

**Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report**

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Hello All

This is being sent out on Monday because Tuesday I will be gone for a couple of days while they tent my condo.

**Last Weekend:** We had 3 rides last weekend: 1. The Crystal Lake Trainer on Saturday, 2. "John's River Ride" on Sunday and 3. the June Newcomer Ride also on Sunday. There are a lot of "river" songs to choose from, but in honor of Sunday's river ride I have selected this song. It is about the Mississippi and the Santa Ana River which we rode on Sunday is a far, far cry from the Mississippi. But it's one of the few rivers we have here in Southern California.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xwdKTz6vdmQ>

**Crystal Lake Trainer:** Once again the only rider on Saturday's trainer was **Phil Whitworth**. There is only one week to go and I think he will have completed the entire set. Very few people ever do that. This trainer basically has only one hill, but it takes up the entire first half of the ride. Phil took this photo part way up the climb:



Normally if I saw a sign that said it was only 15 miles to lunch, that would be no problem, but this is probably one of the most difficult 15 mile stretches in Southern California. But Phil clearly made it, since he sent this photo of the cafe at the top.



Congratulations Phil!!!

**John's River Ride:** We had 8 riders for the river ride. I took this photo at the start:





That's **Thomas Knoll**, **Ben King**, **Lee Meller**, **Nancy Domjanovich**, **Jacques Stern**, **Rafi Karpinski** and **Bill Faulkner**. Bill, Thomas and I planned on riding the medium but the rest deferred their decision until later because the long and the medium didn't split until several miles after lunch. As it turned out, I think only Lee did the long route. To be fair, Ben had ridden from home, so he was going to get in more miles than the long no matter which route he did. It was a nice ride although it was definitely getting hot as we finished. The only other photo I got from the ride was this one I took of an unusual lawn decoration.





I've never seen Uncle Sam on a rocket before. Not sure if it was an early 4th of July decoration or a late Memorial Day display. Maybe both.

**Newcomer Ride:** This month the ride started from the Zoo and the longer route went up to Pasadena. According to a report from **David Nakai**, there were 9 riders. He sent this shot of most of them.





Dale Aaronson sent me this photo of the Observatory.



I'm not sure if this was on the route or simply part of Dale's ride to the start. What I like about the photo is that the haze makes it appear that Griffith Park is right on the coast. One of the sights the group took in was JPL. David took this photo of the gate which was just about as far as they could get.





Sounds like it was another good Newcomer Ride.

**This Weekend:** On Saturday we will be riding "Byways of Palos Verdes" which is the last trainer (both this year and probably forever) I have been riding these trainers ever since **Lou Steinhauer** started them in the mid 80s. Since this will probably be the very last trainer, I might try to make this one -- or at least start mid-route from the bridge in Marina Del Rey and do only the "lite" version. E-mail me if you are interested in joining me for a fond farewell to the trainers.

On Sunday we will be riding "Alhambra & Bikeway" The bikeway involved is the Rio Hondo. The nice thing about these routes is they all stay together to lunch. So you don't have to decide which route you want to do until then. Lunch is only a couple of miles from the finish for the short route. The other two routes add longer loops back to the start and the long adds a moderate climb into the hills above the Rose Bowl.

## **NOTICE: MEETING THIS THURSDAY AT 7:00 P.M.**

I won't be able to send out a separate notice about the meeting this week, so please don't forget. It will be the usual meeting on Zoom. For information you can contact **Mel Cutler** at [cutlerme@earthlink.net](mailto: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.

**Parting Shot:** **David Nakai** sent this photo from last Sunday's ride. I have seen many signs warning about deer crossings, but never one like this:



Does this mean people will be riding the deer like a bucking bronco or just that the deer are apt to attack you and toss you in the air with their antlers. At least the man doesn't appear to be on a bike.

See You On The Road

Rod Doty, VP