
Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report

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Hello All and Happy Re-Opening of California Day

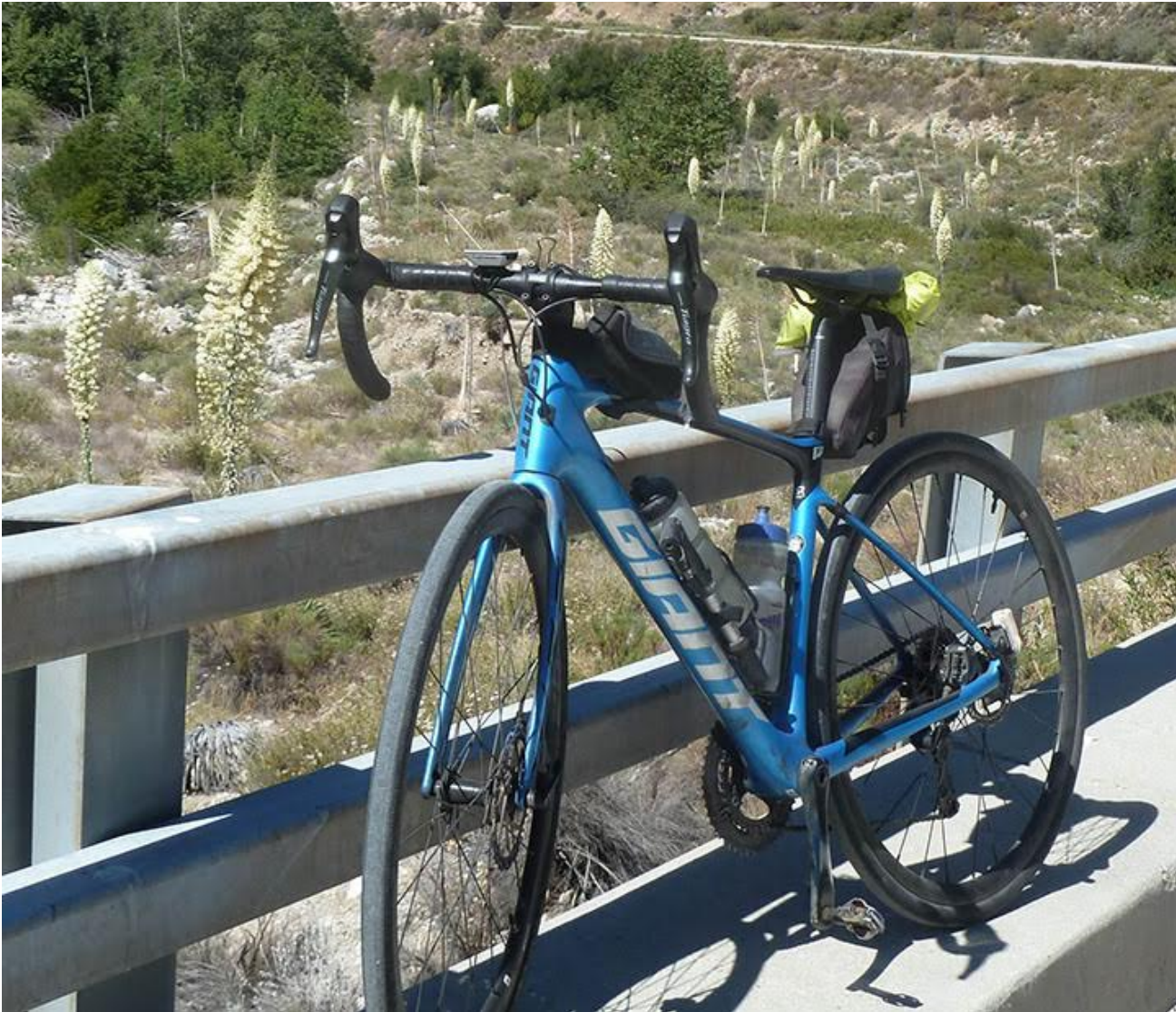
Last Week: Last Saturday was our 11th Grand Tour Trainer -- a new ride I called the "Crystal Lake Trainer." It was simply a ride from Encanto Park in Duarte up to Crystal Lake near the top of Hwy 39 and then back down. I think there were 3 of us on the ride: **Gary Murphy, Greg Analian** and me. Unfortunately for me I only went up a little more than half way. I was stopping to rest every mile or less and the thought of doing another 10 miles of that was just too much for me, so I turned around and sailed back down. Gary made it about a mile farther than I did, but he also turned around. Although I didn't see Greg, he sent me some photos which make it clear he went all the way. I don't think there are any tall trees on Hwy 39, so I'm assuming this first photo was taken up near Crystal Lake



It really makes me wish I had made it. I'll have to try it again some day. Here's another photo from Greg looking back down the canyon



Gary took this photo of all the Yucca plants in bloom in the canyon



Sunday's ride was "Life Begins at 8:30" I was still wiped out from my attempt at Crystal Lake and didn't go. I did not hear from anyone who did ride. I'm assuming there were some riders, but I don't have a report or any photos. Just a reminder that I am always interested in ride reports and photos. Especially when I don't show up.

Other Ride. Last Thursday, as part of its usual ride, the Triple Dipper group celebrated the birthdays of three of its regulars. Here is a photo I took of the three:



That's **Lora Chen**, **Howard Weden** and **Emma Pham** (holding the cake) (That's **Clay Lacy** looking on) Here's a shot of most of the group that **Phil Whitworth** took



It was a very pleasant day.

This Week: Saturday is our last trainer of the year: "Byways of Palos Verdes." By tradition, it is a somewhat easier trainer than the last few and even though I have had trouble completing some of the trainers, I plan to ride this one and finish it. It stays close to the coast, so even if the heat wave persists, it should be OK. The route is simply a trip from west LA down to Palos Verdes for one lap around the peninsula making 3 trips to the top along the way and then a return. The scheduled start time is 7 a.m. and that is when I will be starting.

On Sunday the scheduled ride is "Winding Roads of Orange County II." As you might guess, these routes are down in Orange County and wind around the area. As usual the long does a bit more climbing than the medium or short, but I think all routes are not that bad. As usual, I can make no promises that I will be there after Saturday's trainer.

Meeting: This Thursday at 7 p.m. is our monthly club meeting. As usual, it will be held via Zoom. Participation in these meetings has been very low lately. It would be nice to have a few more participants. It couldn't be easier since you don't have to leave your home. The log-in information is the same as in the past. If you need this, contact me or our host **Mel Cutler** (cutlerme@earthlink.net) but please do not wait until the last minute to do so.

Video: **Kit Gray** has put together a short video of all the places he rode during 2020. There are quite a variety of scenes. It would almost make a nice recruitment video for the club. Here is the link on YouTube:

<https://youtu.be/VQGcKC3n5Cw>

My Grand Tour: Once more I will renew my offer to have riders join me on the Grand Tour. I will be riding it on Saturday, June 26th (the traditional date) starting at 3 a.m. I have put together a course which starts at my home in Culver City and is just about the easiest 200 mile course there can be which still meets the climbing requirements. Like the very first Grand Tour in 1959, it is basically a trip up to Santa Barbara and back. I have a PDF of the route sheet and I can send you the link to the RideWithGPS route so you can download it into your Garmin or other device. E-mail me if you are interested. roddoty@roadrunner.com

Parting Shot: This photo is hardly humorous. I find it rather sad. From last Saturday's ride, this is the reservoir behind the San Gabriel Dam. It is now not much more than a dry lake bed with a small stream running through it.



I don't think we can expect any appreciable rain until next winter, so this is not going to be any better for some time.

See You On The Road

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I rather doubt that Phil took the last picture since he was in it.

Jacques

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I meant the last pic with people in it, not the dry river bed.

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I guess I should have said "sent by Phil" because I pulled it out of his "Relive" video.

Rod

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