

Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report

1 message

Rod Doty <roddoty@roadrunner.com>

Tue, Dec 7, 2021 at 10:56 PM

Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report - December 7, 2021

Hello All:

Last Weekend: The club had a lot going on this last weekend. Of course there was our regularly scheduled Sunday ride which this week was "Reseda Park - Phase I." I hadn't ridden all week because of some sort of stomach bug, but I went out to the start. Only **Phil Whitworth** and **Rafi Karpinski** were there. It was cold and foggy at the start which really didn't make me feel like riding. When Phil said he didn't feel like riding either, that was enough for me and we decided to go home. I could tell Rafi was disappointed, but he had ridden out to the start, so if he rode home, he would get a good ride in. But then as I drove away, I saw that **Jacques Stern** had arrived. He and Rafi decided they would ride and actually did the long route. My hat is off to them. I wish I had had the determination to go myself. Here is a selfie they took:



As it turned out, the weather got much better, as you can see in this photo taken by Rafi.



I recognize that bridge. It's on the Little Tujunga climb just before you hit a long steep section that takes you up past the old Wildlife Way Station. In fact, that's the road in the upper right corner of the photo so you can see how fast it starts to climb. It sounds like they had a good day and Rafi was grateful that Jacques came along and saved his day.

Sunday also saw the club's Newcomer Ride for December. Like the October ride, it started in downtown LA and allowed riders to meet-up with the CicLAvia route being ridden that day. **Hoy Quan** sent me this photo of the group.



I count 12 (including Hoy who took the photo). That's pretty good. The ride was designed to visit a number of classic downtown locations. **Mel Cutler** sent me several photos. This first is the new 6th Street bridge under construction and the second I think is of the Christmas Tree at Union Station.





Sounds like it was a very successful ride.

The final club event this past weekend was the Dead of Winter Double which was held both Saturday and Sunday. I don't have any photos, but Mel Cutler provided me with a report. Almost 75 riders rode on Saturday. The number was somewhat less on Sunday but 17 riders from Saturday completed a second double on Sunday for a "Double Double." That's very impressive. A complete rider list will be available later.

This Sunday: This Sunday the scheduled ride is "Foothill Foolsie" which is our century and metric century for December. This has been our December century now for quite a few years. It's actually only about 92 miles and relatively flat, so it's a good one for the shortest days of the year. The full century starts in La Crescenta and rides out to Claremont and back. The metric century starts in Pasadena and rides the center portion of the full century out to Claremont and back to Pasadena. I always enjoy seeing the holiday decorations in the San Gabriel Valley and this year I will be interested to see if the Christmas tree lots (we pass several) are really short of trees this year. As usual, I plan to start early (the crack of dawn usually) but most of you should be able to catch me at lunch. No surprise -- I'll be at The Habit.

Parting Shot: I keep thinking there should be more to say, but I've got nothing else to add tonight. I took this photo yesterday in Palos Verdes. I often like to take photos of "dead Santas" which are inflatable Santas which have been turned off during the day and have collapsed on the lawn. But this one is something different.



What you can't see from this side is that there was a football underneath him. It sort of looked like he had recovered a fumble. From this side, I just thought it looked like he was doing push-ups.

See You On The Road

Rod Doty, VP