

Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report

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Hello All:

Last Sunday's ride was "Pasadena Passion" so only one song comes to mind for tonight's theme music and here it is

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D7f9hsFrKUY>**Sunday:** As mentioned, we were in Pasadena on Sunday. We had a very good showing with 12 riders. **Phil Whitworth** took this shot:

From the left: Me, **Bill Faulkner**, **Nancy Domjanovich**, **Maro Solano**, **Chris Hedberg**, **Russ Brynes**, **Thomas Knoll**, **Michael Doyle**, **Lee Meller**, a newcomer whose name I did not get, and **Gary Murphy**. The newcomer had only intended to ride the short route and turned back fairly early. Bill, Russ, Thomas and Gary rode the medium. The rest of us did the long. A good portion of the ride was through residential neighborhoods and I had thought we might see some early Halloween decorations. Halloween is almost a month away, but there were a few. I missed the best one, but Phil saw it and took a photo:



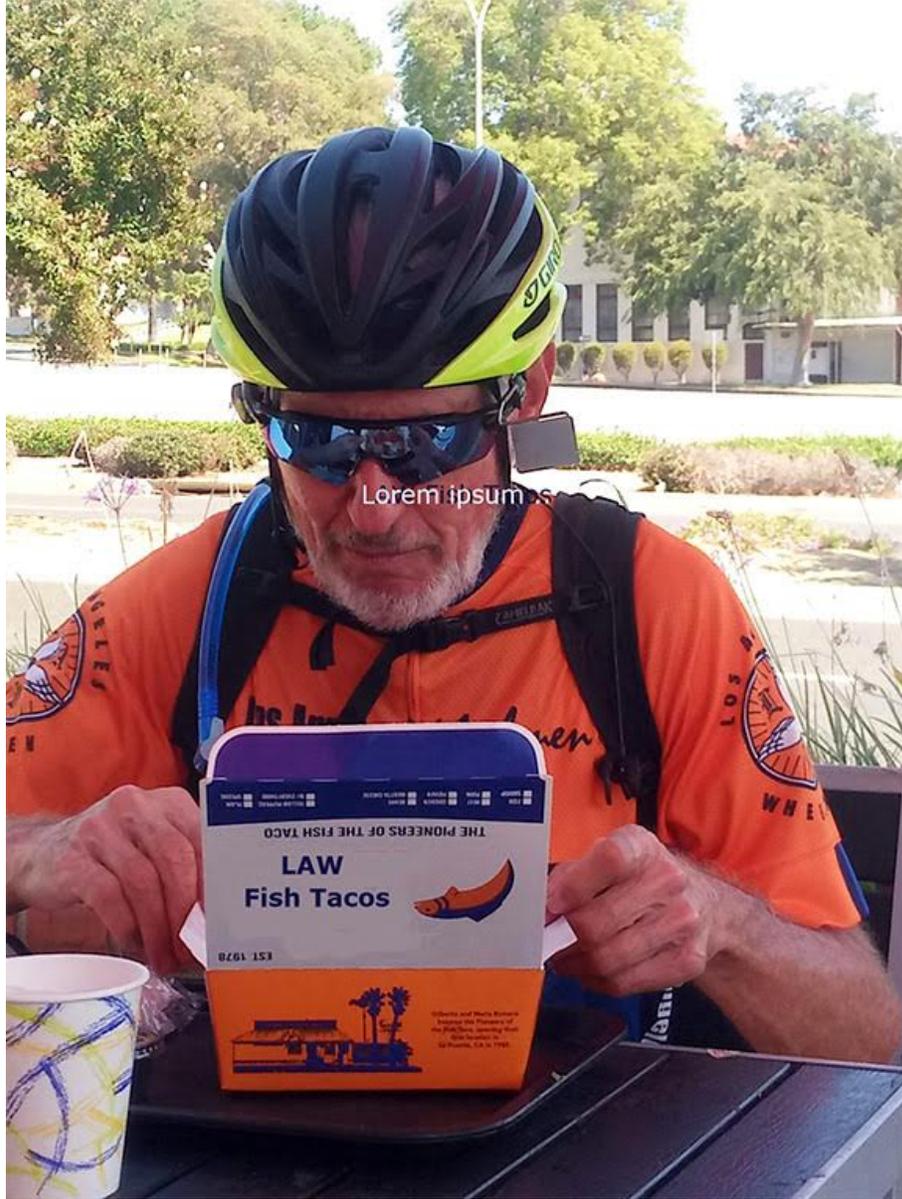
Another October sight we often see is the pumpkin farm out by Cal Poly Pomona. It was in operation and I took this photo:



Most of the long group went a little off route to have lunch at a taco place, but since I don't care for tacos, I went elsewhere. Phil took this shot at lunch.



Lee sent this shot from lunch because she noticed the taco place was using our club colors for their color scheme.



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All in all I think it was a good day. I always seem to find this ride a bit harder than it should be given the miles and the elevation gain. It must be the boring 6 miles on Longden followed by 3 miles of uphill at the end. That always seems to wear me down.

This Sunday: Sunday we will be riding our monthly century and metric century. This month it is "East Road, West Road, All Around Downtown." Probably our longest ride title. Both routes start in Culver City at Carlson Park. Both rides start with a trip through downtown LA. We climb to Alhambra and continue east. The long does a loop taking us to East Road and West Road for which the ride is named. These are always pleasant to ride and we do them in the easier direction on this ride. However, there are two moderate climbs before you get to them. The metric doesn't go quite so far east and cuts out the bulk of the climbing done by the full century. After lunch in the Whittier area (but at separate locations) the two routes have fairly flat returns. I hope to ride the full century, but may not be up for that, but I will definitely do at least the metric. I hope to see you there.

Newcomer Ride: There is also a newcomer ride this Sunday starting from LA Historic Park near downtown. Three ride options will be offered including a short 20 miler as well as longer routes. I believe the route will intersect with Sunday's CicLAvia. Full information is available via the club website <http://www.lawheelmen.org/upcoming-rides/>

Coffeeneuring Rides: Mel Cutler is beginning a series of "Coffeeneuring" rides starting this Sunday and continuing each Sunday through November 20th. All rides will begin at the Culver City Steps at 8:30 a.m. Don't know what "Coffeeneuring" is? Well, it is sort of like randonneuring but way easier. Mel has included an explanation with the description of this Sunday's ride which you can get to via the club web site <http://www.lawheelmen.org/upcoming-rides/> I had hoped there would be a Wikipedia entry for it, but apparently not. Someone should write one.

Parting Shot: This time of year we see a lot of campaign lawn signs and I always like to take photos of a few unusual ones. I saw this one on Sunday:



I thought it was an unusual name. I Googled it to see what this person might look like and came up with this:



See You On The Road

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