

Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report

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Hello All

Sunday: Last Sunday we were riding "Pico Rivera & Bike Trail" which started at Pico Park in Pico Rivera. There were 8 riders at the start and **Phil Whitworth** took this photo:



From the left: **Chris Hedberg, David Nakai, Me, Mario Solano, Kit Gray, Rafi Karpinski and Nancy Domjanovich.** Kit rode the medium route and the rest of us did the long. We all stayed together pretty much throughout the ride. It turned out my chosen lunch location was right next door to the place where everyone else ate, so that worked out well. I was falling back a bit at the end but then Mario had a flat a few miles from the end and I was able to join the group again. We spent a lot of time on river trails. Here is a shot Phil took of most of the group on the Santa Ana River trail near the Honda Center.



Both Rafi and Phil took a photo of this tree which I had never seen before. David (our resident plant expert) identified it as an African Tulip Tree.



After the ride, Nancy went off in search of a strawberry milkshake. Seems simple enough, but she had to stop at 3 locations before finding a place with a working ice cream machine.

As usual, Rafi started his ride in the night to join us at the start. He included this photo in his Strava Post. I'm pretty sure it's taken on Ballona Creek not far from where I live.



I ride this area once or twice a week, but I never see it at night. It looks a lot different.

This Sunday: This Sunday we will be doing our annual running of "Malibu Vistas." These routes all start in the Malibu Civic Center area and head north to Neptune's Net for lunch and then return. The short does this with only a few hills going out and back. The medium and the long add a climb up Latigo Canyon before lunch and then come back down to PCH on Mulholland Hwy. After lunch the medium heads directly back (the same route as the short) while the long adds a climb up Yerba Buena before coming down Encinal to join the other routes on the return. These are fairly tough routes and I'm pretty sure I will only be doing the medium and I could be talked into doing only the short. A portion of Westward Beach Road (near Zuma Beach) which is on all the routes, was washed out by waves last week. I'm not sure they have made repairs yet, so we may have to skip that portion and stay on PCH going up Zuma Hill.

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting we held last Thursday are attached. We discussed a few more things than usual, so you may want to take a look.

Dues Holiday: If you do read the minutes, one of the things you will see that was decided upon is a one year dues holiday. It was felt that in the past year the club did not provide members with several of the perks which are usually made available to members each year such as our annual Holiday Party and the Installation lunch. Therefore, it was decided to extend everyone's membership by one year. I will be implementing this in the coming weeks and you will receive an e-mail with your new expiration date.


Observation: A few weeks ago I included a photo of the car lot down at the harbor where new cars are parked as they come off the boats. The lot seemed full which I thought cast doubt on the reports that cars are in short supply. Also, last week we went past the Carvana car vending machine in Orange County and it was full of cars, where it had been empty a couple of months ago. But this past Sunday the San Gabriel River trail took us past the lot behind the Cerritos Auto Square where all the dealers store their inventory. Normally the lot is quite full, but on Sunday I noticed it had a lot of empty space. So, maybe there is a shortage of cars -- at least at the new car dealers.

Parting Shot: Rafi took this photo on Sunday. I'm not sure on which river trail it was taken, but I thought it looks a little funny. You can make up your own tag line



See You On The Road

Rod Doty, VP

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