

Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report

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Hello All:

Sunday: On Sunday the scheduled ride was "Malibu Vistas." I got up, put on my cycling clothes, and then, for reasons I can't even explain, decided I didn't want to ride that day and took them off again and went back to bed. I guess sometimes the mood just isn't there. Anyway, 5 riders did show up for the ride. **Phil Whitworth** took this photo at the start and, with the small number of riders, was able to make it a selfie. So for once he is in his own photo of the group at the start:



From the left: **Phil** (part of him anyway), **Dale Aaronson**, **David Williams**, **Thomas Knoll** and **Nancy Domjanovich**. I'm sorry I missed it, because Dale and David rarely ride with us on Sundays. Dale rode the long route and I believe all the others rode the medium. Phil and Dale both sent photos. This first one from Dale shows that while there may have been a fog bank at the coast, it was a nice sunny day in the hills above the coast.



Here's a shot Dale took of David on the climb up Latigo.



At the top of Latigo, it is always nice to be able to look down on the climb you have just done, as shown in this final shot from Dale



Along Mulholland, Phil took this shot of some bee hives. I've never noticed them before, but it doesn't look like there are many flowers for them to make honey with.



Based on the track sent by Phil, it doesn't appear they went to Neptune's Net for lunch. No big loss in my opinion, but I wonder where they did have lunch.

This Sunday: This weekend is Labor Day weekend, but our ride has nothing to do with that. We will be riding "Long Beach Boogie." Although starting in Long Beach, these routes don't actually go to the beach, which might be a good thing considering that it is Labor Day Weekend. Instead, they head inland with the long making it all the way to Brea Canyon. The medium doesn't go quite that far and the short does even less. As usual, the long does more climbing than the medium, but nothing too serious. The two major climbs on the long are the trip over Colima and a climb up Pathfinder. I hope my riding malaise has ended and I actually make it to this ride.

Insurance Update. The club has received a notice from its insurance carrier regarding electric bikes. The club's policy will NOT cover riders on what they term "Class 2 electric bicycles." Essentially these are electric bikes equipped with a motor that may be used exclusively to propel the bicycle. The policy will cover Class 1 and Class 3 electric bicycles which are bikes with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling. Currently I don't think this has much impact on our club because I haven't seen anyone show up for a ride with an electric bike. But, it is something to keep in mind.

Possible Change In Bicycle Law: The State Senate has passed AB-122 which would basically allow cyclists to treat "Stop" signs as "Yield" signs. You would not be required to come to a complete stop at a "Stop" sign if there is no other vehicle at or in the intersection. This would not apply to stop lights. A number of other states have similar laws. The bill previously was passed in the Assembly, but I believe because it was amended in the Senate, it has to go back to the Assembly to be passed again. Then it would need to be signed by the Governor and by the time it gets to his desk, who knows who that might be.

Parting Shot: Phil send this photo from last Sunday's ride. There are more than one of these signs along the Pacific Coast Highway and I've always thought they are sort of odd.



Could anyone be driving this highway and mistakenly think this is the Atlantic Coast?

See You On The Road

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