

Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report

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Hello All:

For tonight's theme music, I have selected this: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fiLaNEFyCiM> Who can tell me why?

Saturday: We had two rides last weekend. On Saturday we were riding the biennial Rose Bowl Century. It turned out to be something of a bust this year. Turned out there was a triathlon at the Rose Bowl that morning. I had initially thought we would still be able to ride with the participants since they were only doing 3 laps, but the event proved to be larger than I expected and their start line was right on the loop around the Rose Bowl. I had arrived early and had done 4 laps when the triathlon started. I decided to ride elsewhere for a couple of hours and then return when the triathlon would be over and that's what I did. I managed to ride 100 miles, but only about 62 were around the Rose Bowl (20 laps). By my own rules I did not complete a real Rose Bowl Century. Only two other riders showed up that day: **Bill Faulkner** and **Phil Whitworth**. Bill decided the Triathlon posed too much of a problem and went home. Phil, arrived late and the Triathlon was already in progress, so he was able to insinuate himself onto the course and ride with the participants. Consequently he rode the entire century in laps around the Rose Bowl, making him an official finisher. Although we were the only two to ride Saturday, I heard from **Mario Solano** who couldn't ride Saturday, but did on Sunday. He also reported seeing **David Williams** there and believes he rode the century as well. They didn't have the triathlon to contend with, but Sunday was Rose Bowl Swap Meet day, so there were a lot more people and cars than usual. Phil took this one photo, but he had this same view 33 times.

If you really want to have fun, watch Phil's "Relive" video of the ride here: <https://www.relive.cc/view/vevYoVG9ZJ6>

It really gives you an idea of what the ride is like. Also, note the profile in the upper portion of the video.

Sunday: On Sunday we were riding "Ivan's Ride" starting from the "Corner." I was too tired from the century on Saturday (compounded by losing an hour of sleep to daylight saving) so I didn't show up. There were a total of 6 riders. **Nancy Domjanovich** took this shot at the start:



That's **David Nakai**, **Jacques Stern**, **Michal Doyle**, and **Thomas Knoll**. **Gary Murphy** got a late start and caught the riders at lunch. I believe all riders did the medium route except for Thomas who rode the short. The two routes were the same to lunch where David took this shot which includes Nancy and Gary who are missing from the above photo:



The route took the riders past the Wall of Los Angeles mural where Gary took this shot. Although we have two routes that go past the mural, when I looked at my past photos, I didn't seem to have any of the mural, so I was glad to get this one:



This Sunday: This Sunday we will be riding the "Oak Ridge Century" which will be our official century and metric century of the month. A lot of organized century rides used to offer a full range of routes including a century, metric century (or 3 quarter century), half century and quarter century. I think this is the only set of routes the club has which does that. So we have 4 routes and you can pick your distance. All routes start in the west valley and head west. All routes ride over Santa Susana Pass to Simi Valley. The quarter century turns back here. The half century makes it to Moorpark before turning back. The metric century makes it to Camarillo while the full century goes all the way to Oxnard before turning back. All routes go over Santa Susana both directions, but that is the only major climbing for all but the full century which adds a bit more climbing along the way. This will be my second century in two weeks, but I'm up for it. I hope to see you there.

Other Rides: Last weekend two of our members were out riding the Joshua Tree Double Century: **Rafi Karpinski** and **Mike Eberts**. Mike ran into **Kermit Ganier** out there who took this photo of him (which I took off Facebook). Looks like he was having a good time:

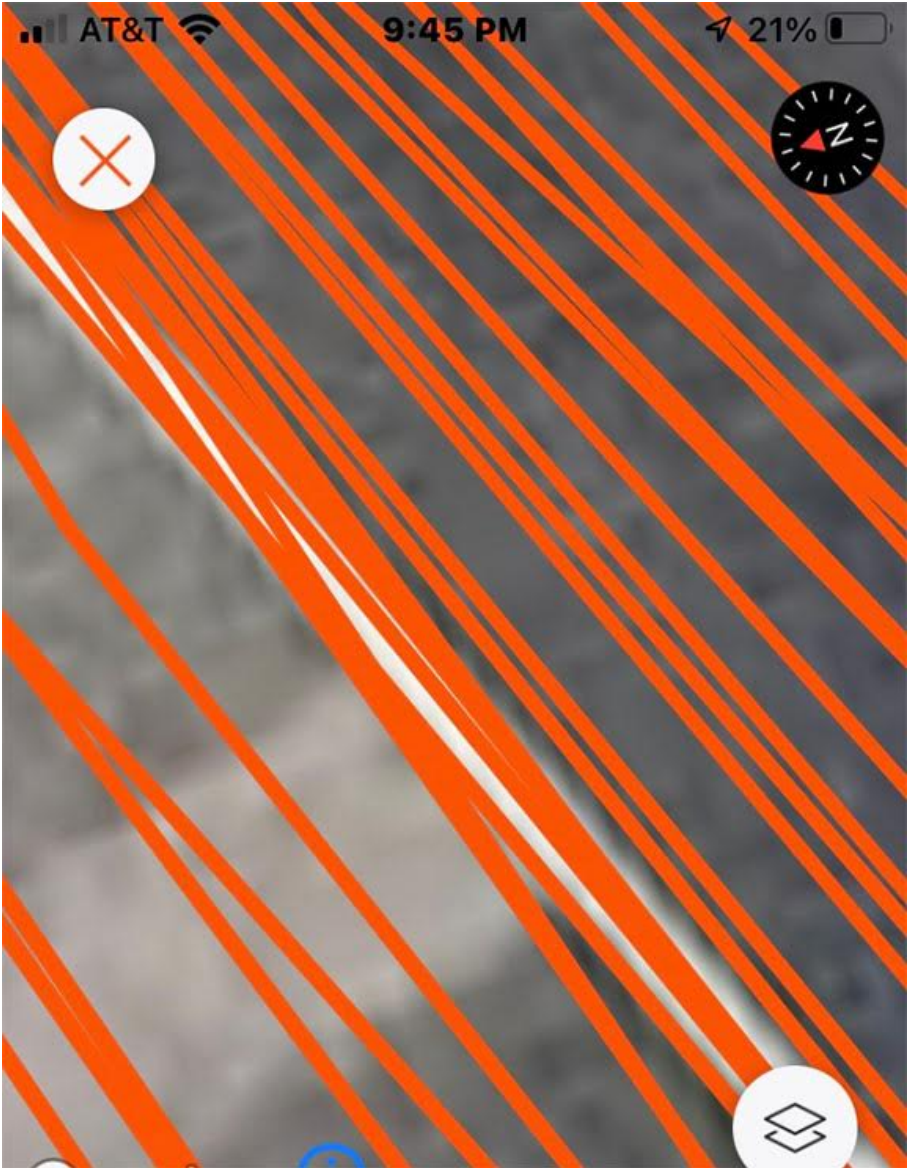


Marathon: This Sunday is also the Los Angeles Marathon. I know two of our members are planning to run: **Mike Eberts** and **Thomas Knoll**. Mike is a veteran of several marathons (including the Boston Marathon I believe), while this will be a first for Thomas. Good luck to both. Personally, I would rather ride 100 miles than run 26.

Construction: **Mel Cutler** sent me this photo from the beach bike path north of the Santa Monica Pier. He speculates that they are widening the path to include both a bike path and walking/jogging path as they did recently for a stretch further south.



Parting Shot: Phil Whitworth sent me this photo. Don't know what it is? It's an extreme close-up of his Strava track for the Rose Bowl Century showing most of his 33 laps.



See You On The Road

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