

Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report

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Hello All:

Last Weekend: As usual, we had a trainer on Saturday ("Fullbore For Fillmore") and the usual ride on Sunday ("Soup To Knotts") "Soup to Knotts" is a play on the phrase "Soup to Nuts" and I found a song with that title from a 2010 movie I have never heard of. I believe this video is from the movie:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1MFNN1YgiY8>

On Saturday, there were only the two regular riders: **Phil Whitworth** and **Rafi Karpinski**. I guess they didn't ride together because Phil sent this selfie from the start and he was the only one there



It's a long day, and even though both took the slightly shorter coastal return, they rode well over 100 miles with a lot of climbing. Rafi took this photo which I think is at the start of the 17 mile stretch on Hwy 126 -- just about the only long flat stretch on the ride.



The title destination was Fillmore, so Phil sent this photo showing that he made it, but I think more than half the climbing is after Fillmore (including Grimes Canyon) so he still had a lot to do.



Only two trainers left and the last one is easier. I hope they both make it.

On Sunday we started in Buena Park (within sight of Knotts) There were 5 of us and I took this photo:



That's **Rafi Karpinski** (riding both days again), **Jacques Stern**, **Nancy Domjanovich**, and **Gary Murphy**. We all opted to ride the medium route. Although I'm sure I have ridden the medium route before, I didn't remember much of the portion before lunch. It turns out that it is a rather pleasant ride through some nice neighborhoods. As I had noted in my write-up of the routes in the schedule, lunch has been a problem after the closure of the "World's Best Hamburger" place in Yorba Linda. I had decided to give McDonald's chicken sandwich a try. Jacques and I both had one and I think we agreed it was a pass for next time. It actually tasted OK, but it really looked sad. It came in a foil envelope which made me think it might have been prepared someplace else and simply heated before serving. The bun was anything but fluffy looking. Sorry McDonalds, but I think you are off the list for next time.

Gary took this photo on the return (I believe). That's Rafi. Not long after this, while we were just standing around waiting to re-group, we heard a telltale "psssssss" We all looked at our bikes and it turned out to be Rafi's front tire. I needed the rest anyway.



We didn't take many photos this week, but here is one I took of a campaign sign because I thought the name was unusual



I'll have to remember to look at the election results tomorrow to see if Soo Yoo won.

This Weekend: The trainer this Saturday was new last year and only one person completed it. The route is simple enough -- ride up San Gabriel Canyon to Crystal Lake and then come back down. But it is one long grind up, up, up. Of course you do get a nearly 25 mile downhill on the return. I didn't create a "lite" version of this one, but if you want a shorter ride, you can simply turn around anywhere on the way up. Alternatively, if you have an Adventure Pass to allow you to park in the national forest, you could drive part way up, park and do the ride from there.

On Sunday we will be riding "John's River Ride" which starts in Anaheim. The river in question is the Santa Ana. All routes head south with the long and the medium making it all the way down to Huntington Beach. On the return, the long adds a little climbing through the Tustin Hills, but none of these routes has a lot of climbing.

On Sunday we also have the June Newcomer Ride. This month the ride will once again start at the LA Zoo lot. The short 10 mile route will ride past some of the studios in Burbank. The 30 mile route will head up to Pasadena to ride past the College of Design and JPL. For details of this ride, go to the club web site.

Next Week's E-mail: Next Tuesday I won't be home to send this e-mail (my condo is being tented for termites) and I won't be back until late Thursday afternoon. I'm going to try and send this e-mail on Monday, but I imagine I will be very busy on Monday getting ready to move out, so I don't know if I will have time. In any case, if you plan on sending me any photos, get them to me by Monday.

Meeting Next Week: Next Thursday (the 16th) there is the usual monthly club meeting. If I don't get an e-mail out on Monday, this will be your only notice of that meeting. I won't be able to send out the usual reminder in any case. The meeting is at 7 p.m. on Zoom. 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). If I don't get any other reminders out -- don't forget.

Parting Shot: Phil send me this photo from Saturday. These bridges are just before you enter Fillmore. I have seen them before, but as I looked at Phil's photo I was reminded of the line from the movie "Contact" in which the character S.R. Hadden says: "First rule in government spending: why build one when you can have two at twice the price?"



See You On The Road

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