunday, several of our regular riders chose to ride this week's ride a week early because it was in the San Fernando Valley where the winds were not predicted to be so bad. They don't want to ride the same routes two weeks in a row, so they are thinking of riding last week's Orange County ride this week. Since I didn't ride at all and I like the Orange County route a little more than this week's scheduled ride, I think I will join them. The information for last week's ride has been left up on the club web site for anyone else who wishes to follow suit.

However, there still is the originally scheduled ride for this week which is "Alhambra - Burbank Caper." All 3 routes ride from Alhambra to Burbank and back. The short doesn't go quite as far north as the long and medium. The only difference between the long and medium is that on the return, the medium skirts around Griffith Park while the long does the climb through the park and up to the observatory. These are nice routes (even if I do prefer the Orange County ride) and they have the advantage of being closer. Let's just hope the wind doesn't interfere with us again.

Minutes of the Meeting: We held a club meeting last Thursday. It was very brief and not much was discussed. The minutes of the meeting are attached.

Parting Shot: I wouldn't have anything to close with tonight but **Mel Cutler** thoughtfully sent me the following photo: It was sent to him by a friend in Maine and taken on a narrow shoulder-less road.



Shows that bikers have a good sense of humor.

See You On The Road,

Rod Doty, VP