

Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report

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Hello All:

Last Sunday: On Sunday we were riding "Huntington Beach Go-Round" which started in Long Beach. We had 9 riders. **Phil Whitworth** took this photo at the start:



From the left: **Chris Hedberg**, **Lee Meller**, **David Nakai**, **Nancy Domjanovich** (with back to the camera), **Bill Faulkner** (barely visible) and me. Not in the photo are **Phil** (of course), **Jacques Stern** who arrived a little late due to traffic and **Rafi Karpinski** who rode to the ride as usual, but had two flats on the way and didn't catch the group until lunch. Lee and Bill rode the medium route while the rest of us did the long. It was sort of an odd day because even though it was our intent to stick together, the group kept getting broken apart and then getting back together again. Just before lunch we came to a detour around a freeway bridge under construction. I followed the detour signs which involved a little back-tracking because I knew if I didn't, I would miss my planned lunch at the Habit. The others didn't do the back-tracking and simply had lunch at a latter location. Phil took this photo at their lunch stop which includes both Jacques and Rafi who were missing from the photo above



While they were at lunch, David took a nap out on the lawn in front of the restaurant:



Once I was separated from the main group for lunch, I rode the second half of the ride by myself, but I waited at the end for the group to come in. Everyone seemed to have had a good time although it looked as if maybe a 70 mile ride was a bit much for David after being off the bike for a while.

As usual, Rafi had posted a few photos with his Strava post but not as many as usual, probably because of the two flats he had. He did take this one to document one of his flats:



This Sunday: This Sunday we will be riding "Pico Rivera & Bike Trail" We start at Pico Park in Pico Rivera and all routes head to the coast and back. The long does a little climbing in Whittier first and then heads over to the Santa Ana River trail which it takes to the coast. The medium and the short head to the coast on the Coyote Creek Trail and the San Gabriel River. Actually, the short doesn't quite make it all the way to the coast. All routes return back up the San Gabriel River to finish the day. Except for the beginning of the long route and the stretch along PCH between the Santa Ana River and the San Gabriel (which we just rode last Sunday) almost all the riding is on river trails. That can make for a nice day. I hope to see you out there.

Monthly Meeting: Our monthly meeting is this Thursday at 7 p.m. Once again it will be on Zoom. David Nakai has indicated his intent to join the meeting this month because there are a couple of issues he would like to bring up. Could be a more exciting meeting than usual, so why not join us. 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.

Parting Shot: I took this photo of one of the signs along the route around the Back Bay in Newport Beach. I've seen it before, but it always tickles my fancy.



I like to think it's more of a general statement than just a specific traffic instruction. Even if you go the wrong way in life, if you are on a bike, it's OK.

See You On The Road

Rod Doty, VP