

Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report

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Hello All

Last Sunday: On Sunday we were riding our century of the month which this month was the "Grand Tour Lite (unsupported)" which started in Malibu. Only 4 of us showed up. I took this photo at the start



That's **Phil Whitworth, Jacques Stern** and **Nancy Domjanovich**. Sorry for the lousy photo. Phil took a better one, but only included two riders, Phil, Nancy and Jacques all rode the metric century route which took them up to Port Hueneme for lunch and back. However, Nancy and Phil had ridden from home and got in more than 100 miles for the day. I rode the century route which added a loop in the Oxnard area to the metric route. It is too bad more riders didn't show up because it was a great day for this ride. Nice and cool for the ride north and coming back down the coast we had the best tailwind in my memory of riding the coast. Except for the occasional hill along PCH, I just flew along. Nancy narrowly missed encounters with a surfer and a woman running across PCH and we all encountered a high number of cars parked along PCH all the way from the Ventura County line back to the start, but I don't think that dampened our spirits too much.

There were the usual sights along PCH. Phil took this photo of people climbing the sand hill just south of Mugu Rock



He also took this shot of Nancy and Jacques passing Missile Park at the Point Mugu Naval Air Station.



I took this shot of a bunch of kiteboarders along the coast.



All in all, a very nice day.

Triple Dipper Thursday: Last Thursday, the Triple Dipper group varied their usual trip to Palos Verdes and instead went out to Malibu to view the 9-11 flag display at Pepperdine University. Here is a shot taken by Phil Whitworth of the group



They have been putting up this display for many years now and we visited it once several years ago, but this was the 20th anniversary, so we thought it was worth doing again.

This Sunday: This Sunday we will be riding "Wandering To Whittier." Fortunately, the predictions are for cooler weather, so this inland ride should still be good. The routes all head toward Whittier, but first make a loop up to Sierra Madre. That's why it's called "Wandering TO Whittier." The long and the medium are the only two routes that make it Whittier for lunch but the long throws in an extra hill before lunch. Should be a nice ride. I hope to see a lot of you out there.

Monthly Meeting: Our monthly meeting is this Thursday at 7 p.m. Once again it will be on Zoom. Don't know what will be discussed, but the meetings are always interesting. You should 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.

RideWithGPS Road Surface Enhancement. RideWithGPS had announced that their maps will now include an indication of the road surface. Unpaved portions of a route will now appear as a dashed line. Unfortunately, in the past few weeks the maps for a couple of our club routes have indicated unpaved portions even though they were all paved. One of these was a stretch on the Santa Ana River trail near Angel's Stadium. I pointed this out to them and they said they often infer the surface type from available information, but that they aren't always sure. They did point out that there is a way to edit the road surface type on a specific map and maybe I'll do that for our club maps. There is also a way to report discrepancies to the map source they use and that might result in a permanent fix for everyone's maps. I probably won't bother with that. Anyway, if you see a dashed line on one of our routes, don't worry -- all our routes are paved.

Multi-media E-mail. I thought I would try something new in these e-mails by including a link to a song inspired by a photo or the week's ride. First up: I passed this sign on Sunday's ride and every time I do, this song springs into my head:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KZJiGu6Gz8E>



Parting Shot:

I saw this sign along PCH in Malibu on Sunday. I thought it was funny but what sticks in my mind is that this isn't a home-made sign -- It appears to be a stock sign you could buy in a store. Must be a lot of lousy neighbors out there.



See You On The Road,

Rod Doty, VP