

Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report

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Hello All:

Last Weekend: As usual this time of year, we had two rides last weekend -- our Saturday Grand Tour Trainer and our annual Easter ride on Sunday. In honor of Easter I have selected the following as our music for the evening. It's not such a great song, but the accompanying video is pretty

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ROsz5zABGvc>

On Saturday the trainer was the "Bikeways of Orange County century and metric century. We had 6 riders. I took this photo at the start.



That's **Ben King, Lee Meller, Chris Hedberg, Phil Whitworth** and **Nancy Domjanovich**. Chris and Nancy rode the metric century while the rest of us did the full century. We quickly encountered a detour and I made the wrong choice of directions which cost us about an extra mile. Later we encountered another closure and again I made the wrong choice and I think that one must have added a couple of miles. But the route wasn't a full 100 miles anyway, so I guess I can't complain. Other than that, it was a nice ride. I always enjoy riding the Aliso Creek trail (although that's where the second closure was). Phil took this shot of one of several wooden bridges which the bike trail crosses



The weather was cool most of the day, but by mid-afternoon I took my jacket off. The bigger weather factor was the wind which picked up as the day went on and was pretty much a headwind for the last 20 miles or so. The route ended with a 14 mile run north on PCH and it was all into the wind. I was only making about 10 mph on that stretch. But all in all, a good day.

Alas, on Sunday I once again couldn't get myself out of bed for the "Funny Bunny" ride. I had really hoped to go. As it turned out, only 5 riders showed up. I'm really surprised that our Easter Ride, which used to draw quite well, had fewer riders than the century the day before. **Gary Murphy** took this shot at the start.



That's **Lora Chen, Michael Doyle, Russ Brynes, and Thomas Knoll**. I had hoped they might have some fancy helmets on to go with the song above, but no such luck. Gary also took this shot while the group was still together in Beverly Hills.



The group split apart after leaving Beverly Hills and I'm not sure how the ride ended or who did which route. Typically, everyone splits for home after reaching the Marina area. Gary mentioned that Russ was the only one who had driven to the start, so he is probably the only one who completed an entire route.

This Weekend: As usual we will have the two rides. On Saturday our 4th Grand Tour Trainer is "Decker Canyon." The full route starts in Brentwood and heads north up the coast to the featured climb of the day -- Decker Canyon. After climbing this 4 -5 mile hill up to Mulholland Hwy, we descend

into Westlake and cruise east to Agoura for lunch. After lunch, we continue east into the San Fernando Valley where we take the well worn route across the Valley and then over Sepulveda to complete the day. In order to create a "lite" version which still did the signature climb, I moved the start of the Lite Version to Malibu. From Malibu it follows the full route out to and up Decker and then on to lunch in Agoura. After lunch, the light version jogs over to Mulholland Hwy and picks up Malibu Canyon for a return to the coast. I scheduled the start of the Lite version a half hour later than the full route in the hopes the two sets of riders might come together, but it will probably take the full route riders more than a half hour to get out to Malibu, so the Lite riders should still be ahead. Maybe they will see each other at lunch.

On Sunday, the ride is "Orange Thrill at Redhill" which starts from Pine Tree Park in Tustin. The routes wander south through Orange County with the long making it all the way to Capistrano and the coast at Dana Point for lunch. These are pleasant routes with some hills, but nothing too difficult. I swear, one of these days I'll be able to get myself to the Sunday ride after doing the trainer. Maybe this will be the week. You wouldn't want to miss that.

Monthly Meeting. This Thursday at 7 p.m. is our monthly meeting which will once again be on Zoom. Attendance has been a little better lately so let's keep that up. For information you can contact **Mel Cutler** at cutlerme@earthlink.net Just to make it easy, the meeting ID is 822 465 9666 and the password is LAW (all caps). We hope to see you there. As usual, I'll be sending a reminder tomorrow as that seems to help get people to attend.

Closing Shot: Nothing much else to report. Phil Whitworth took this shot on the century last Saturday. I believe it is located in Sunset Beach.



I thought it was interesting because, although Indian restaurants are not uncommon, you don't often see Nepalese and Tibetan food. Now I know where to go if I have a hankering for a Yak burger.

See You On The Road

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