

Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report

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Hello All:

Sunday: On Sunday we were riding "Apple Blossom Time" starting out in Redlands. There really is only one song that goes with this ride and it was popular in 1941 -- 4 years before the club was even formed. Here's the link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c4gyB-IWU00>

Redlands is a long drive so I wasn't sure how many would show up, but it turns out there were 5 of us. I took this photo at the start:



That's **Jacques Stern**, **Rafi Karpinski**, **Mario Solano** and **Thomas Knoll**. Thomas and I started out on the alternate long route while the other 3 went for the full long. I had driven through some stiff winds on the way to Redlands, but at the start, all was calm. I was optimistic that we would have a good day. However, as I started east towards Beaumont, the winds began to pick up. A couple miles short of Beaumont they were pushing me around on the road and I decided to give up and turn back. I didn't think the winds would get any better and after Beaumont, I would still have had about 8 miles up hill into the wind. It may have been too much for me, but the others persevered. Rafi, Mario and Thomas all completed the ride all the way to Oak Glen. Jacques did cut the route short, but he made it to Beaumont doing quite a few more miles than I did because he had been on the full long route. My hat is really off to them for sticking to the ride. Rafi, Thomas and Jacques all sent reports to me and it sounds like the wind never let up. Rafi did send me a few photos: This first proves they did indeed made it to Oak Glen.



Here is Rafi in front of one of the many apple orchards there.



My trip towards Beaumont paralleled a main rail line for about 10 miles. It was good to see two trains moving containers.



This one had about 135 cars with most cars holding two containers, although this one was west-bound so for all I know it was just full of empties being returned to the port. The other train I saw was east-bound and was just about as long.

This Week: We have two rides this week. First, on Thursday we have our traditional Thanksgiving Day Ride. This starts from the "Corner" and the long and medium routes first go to the Palisades and then down to Marina del Rey for a break. The short skips the trip to the Palisades. All routes are short and fairly easy which makes for a nice start to your holiday and lets you work up an appetite for dinner later. Also, it will ease your guilt for overeating. I hope to see a lot of you there. It would be nice if any Triple Dipper riders who might otherwise be riding down to Palos Verdes on Thursday would join us on this ride.

On Sunday, our second ride of the week is "Cal Poly By Golly." These routes start in Puente Hills and all head over to Cal Poly Pomona for a lap around the campus. That's pretty much all the short route does, but the long and medium take in Puddingstone reservoir and a few other areas. The long adds some climbs such as a trip over Grand Ave, but nothing more strenuous than that. We will all be needing a good ride to work off the excesses of Thanksgiving, so I hope to see a lot of you out there.

Last Week's Trivia Question: Only 3 members got back to me on the trivia question I posed last week (How far is it from Bronson Caves to Gotham City?). **Nancy Domanovich** and **Howard Wedin** responded with the correct answer (14 miles) which was fairly clear if you watched the music video at least half way through. **Rafi Karpinski** sent a response also, but it was not the answer I was looking for. So, maybe not many of you are actually playing the videos I pick for each ride, but I have fun finding a appropriate song each week, so I'll probably keep doing it.

Last Week's Meeting: Only 3 or 4 members Zoomed in for the meeting last week, so we didn't really conduct any business and there are no minutes.

Parting Shot: Nothing else to report tonight. I took this shot of a mailbox in Redlands last Sunday. I thought it was an interesting use of an old bike frame.



Actually, the frame doesn't look all that old.

See You On The Road

Rod Doty, VP