

Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report

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Hello All:

We had two rides last week. The first was our annual Thanksgiving Day ride which brings us to tonight's theme song. I knew that Adam Sandler had a Hanukkah song, but it turns out he also has a Thanksgiving song as well. So here it is. (Warning -- some of the lyrics are a bit adult)

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

Thursday: We had a good turnout for the Thanksgiving ride. I didn't get an exact count but I think it was 13 or 14. **David Nakai** took this shot of the assembled group at the start:



We haven't had that many riders in a few years. This was partly because a number of the usual Thursday Triple Dipper riders joined us. We assembled on the bluff in the Palisades for the usual group shot. This one was taken by new member **Edwin Dair**



Unfortunately, it was a fairly hazy day and the view was not as good as it often is. **Rafi Karpinski** sent this photo from last year, but I saw the same decoration this year but at a different house in the same neighborhood.



We ended the ride with the coffee stop in the Marina and then all went our own ways.

Sunday: The ride on Sunday was "Ring Around the Valley" which started at the zoo. We only had 7 riders for this one. Here is a shot I took at the start:



That's **Mario Solano**, **Thomas Knoll**, **Phil Whitworth**, **David Nakai** and **Jacques Stern**. We were later joined mid-ride by **Gary Murphy** who rode from home. We all did the long route (or at least some variation of it). We got a little separated by speed, but all came back together at lunch at The Habit near Cal State Northridge. Phil took this shot:



The route hit some scenic points including a ride around Lake Balboa where Phil took this shot:



We also rode past the history mural in the Tujunga Wash where I felt obligated to take the usual photo. I took a shot at the beginning of the mural which is Los Angeles in 20,000 B.C.



I recognize the saber tooth tiger in the middle and the woolly mammoth on the right, but I have no idea what the animal on the left is. Looks like an 8-foot tall beaver.

This Week: This Sunday we will be riding our century and metric century for December. The route is "Foothill Foolsie" which has been our December century now for 13 years. The full century starts at La Crescenta Park and rides east through the San Gabriel Valley to Claremont for lunch and then returns. The metric does the center portion of the full century route by starting in Pasadena and riding to Claremont and back. I always enjoy this ride because it gives you a chance to see what's new in holiday decorations. I've never missed a year, but this year I think I will only be doing the metric. I hope to see a lot of you out there.

Parting Shot: Nothing else to report again this week. I took this shot on Sunday. I've seen this store before, but it always gives me a chuckle.



The place for all your discount adult needs. I just wonder how many people buy so much adult paraphernalia that they need to shop an outlet store.

See You On The Road

Rod Doty, VP