

## Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report

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Hello All and Goodby to summer:

**Sunday:** On Sunday the ride was "Wandering To Whittier" which of course brings to mind this song. (Ideally, you will click on the link and then let the song play while you return to reading this e-mail)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0FFt9k87k>

The ride started in Alhambra and we had a good turnout. **Rafi Karpinski** took this photo at the start:



From the left: **Me, Jacques Stern, Steve & Phyllis Suchard, Nancy Domjanovich, Chris Hedberg, Mario Solono,** and two newcomers, **Brian & Jeff**. Not in the photo are **Gary Murphy** (who was still getting ready for the ride) and **Phil Whitworth** who was starting from a different location and would meet up with at lunch. Steve and Phyllis were riding their tandem to which they have recently added an electric motor assist. It's been a long time since we have had a tandem on one of our Sunday rides. They rode the medium route -- I think Steve said their battery wouldn't last long enough to do the long. The rest of us did the long route. It was a relatively cool day with no wind to speak of, so it was a nice day to ride. Gary Murphy took this shot of the group going up a slight incline:



When Phil caught up to us at lunch in Whittier, he took this photo of the group:



All in all, a pretty nice day. Our two visitors seemed to have a good time and I'm somewhat optimistic they will be back. Then I can get their last names.

**This Week:** This Sunday the ride is "Revel the Rollies II" which starts in Tustin. The highlight of these routes (long and medium) is a trip through Santiago Canyon. The long adds a trip through Trabuco and Live Oak Canyons. These are prettier than Santiago, but of course do involve some additional climbing. It was pretty warm today for the last day of summer, but I believe it is supposed to cool down by the weekend, so we could be in for another great day. I hope to see you there.

**Meeting:** We were supposed to have a monthly meeting last Thursday, but only 4 of us Zoomed in, so after a little chit chat, we closed it down and didn't really hold a meeting. Therefore, there are no minutes.

**Other Ride:** The last couple of weeks, Rafi has been up in Mammoth where he had planned to ride the Mammoth Grand Fondo. Unfortunately, the National Parks were all closed and the Grand Fondo was called off. Rafi described Mammoth as a ghost town. Nonetheless he was able to ride in the area on his own and the scenery and the air were much as he remembered them from his last trip there in 2019. He sent me a number of photos. Here are a couple:



I don't believe I have ever ridden higher than 8000 feet, so he was really up there.

**Parting Shot:** I don't really have much for this spot this week, but here is an interesting shot Rafi took on last Sunday's ride. This is at the San Gabriel Valley airport (formerly the El Monte airport).



It would appear to be quite a vintage plane but I'm not sure what it is. Perhaps someone in the club with connections to an expert in the aviation area could tell me what it is.

See You On The Road,

Rod Doty, VP