

## Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report

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Hello All:

I forgot to do this the last couple of weeks, but here is tonight's theme music for this e-mail. It's a tribute to last Sunday's ride. I leave it to you to figure out why.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=szm\\_SbNmK6s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=szm_SbNmK6s)

**Sunday:** On Sunday we were riding "Action In Acton" which started in Newhall and headed to Acton and back. There were 5 riders. I forgot to take a photo at the start, but we were all still together when we stopped to look through the fence for lions and tigers at Tippi Hedren's place out on Soledad Canyon road, so I took a photo there.



That's **Gary Murphy, Henry, Jacques Stern** and **Mario Solano**. Alas, we could see no lions or tigers this trip. It was a beautiful day for the ride. We did encounter a head wind on the way back, but the return has a lot of downhill on it, so that made it a little easier. I didn't take many photos along the way, but Gary did send me this one. I don't recognize the setting, but I would guess it is somewhere on Soledad Canyon Road.



After Acton, Henry and Mario rode on ahead and I suspect they skipped lunch, but the rest of us had a nice lunch at the Halfway Cafe. Very nice waitress. I can't remember being called sweetie so much. By the way, the route parallels the main rail line from LA out to Palmdale. I saw two trains but both were Metrolink trains -- so no cargo moving that way at all.

**Other Ride:** Last week **Ira Kuccheck** rode the MS 150 Charity ride. He sent me this write-up along with some photos which I will just copy here:

First, a special thanks to the very generous donors. Your support was very much appreciated. In addition to exceeding my individual fundraising goal, the team (Wescom) that I am part of, raised a ton of money for the MS Society. The weather for the ride was great both days. Clear blue skies, pleasant temps, moderate winds. The staff and volunteers supporting the riders (approx 1000) was phenomenal. From a personal perspective, this was really different for me. Typically, the cycling events I've been part of the last 10+ years have been individual or team events where we're competing against ourselves or the clock. This was a wonderful change as there was a team spirit that was great. Our team had about 25 members and one heck of a team spirit.

Special kudos to the volunteers. On day one I had the privilege of having a number of flats. Nothing earthshaking about that, but literally just as I was getting ready to pump my tire up with my hand pump (which takes forever) a volunteer showed up with both a floor pump and a new tube for me. I was tickled pink. The photos are of the finish (I've got the green helmet) and one at the top of Torrey Pines with the Star Wars crew. Torrey Pines is one of the storied climbs on the course and in the area. Given the great job the the Ms Society does, I will be volunteering for them next year to support the riders



**This Sunday.** This Sunday is Halloween and we will be riding our Halloween Ride. We haven't done this one in about 11 years because Halloween hasn't fallen on a Sunday for the past 11 years. These are very short rides from the "Corner" designed by a former member to pass by a number of unusual houses that sort of fit with the Halloween theme. It's been so long since we have done this ride, the only house I remember is the witch's house in Beverly Hills. The houses are listed on the route sheet, so be sure to bring that. As I say, it's a very short ride, so there is no reason a lot of us can't show up for this one. Costumes are optional, but of course we all already have masks.

**Minutes of the meeting:** We held our monthly meeting last Thursday. There was a little better participation than last month and there were a few things discussed. The minutes are attached. Happy reading.

**Bicycle Law Update:** The bill which I mentioned a few weeks ago which would have allowed cyclists to treat stop signs as a "yield" sign was vetoed by Governor Newsom. Despite results from other states which have enacted such laws and which showed no increase in accidents, the Governor thought it was too dangerous. Maybe cyclists should get together and try to recall Newsom. Oh, wait -- they already tried that.

**Parting Shot:** I had hoped to get some shots of Halloween decorations on Sunday's ride, but the route was too remote with few houses. The only one I got was this rather pathetic attempt at decorations where the homeowner hung some ghosts on a wire across the lawn



**Gary Murphy** sent me this photo from a ride around Westchester today. Clearly they know how to decorate in Westchester



The skeletons in front are putting a body in a coffin and the ones in back are carrying a coffin on their shoulders. We should see some good decorations this Sunday.

See You On The Road

Rod Doty, VP

