

**Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report**

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Hello and Happy Winter Solstice

**Sunday:** On Sunday we were riding "Honolulu For Lunch" I had several good choices for a theme song, but I went with this classic:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Aitw9LBBgy4>

There were only 4 of us at the start where I took this photo:



That's **Chris Hedberg**, **Phil Whitworth** and **Jacques Stern**. However, we were met on the route by **Gary Murphy** and **David Nakai** for a total of 6 riders. Gary had ridden from home. David had actually started riding the previous night at 7 p.m. when he rode the Winter Solstice brevet from Pasadena down to Oceanside. He had then taken the train back to join us on our ride Sunday morning. We all rode the long route although we split into two groups. It was a nice day, as it often is after a rain. You could see the snow on the mountains. I took this photo from the Rio Honda



A very enjoyable ride with lots of interesting holiday decorations to view. I wish I had taken more photos. It's too bad more riders didn't join us.

**Other Ride:** As mentioned above David rode the annual Winter Solstice Brevet on Saturday (even though the solstice is today). This is an all-night ride, I guess because it is the longest night of the year. David sent me this photo from the start:



Although I count only 14 riders, he said there were 19. David said he was the one with antlers on his helmet which I think makes him the 4th from the left.

**This Week:** We have two rides this week. Right now it is not looking good weather-wise, but maybe it will clear off for at least one of the rides. In any case, I always keep my hopes up. The first ride is our annual Christmas Day ride on Saturday. I will be really disappointed if this one gets rained out because it is a favorite of mine. The streets are quite and it goes a lot of places we don't often ride such as Elysian Park, past the restored Victorian homes on Carroll Avenue, and downtown Los Angeles. I'll be there if it isn't raining.

On Sunday our ride is "Valley Rally" which starts from Whittier. All the routes go out to the San Gabriel Valley. Both the long and the medium (with hill) go over Turnbull, but the long does it coming back while the medium does it going out. The short and the medium (without hill) go around Turnbull but otherwise are similar in the areas they ride. This will be our last regular Sunday ride of the year, so I really hope we can get it in. Again, I plan to be there if it is not raining.

**Meeting:** We held our monthly members meeting last Thursday. We had much better attendance than in the past few months. The minutes are attached. We actually made a couple of decisions so they might be worth reading.

**Sale:** Member **Lora Chen** has asked me to mention that Triathlon Lab of Redondo Beach is having a Christmas sale with 20% - 50% off items like all Castelli clothing, sport socks, bike lights, locks and Saris stationary trainers. They are located at [1512 Aviation Blvd, Redondo, Beach, 90278](https://www.google.com/maps/place/1512+Aviation+Blvd,+Redondo+Beach,+CA+90278) and their website is [www.triathlonlab.com](http://www.triathlonlab.com)

**Parting Shot:** I saw a lot of inflatable Christmas decorations last Sunday, but most were the generic Santas and snowmen. However, this one was different.



Sort of an updated California style Santa.

See You On The Road

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