

Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report

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Hello All:

Sunday: On Sunday we were riding "Revel the Rollies - Corona" which started in the city of Orange. We had 6 riders which isn't too bad for a somewhat remote start. I took this photo at the start:



From the left: **Russ Brynes, Mario Solano, Thomas Knoll, Rafi Karpinski** and **David Nakai**. Russ was riding the medium route and the rest of us **planned** on doing the long. I was behind the entire group, but when I got to Featherly Park I saw David who said Rafi had stopped for a bathroom break. I went on and soon came upon Mario bandaging Thomas's leg. From what I can tell, a rock had leapt out of nowhere to take Thomas down. While his knee was being attended to, I got a text from Rafi telling me that David had a flat. Thomas seemed good to go, so we started riding again. Rafi soon caught us and said David was back riding with Russ. Soon I was riding alone again, but kept expecting David to catch me. I got to lunch only a short time after the group, but discovered that Thomas was not feeling tip top after his crash and had cut off to do the medium. That left only Rafi and Mario at lunch and they weren't really planning on eating lunch (other than the food they carried with them) I wanted lunch, so I told them to go on. I was still expecting David. After lunch I started back, having never seen David, but I had a pleasant ride back. There was some headwind, but it also kept me cool. Turns out David was riding from memory and made a wrong turn and never completed the long. He also had another flat.

So, it was kind of a broken day, but it was a nice ride. I had forgotten how much the route uses newer streets out that way so that most of the route was on wide streets with a wide shoulder or bike lane. I had hoped to take some photos of Halloween decorations, but it turned out most of the route was not in residential areas. I remembered a large housing development on the return and I thought I would get some photos there, but I had forgotten that this was a walled development and I couldn't actually see any of the houses. Finally, only about 100 yards from the end of the ride I did come upon this display:



Not sure what this supposed to be, but it was the best I could do. Maybe next week I'll get some better shots.

This Sunday: This Sunday we will be riding "Action in Acton" which starts out in Newhall. Now that I think of it, I don't know if I will get many chances at seeing Halloween decorations on this ride either. That is because a big chunk of this ride is on Soledad Canyon going out to Acton and on Escondido Canyon coming back. Neither one has a lot of houses. But that is what makes the ride nice. It should be a pleasant ride in fall weather with low traffic. Along the way we get to take a peek at the lions and tigers at Tippi Hedren's place. That's the long route. The medium only goes as far as Agua Dulce and back. And who knows -- some of the homes along Sand Canyon may have decorations up. I hope to see a lot of you out there.

Meeting: This Thursday is our monthly members meeting at 7 p.m. It will once again be via Zoom. Last month we only had 4 people attend and didn't really hold a meeting. We have got to do better this time so please plan to attend. Sure, the Dodgers will be playing the same time, but you can have the game on with the sound turned down and keep an eye on the game while you attend the meeting. 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.

Accident Report: Besides the spill Thomas took last Sunday, I am sad to report that on the previous Sunday, while **Nancy Domjanovich** was riding back from completing a century, she was struck from behind by a car. I don't have a lot of details, but it sounds as if she must have gone over the handlebars and broken her fall with her hands because she suffered broken bones in both hands. When I last communicated with her, she was unsure whether she would need to have a pin put in to fix one of the breaks. We all hope for a speedy recovery.

Other Photos: Although I did not get many Halloween photos, David Nakai took a couple as he rode to the start of Sunday's ride. This first is of a haunted house which opens every year. It is famous enough to have it's own web site: <https://piratescavehaunt.wixsite.com/piratescavehaunt>



It's not much to look at from the outside (especially during the day) but the point is to go inside.

David also took this one:



This one apparently won an award (sign in lower right). It reminds me of a horse skeleton Halloween display I once saw suspiciously close to Santa Anita.

Parting Thought: I have no photo here, but I will note that on Sunday's ride I saw 3 very long trains full of containers moving along the main east/west line out of LA, so at least some cargo is moving. One was moving east away from LA but the other two were coming west into LA. Of course that doesn't mean we will be getting any of the electronics or other goods from Asia that we are waiting for, but if you are looking to buy a new Italian bike, maybe it was on one of those trains. And maybe it means Ikea will be well stocked for the holidays.

See You On The Road

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