

Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report and June Schedule

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Hello All:

Last Week: On Saturday we were riding our 9th Grand Tour trainer -- "The Three Hills Trainer." Once again I think **Greg Analian** and I were the only two riders although I never saw Greg. I cruised through the first hill in Griffith Park. I had hoped to get a photo at the place used by many commercials because of it's great view of downtown LA, but it was too foggy to see anything. The second hill is extremely steep and I was fairly pleased with myself for how well I got through that one. The final hill is a trip up to Mount Wilson. Unfortunately, I must have used up just about everything my legs had in them on the second hill because they were really aching as I started up Angeles Crest. After about five miles I gave it up and cruised back down to lunch. Greg, however must have made it to the top. He sent me a number of photos. I recognize this first one as part of Mount Wilson Road



This second photo shows a glimpse of the Mount Wilson Observatory a short time before you reach the top.



Even though the day had started out foggy, you can see it was a very nice clear day in the mountains.

On Sunday the scheduled ride was the "Hollywood Sign Ride." I rode over to the corner to see the riders off, but my legs still didn't feel like they were up to the tough climb up to the sign. There were 5 riders at the start and I took this photo:



That's **Sheila Szymanski**, **Thomas Knoll**, **Gary Murphy**, **Ann Trank** and **Jacques Stern**. I was also told that **Kit Gray** was seen out on the course as well. Sheila and Thomas rode on ahead and were starting down when the other three got to the top. Gary sent me a few photos. Here is Ann and Jacques at the top with the antennas located up there behind them.



And here is Gary with the Hollywood Reservoir below on the right.



Looks like it was a little hazy, but still a nice day. Gary reported that he had never seen so many hikers on the road to the top.

Other Ride: I had an e-mail from **David Nakai**. He took advantage of the holiday weekend to ride a number of different rides totaling about 400 miles and interspersed with four different train rides to get from ride to ride. He also managed to have 4 flats so it was a jam packed weekend. Here is a photo he sent from one of his train rides



This Week: The training ride this week is a classic: "Fullbore For Fillmore." At 114 miles it is by far the longest and at about 7000 feet of total elevation gain. it's no piece of cake. Unfortunately, Greg has a minor injury and probably will be unable to ride so I may be the only one out there. There isn't any easy way to significantly cut this one short, so once I get to Fillmore, I'm just going to have to suck it up and finish. But, I've always said that if you can do this one, you are ready for the Grand Tour.

On Sunday the scheduled ride is "South Bay Surprise." These are flat routes that start in Torrance and head east into Orange County and back. The long makes it all the way to Knott's Berry Farm while the medium and short turn back earlier. I'd like to say I will be there, but right now, I don't know how I'm going to make it through Saturday. But you never know -- at least the Sunday routes are flat.


June Schedule. Usually I send out the monthly schedule separately, but it would save me the trouble of two e-mails to combine the two. So, please find attached the schedule for June/July. You will see that we have returned to posting start times for all of our rides. Hopefully, this will help increase ridership which has been down.

Parting Shot: I don't have a humorous photo this week, but on Sunday, **Mel Cutler**, who is on the mend from his accident a few months ago rode over to see the riders off. He says he still is not up for longer rides, but it was good to see him back on the bike:



See You On The Road

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