

Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report

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Hello All:

Here is today's theme music for my discussion of last Sunday's ride. I had actually never heard of this song before, but it fits.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Ecsg2AYH8E>

Sunday: On Sunday we were riding the "Whale of a Century" which was our century and metric century of the month for November. There were two start locations, but both routes made their way to Santa Barbara and back. I believe there were a total of 5 riders from both locations. I started early so I couldn't take a photo of the group, but it occurred to me that everyone on this ride had been on the ride a week earlier. So, I doctored up the group photo from last week by cutting out a few riders and here is this Sunday's group:



That's **Mario Solano** (full century), **Thomas Knoll** (metric century), **Rafi Karpinski** (full century), **Me** (full century) and **Jacques Stern** (metric century). Starting at different times and at different locations meant we didn't ride as a group. But I saw Rafi and Mario briefly while I was at lunch. and they ran into Jacques and rode with him for a while and Jacques and Thomas met briefly as Thomas passed Jacques. Rafi, Mario and Jacques took these selfies while on the ride



The highlight of the ride is the whale skeleton in Santa Barbara. Almost all of us took photos of it. I thought the best of them was this one from Thomas



The trip north was overcast and a little foggy, but the sun came out for the return and that made for a fairly nice day. I had thought we were avoiding the LA Marathon by riding in Ventura County, but there was a smaller marathon going on there too. We shared a course for a few miles, but it was small enough that there was really no problem. Rafi took a photo of one of their mileage banners (this one for the 5K turn-around)



Surprisingly, it turns out the New York Marathon was also held last Sunday. Must have been National Marathon Day.

Other Ride: Gary Murphy didn't make the century, but did a ride on his own which took him down past the Alameda Corridor rail line where he took this photo:



He noted that all the trains seemed to be composed of tank cars, but that all the containers were stacked up along the tracks.

This Week: This Sunday's ride is "Bronson Caves." This is a great ride which hits a lot of iconic locations in a fairly short ride. The caves are the highlight, but on the long you also get to circle Lake Hollywood and go up to the Griffith Park Observatory. There are a couple of short but very steep hills on the long and medium routes, but they are short enough that you could walk them if you have to. I hope to see a lot of you out there. We will be passing a lot of famous locations. For instance, judging from the ads I've seen on TV, this Sunday there is a televised Adele concert that was filmed in front of the Observatory. An odd venue -- especially with the Greek Theater just down the hill. Also, in the week before Halloween they were showing a lot of old horror movies on cable and I watched one called "Earth Vs. the Spider" made in 1958. A giant spider was terrorizing a small town and it was pretty clear to me that the entrance to the spider's home was Bronson Caves. We will also be riding across the dam that in the movie "Earthquake" finally gives way and ends up killing Charlton Heston.

Parting Shot: Oh sure, member **Thomas Knoll** has previously won an academy award, but now he has reached the pinnacle of fame: Last week he was mentioned by name in a Jeopardy clue. Here it is.

BROTHERS JOHN &
THOMAS KNOLL
CREATED
THIS IMAGE-EDITING
PROGRAM IN THE '80s
& SOLD IT TO ADOBE
IN 1995

Do you know the answer?

See You On The Road

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