
Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report

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Hello All:

Last Sunday: The scheduled ride last Sunday was "Alhambra - Burbank Caper" but I don't know if anyone rode it. I did not hear from anyone who did. As I mentioned last week, several of us had decided to ride "Balboa - Newport" which was the scheduled ride two weeks ago, but which most of us skipped due to predicted high winds. It turned out the following 8 showed up to ride in Tustin: **Ben King, Chris Hedberg, Jacques Stern, Nancy Domjanovich, Gary Murphy, Rafi Karpinski, Phil Whitworth** and me. We all did the long route. A highlight of the route is the trip across the channel in Balboa on the ferry. Phil took this photo of some of on board.



Ben had some place to be that afternoon, so he left us at the ferry, but not before Rafi took this photo of him about to board



I noticed something on the ferry. In the past, bike computers determined speed and distance by the spinning of the bike wheel, so while on the ferry, they would read 0 mph and no distance. But GPS units determine speed and distance by changes in global position and don't require the wheels to be turning. So, we were able to see just how fast the ferry could go. Turns out, we hit a top speed of 4mph. Phil took this shot of his Garmin to verify our speed.



After Balboa, we had a pleasant lunch and a nice ride back to the start.

Next Week: This week we will be riding "Valley Venture" which starts at Reseda Park in Reseda. All routes head to the west valley for lunch and then return. That's all the short route does. The medium adds a moderate climb up to Mulholland and back down before heading to lunch. The long route really ups the ante by doing a very difficult climb up to Mulholland on Escalon/Encino Hills. I would compare this climb with Potrero -- about a mile long and very steep. And that's not all. The long throws in several other shorter but steep hills as well. I'll admit, I look forward to the challenge, but I'm a little scared of it too. After lunch, all routes use the same route back to the start.

FABULOUS OFFER: I received the following e-mail from **Bobbi Gold** who asked me to include it in this e-mail:

We're moving out of town and not taking our bikes because we no longer ride. So we have the following good equipment to give away:

1. A Seven titanium bike built for me (I'm short)
2. A Lemond Zurich (Ted's bike- red)
3. A Colnago
4. A vertical metal frame for hanging all 3 bikes off the ground, saving a lot of floor space
5. A Park Tools workstand that clamps onto the top tube

Anyone interested in any of these, please contact Bobbi Gold at (310) 837-3661 or bobbigold@dslextreme.com

Pick up at my house in Culver City.

Covid News: The CDC has announced that it feels that small groups of vaccinated people can safely get together now (even indoors) without masks. Although I don't know that this is binding on California, it does provide some comfort to those of us who meet up on rides. Since we are an older club, almost everyone I ride with is vaccinated now (I received my 2nd shot just last night).

Parting Shot: I don't have anything else tonight and I wouldn't have a photo for this section, but fortunately **Mel Cutler's** friend from Maine sent him another funny photo. It's not really cycling related, but it was seen out on the road



See You On The Road

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