

Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report

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Hello All and Happy Two-Two-Two-Two-Two

Sunday: On Sunday we were riding the Triple Dam Centuries. I couldn't find any songs about the Santa Fe Dam, but I did find this song by Woody Guthrie about another dam. Fun fact: he was commissioned to write this song by an agency of the federal government.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5vLZOKshJPs>

I got an early start, so I didn't see anyone else there, but apparently there were only 3 other riders. **Thomas Knoll** sent me this selfie of the 3:



That's **Thomas, Ben King** and **Mario Solano**. Oddly, this was taken at the dam near the top of the Rio Hondo which is NOT one of the 3 title dams on the ride. Thomas did the metric and Mario did the full century. When Mario passed me, he said Ben was doing the metric, but when Thomas sent me the above photo, he said Ben did the full century, so I'm not sure which route Ben did. It was a nice day for a century -- not too hot -- although there was a headwind for the last 10 miles or so as I rode the Coyote Creek toward the coast. I managed to take photos of the 3 featured dams. In the order I crossed them, these are the Whittier Narrows Dam, the Santa Fe Dam and the Puddingstone Reservoir Dam:



Looking at these photos now, it seems to me that one dam looks pretty much like another. I was disappointed more didn't ride. You missed a nice and relatively easy century.

This Sunday: This Sunday we will be riding "Legg Lake." We start at the Rose Bowl (Brookside Park actually) and all routes head down to Legg Lake which is in the Whittier Narrows Recreation area. Due to changes in the routes over the years (which I won't go into) the long and the medium are now almost the same length and have the same amount of elevation gain. The medium actually rides around the lake, while the long skips that but adds a loop up to the Santa Fe Dam instead. So the choice is really whether you want to see the lake or not. The short also goes around the lake, but is shorter than the medium. I'll probably do the long since I saw the lake last time, but then again, I just saw the Santa Fe Dam last Sunday.

Firecracker Ride: Our new Director At Large, **Hoy Quan** was one of the organizers for this year's Firecracker Ride which was run as a virtual event. Nonetheless, a large number of riders showed up for the unofficial event. Hoy sent me this photo in which he says there are 42 riders (I'll take his word for it), but they were later joined by more to make a total of more than 50.



Minutes of the Meeting: The minutes of the meeting held last Thursday evening are attached. Read them at your leisure.

Parting Shot: Nothing else to report tonight and I don't really have a good photo here. This is a photo I took of Mt. Baldy last Sunday and I took it only because I was surprised that with all the warm weather we have been having, there was still snow up there. (I believe I took this from the top of the Puddingstone dam)



See You On The Road

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