

## Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report

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Hello All:

**Last Weekend:** Again we had rides on both Saturday and Sunday. On Saturday we had the Grand Tour trainer "Two Terrible Tujungas" and on Sunday we were riding "Revel the Rollies I." I had a song picked out to go with Revel the Rollies, but then a recent Jeopardy question reminded me of this song which sorta fits. BTW, I've never been sure what the title really means.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bDtjO-R0QSo>

Once again, **Phil Whitworth** was the only rider on the trainer. I think that if he continues to do all the trainers solo, we should comp him an entry into the Grand Tour as probably the last person to do the training series (assuming we don't run them next year). Anyway, he took this selfie at the start:



Along the way he noticed a few unusual street names.





Of course the ultimate goal of this trainer is the high point at Mill Creek Summit and clearly Phil made it.



It's not ALL downhill from there, but it's MOSTLY downhill. That includes the downhill on Big Tujunga, but unfortunately, it has gotten so rough, you really can't enjoy it. It is almost worth the extra effort of doing the extended version of the ride just to avoid Big Tujunga.



On Sunday, there were five of us in Tustin for the Revel the Rollies Ride. I took this photo:



That's Jacques Stern, Gary Murphy, Thomas Knoll and Nancy Domjanovich. Note the Jacaranda tree in the background. I think they must bloom all over Southern California at exactly the same time because we saw them throughout the ride. Oddly, I believe I saw an article in the LA Times which said they are not even native to the area. Thomas rode the medium route and the rest of us did the long. Along the way Gary took this photo:





More Jacarondas but this time mixed with some Bougainvillea which made for a very nice combo. The other three took an easier way around the tough climb on Pacific Island Dr. but I was proud of myself for not giving into the temptation to join them and I did the climb. Although I clocked about 700 feet of elevation in a mile and a half (that works out to a little less than 9%), I didn't think it was really that bad. The cooling breeze may have helped.

By a coincidence, the ride took us past two sites recently in the news. The site of the Laguna Niguel fire was just off of Pacific Island Dr. although I couldn't see anything. I did get a whiff of ash when the wind blew. We also rode past the church in Laguna Woods which was the site of a shooting only the week before.

**This Weekend:** On Saturday, the trainer is the the "Three Hills Trainer." As you might guess, there three basic climbs on this one. The first is a relatively easy climb in Griffith Park, mostly on roads closed to traffic. It's a nice climb. The second is over Camino San Rafael in Glendale and this one (and a hill leading up to it) is very steep. The final one is a trip up to Mount Wilson. While never very steep, this is a long climb of about 20 miles. I only completed this one once and when I got up to Wilson, the cafe was closed. Bummer! I just looked at their Facebook page and it appears they should be open this weekend. I like going to Wilson, so I wish I were doing this ride, but alas. I won't be.

On Sunday we are riding the "Sierra Donut" ride. These are relative short routes that go from the Zoo up to Sierra Madre and back. The goal is the Sierra Donut shop in Sierra Madre. While this is not much of a lunch stop, I've always found that the routes are short enough that a donut break is all I



really need. If you want more, there are other lunch locations near-by. I was wondering if I should spell it "donut" or "doughnut" but it appears the shop goes with the first spelling, so I have too.



**Meeting Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held last week are attached. It was a short meeting. It should take you only a couple of minutes to read them.

**Grand Tour:** Good news!! If you read the minutes above, you would find that there will indeed be a Grand Tour this year. It was in jeopardy due to some permit problems. Those are being worked out for next year, but couldn't be solved for this year. Therefore, the Grand Tour will go on in a limited way -- basically without support except maybe sag support. It's not the Grand Tour we have come to know and love, but at least it will go on. Registration details are still being worked out and will be posted on the club web site when available.

**Parting Shot:** We saw a lot of campaign signs on Sunday's ride. I took a photo of this one:




I thought it was funny because it appeared that the candidate was going for a "vote for me, cha, cha, cha" vibe. But all day long we saw instances where a candidate would have three of the same sign in a row. I finally decided that they think it works like this: You see the first sign and you think "Who is this guy?" Then you see the second sign and you think "Oh, I've heard of this guy." When you see the third sign, you think "Wow, I'm seeing this guy's name a lot -- he must be worth voting for."

See You On the Road

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