

Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report

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Hello All:

On Sunday we were riding up to Mount Wilson and it was foggy up there (see photo below) and that brought to mind the first line of this song for our theme music tonight (although the rest of the lyrics really don't apply): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X9oakm9-vjo>

Sunday: As mentioned, our regular ride on Sunday took us up Mount Wilson, starting from the Rose Bowl. **Phil Whitworth** took this shot at the start:



That's **Michael Doyle**, **Thomas Knoll**, **Me**, **Alysha Webb** (a former member), **Rafi Karpinski** and **Gary Murphy**. Alysha, Rafi, Phil and Thomas all made it to the top, although apparently not together. Rafi and Phil got there as Alysha was getting ready to leave and Thomas got there as Rafi and Phil were about to leave. Gary and I made it to Clear Creek (the medium route). Michael had gone on ahead of us so I'm not sure how far he went, but I would suspect no further than Clear Creek. Gary and I were still two or three miles from Clear Creek, when Michael passed us going down. Here is a selfie Phil took at the top and one I took of Gary at Clear Creek



It was a cool and overcast day which made the climbing easy, As we went up we climbed into the cloud layer which limited visibility, but those who made it to the top said they finally rose above the clouds which gave them this view captured by Thomas



I wish I had made it to the top, but actually, was happy to just make it to Clear Creek. The last time I rode this ride, I didn't even make it that far.

Coffeeneuring Ride: The 2nd Coffeeneuring Ride was also held Sunday. **David Nakai** sent me a report. He said they had 5 riders this week and sent this photo:



That's two non-members on the left and **Jacques Stern** and **David Williams** on the right. The two non-member had previously ridden one or more of the newcomer rides. Sounds like David had difficulty completing the ride, but did the whole thing.

Triple Dipper Ride: Last Thursday the weekly Triple Dipper ride had a treat as we celebrated **Nancy Domjanovich's** birthday. I believe **Gary Murphy** took this shot of Nancy and her cake (and also **Emma Pham** in the shot):



This Sunday: Our regular ride this Sunday is "David Does Descanso" starting from the Zoo. Based on his report of last Sunday, David will NOT be doing Descanso this time. Admittedly, it's a hilly ride put together by David in better times. All routes ride up Descanso Dr. just before lunch in Montrose, but all routes also add some additional climbing. The short adds Chevy Chase which is a relatively easy climb, but still goes on for a few miles. The medium adds a climb through Mount Washington before doing Chevy Chase. The long adds a climb through Elysian Park before the Mount Washington climb and then, instead of Chevy Chase, climbs over Camino San Rafael which is a very difficult climb. All routes come together in Montrose and have the same return which is almost entirely downhill. I myself don't feel ready to tackle the Camino San Rafael climb on the long, but I enjoy the ride through Elysian Park and the Mount Washington climb, so I plan on riding the long route through Elysian Park and Mount Washington and then switching over to the medium route for the easier climb up Chevy Chase. Maybe some of you will join me on this modified long route.

Mel Update: Mel sent me this update on his condition which I will simply copy here:

I am having facial surgery tomorrow (Monday) and will be home on Wednesday to rest for the LAW October Zoom meeting. The injury gating my return to riding are 2 finger fractures. Today I upgraded my splint from ER

manufactured to orthopedic manufactured. See illustrations.



Monthly Meeting: Our monthly meeting is scheduled for this Thursday (the 20th) at 7 p.m. As he notes above, Mel plans to be able to host the meeting on Zoom as usual, although I believe he will not be participating. The usual log-on information for the meeting is as follows: Meeting ID is 822 465 9666 and the password is LAW (all caps). I plan to send a reminder tomorrow (Wednesday) and if Mel's condition changes, I will tell you then. We hope to see you there.

Parting Shot: I saw these campaign lawn signs a couple of weeks ago in Palos Verdes.



I don't recall ever seeing opposition lawn signs for local elections. I wonder if it doesn't signal a growing lack of civility in our elections.

See You On The Road

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