

Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report

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Hello All:

Last Sunday: Sunday we were down in Orange County riding "Revel the Rollies III." We had 6 riders and for once I remembered to take a photo at the start:



From the left: **Rafi Karpinski, Gary Murphy, Bill Faulkner, Kit Gray** and **Thomas Knoll**. Kit rode the short, but was somehow the last to finish (must have taken a really long lunch). Some of us had thoughts of doing the long, but in the end we all rode the medium. We didn't have to decide until we were only about 10 miles from the end and at that point, it was just too tempting to skip the last big hill on the long route. Although he rode the medium route with us, Rafi had ridden from home and then rode back for a total of just under 200 miles for the day. Amazing! We checked out a new lunch location which I have now made the permanent lunch spot for this ride. It had more choices and it came right after climbing one of the more difficult hills on the ride. With the old lunch stop, we had to ride that hill after lunch. Ugh. The only photo I took along the route was this one of some bougainvilleas that caught my eye along the bike path that runs from Capistrano down to Dana Point.



To tell the truth, I probably wouldn't have even taken this photo except that I had gotten a little ahead of the others and was waiting for them to catch up. Rafi included a few photos along with his Strava Post, but most of them were either from his ride to the start or his ride home. He had to leave at about 3 a.m. to get down to the start in time. Here is a nighttime shot from just south of downtown LA



And here's a sunset shot from Redondo Beach on his return. At this point he probably had about 15 miles to go, so he might just have made it before dark.



This Week: This Sunday the scheduled ride is "Viva San Fernando" which starts from the "Corner." The long and medium both head out to the valley for lunch in the west valley. the medium returns back over Sepulveda while the long returns via Old Topanga and the coast. There are two short routes

which stay in west LA. It's predicted to be fairly hot out in the Valley this Sunday. Despite the heat, I'm thinking I will give it a try. I figure the hottest part will be the climb up Old Topanga, but that comes right after lunch when I will have had a chance to cool down. Once I'm at the top, it will be downhill all the way to the much cooler coast. Misery loves company, so why not join me.


Grand Tour Finishers: The list of this year's Grand Tour Double finishers is attached. We had a total of 127 finishers this year. That seems pretty good for a "Virtual" event with no support. Note that the list does not indicate which riders completed the "double double" (two doubles in two days). I did not get that list. Congratulations to all of this year's finishers (which includes me!).

Parting Shot: This photo, taken by **Gary Murphy**, is simply a shot of last Thursday's Triple Dipper riders at their usual break at the Golden Cove Starbucks. What makes this ride unusual is that there were no women on the ride that day. That is fairly rare. If we had known ahead of time we could have advertised it as a Stag Triple Dipper ride.



See You On The Road

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