

Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report

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Hello All:

Last Sunday we had our third and last ride on the Balboa Ferry this summer. Whenever I get on that boat, this song comes to mind even if it doesn't take 3 hours to make the crossing..

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-fqXcKFg08w>

Sunday: The ride on Sunday was "Balboa/Newport" which started in Tustin. Our first surprise was that Pine Tree Park, our usual starting point, was closed for renovation. We had to park nearby and we lost our restrooms. We won't be back there for at least a couple of months and hopefully by then the work will be done. We had 8 riders -- a good number for this location. I took this photo:



That's **Bill Faulkner, Michael Doyle, Nancy Domjanovich, Phil Whitworth, Mario Solano, Jacques Stern and Thomas Knoll**. (Note the fencing keeping us out of the park). Bill and I did the medium and I believe the rest did the long route. At 64 miles, I believe this was Michael's first metric century -- congratulations to him. Our 2nd surprise came as we approached Laguna Canyon and it began to mist. I appreciated the overcast sky, but could have done without the mist. Fortunately, it didn't last. Then we got to Balboa and our ride on the ferry. Phil took this photo during the crossing:



Since my Garmin doesn't require the wheels to be turning to record mileage and speed, I watched during the crossing and the ferry got up to a whopping 4 mph. The group was still all together for a few miles after the ferry and Phil took this shot:



Nancy reported that on the long, they passed a bucket of baseball gloves set out for the taking. Apparently Mario circled back and picked out a nice catcher's mitt. One last photo from the day is this one taken by Phil



Other Ride: On Sunday there was also a CicLAvia ride in Hollywood, Although we didn't have an official club ride for this, **Hoy Quan** attended with a few other club members and took this shot on Hollywood Blvd.



Rare to see the boulevard that busy.

This Sunday: This Sunday we will be riding the "Long Beach Bike Path" which starts at El Dorado Park in Long Beach. All routes ride the Long Beach Bike Path which runs about 5 miles along the beach roughly between the LA River and the San Gabriel River. The medium and short routes make their way down to Long Beach to ride the beach path from south to north (actually east to west if you look at a map) and then up the LA River back to the start. The long makes a large loop mostly on bike paths by starting north on the San Gabriel River to the Whittier Narrows area where we pick up the Rio Hondo south which runs into the LA River which takes us to the beach bike path which the long rides from north to south (OK -- west to east). A day almost entirely on bike paths makes for a pleasant day. I hope to see you there.

Meeting: Last Thursday was our monthly club meeting. Our Secretary wasn't there and I don't know if anyone took minutes, but there was one thing decided. Last year, because the pandemic had curtailed club activities, we decided to extend all memberships for a free year. That year is now up, and it was decided that we would once again begin to send out renewals as they come up. So, in the coming weeks you can begin to expect renewal notices. We also decided to allow payment of dues by PayPal, but until we can sort out the use of electronic signatures, you will still be sent a paper renewal form so that you can return a signed waiver.

Jersey Re-order: We have recently had requests for the LA Wheelmen 75th Anniversary Jerseys so we have arranged for another order period which is open now. Besides the jerseys, you can also order bibs, jackets, vests, gaiters and arm warmers (which now come in two weights). We need to have 25 items ordered for the order to go through. This would be any combination of the items mentioned which totals 25 -- we don't need 25 jersey orders. So even if you already have a jersey, you might want one of the other items to go with it. To take a look at what is available and to place an order, go to:

<https://www.voler.com/custom/ordering/li/44303>

The order period ends **September 12th**, so don't delay!!!

Parting Shot: This photo was sent to me by **Nancy Wedeen**. I imagine it is making the rounds on the internet, but I hadn't seen it and I thought it was well done.



Actually, Barbie was created in 1959 and from what I have read, she was intended to be 19 at the time, so she wouldn't be quite 85 yet, but close.

See You On The Road

Rod Doty, VP