

Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report

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Hello All:

Sunday's ride was "Circling San Fernando" and for tonight's theme I was thinking about "circle songs" and there were a number to choose from, but I finally went with this one by Joni Mitchell since I haven't listened to her in a long time.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5NEkJhBHh54>

Sunday: Sunday was our century and metric century of the month and, as I mentioned, we were riding "Circling San Fernando" which started from Westwood Park in Westwood. Six of us showed up, but the wind had me discouraged and I wasn't feeling all that well anyway, so I didn't ride. Turns out I was coming down with a cold so it is probably just as well I didn't ride. I took this photo of the 5 who did ride:



That's **Phil Whitworth, Dale Aaronson, Mario, Solano, Gary Murphy** and **David Williams**. Gary rode up to Mulholland and a little way along Mulholland before deciding to turn back. Dale and David completed the metric century and Phil and Mario pushed on to complete the entire century. Since the route was circling the San Fernando Valley, Phil took this shot of an iconic valley location.



Dale sent this shot which shows that there are some fall colors, even in Southern California.



Finally, Phil sent this shot taken on the coast as they completed the ride.

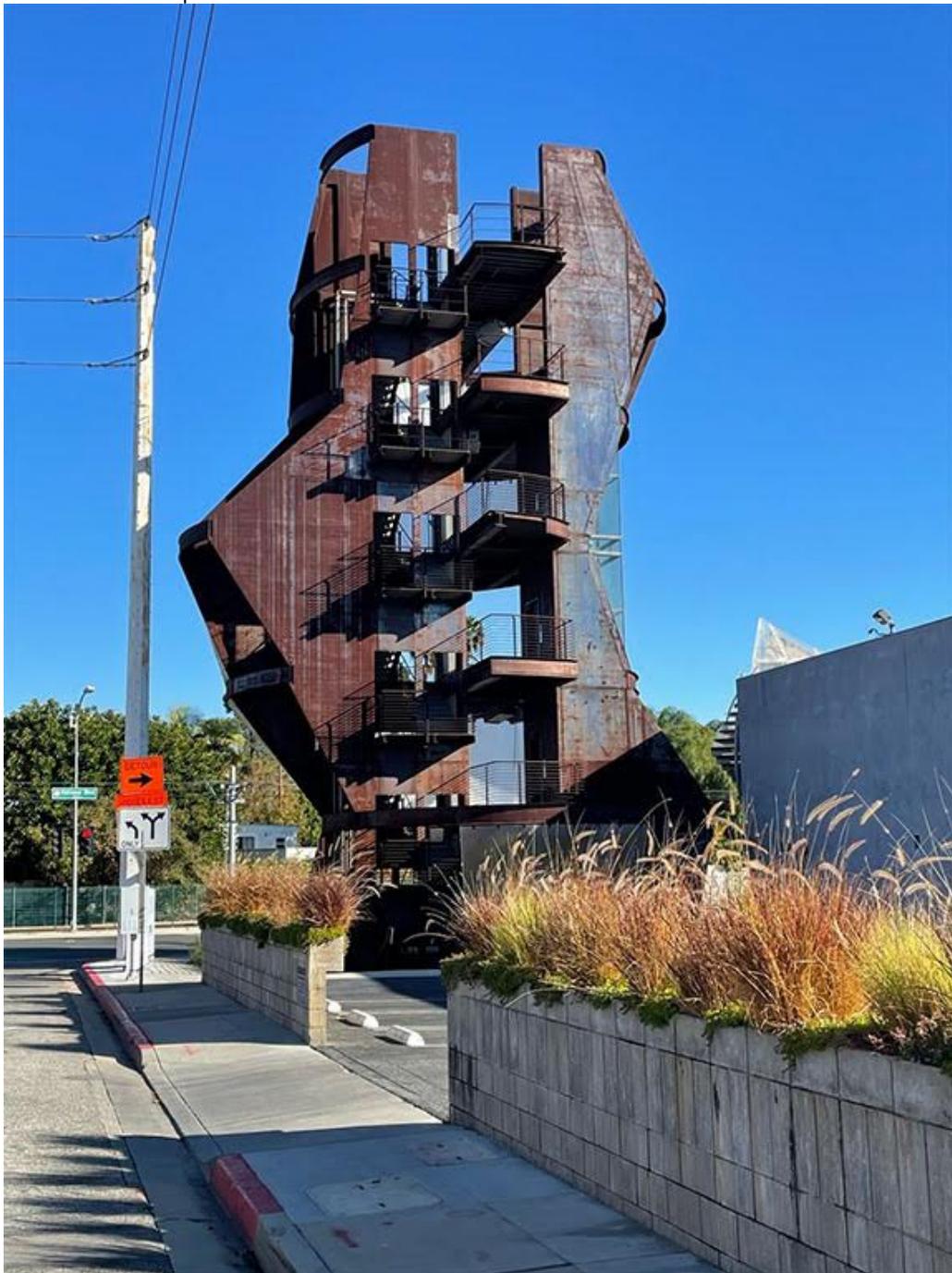


Both he and Mario had ridden to the start, so I hope they made it back before that sun went down. Both Gary and Dale reported high winds, but a very clear day and otherwise a nice day for riding.

Coffeneuring Ride: The scheduled coffeneuring ride was canceled, but **David Nakai** had decided to show up just in case someone else did as well. It turned out **Jacques Stern** showed up and the two of them did a short ride around Culver City and the west site. The highlight of the route was a visit to the Hayden Tract which is known for a few architectural oddities. Here is a shot David took of Jacques in front of one of them:



Here is a shot Jacques took of another:



They stopped at Dinah's for lunch which is sort of a west side landmark.

This Sunday: This Sunday we will be riding "The Santa Fe Dam" which starts in Monterey Park. All 3 routes ride to the Santa Fe Dam and ride the almost 3 mile crest of the dam. The short route then returns by a fairly direct route. The medium and long routes circle back through Pasadena, where they stop for lunch. From lunch, the medium heads directly back while the long does a somewhat tough climb to the top of Lake Avenue before coming back down and eventually rejoining the medium route on it's return to the start. It's a tough post-lunch climb, but take both the medium and long route sheets and you don't have to decide until after lunch which one you want to do. I hope to be there, but if my cold lingers on, I may not.

Coffeeneuring Rides. The remainder of the coffeeneuring rides have been canceled. However, David Nakai has completed the required 7 coffeeneuring rides to be considered a 2022 coffeeneur. Mel also informs me that David also earned the Grand Patch Prize, but I'm not really clear what that is. Anyway, congratulations to David.

Club Arm Warmers & Gaiters Available. The club has a few of the club arm warmers (sizes L & XL) available for \$45 each and a few of the gaiters available for \$32 each. If anyone is interested in purchasing one of these, please contact **Nancy Domjanovich** at nancydomx@icloud.com to make arrangements for getting them to you.

Parting Shot: I don't have a photo this week. However, I thought I would just insert a personal note here. I recently saw the stage play of "To Kill A Mockingbird" at the Pantages in Hollywood and I would highly recommend it. It stars Richard Thomas (who you may remember as John Boy on the Waltons) as Atticus Finch and he is very good. If you are interested, it will be at the Pantages for another couple of weeks, but then I believe it will move down to Orange County so you could still see it thee.

See You On The Road (after I get over this cold)

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