

## Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report

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Hello All:

Last Sunday's regular ride was "Winding Roads of Orange County" and that means there can only be one song for our theme music tonight -- "The Long and Winding Road" by the Beatles. The video below purports to be the official video of the song and is a nice nostalgic look back at the Beatles.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oz3JIMhgfq0

Sunday: As mentioned, we were riding in Orange County. We had 8 riders and Phil Whitworth took this shot at the start:



That's **Lee Meller, Me, Bill Faulkner, Michael Doyle, Mario Solano, Nancy Domjanovich** and **Rafi Karpinski.** As you might notice in the background, they are still working on renovating Pine Tree Park in Tustin. Parking is not a problem, but we have temporarily lost our toilet at the start. I'll give them at least a few more months before scheduling another ride starting at that location. Bill rode the medium route and the rest of us did the long. I was not having a good day and fell back so I rode the whole ride pretty much by myself. I did see the group briefly at lunch. Despite my troubles, it was a nice day for the ride and I enjoyed it. (BTW -- with about 10 miles to go I discovered that my rear brake was dragging on the rim -- hard to say how much extra work that cost me it might have been why I was having a lousy day.)

The most notable sight on the ride was the amazing amount of campaign lawn signs all over Orange County. Phil took this shot showing that they just about lined the streets:



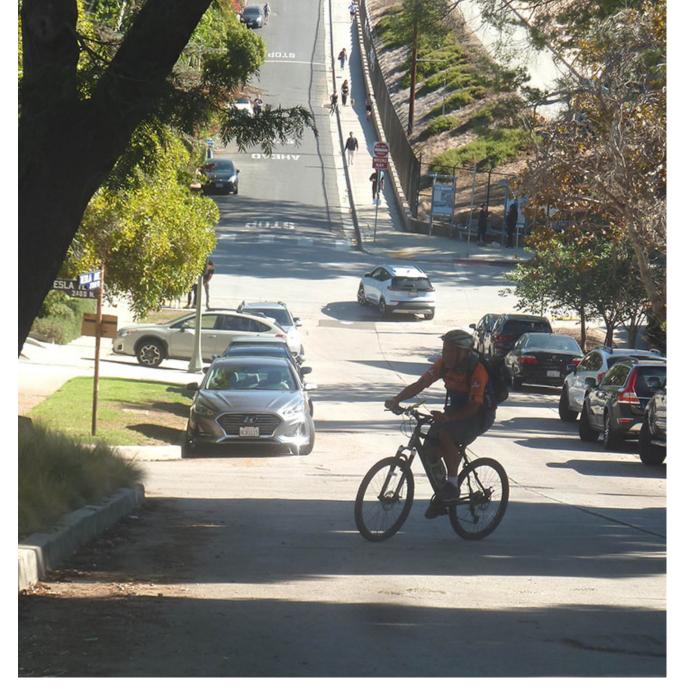
I took a shot of this one because it was another "anti" sign, which is sort of a new phenomenon this year. As I said before, I think it marks a loss of civility in local elections



Coffeeneuring Ride: There was also another Coffeeneuring Ride on Sunday. I had a report from **David Nakai**, who took this photo of the other 3 riders who showed up.



That's **Gary Murphy**, **Jacques Stern** and **Lucia**. The photo shows the group at the obligatory coffee stop. The ride headed over to Silver Lake where they encountered some short but steep little hills. Gary took this photo of David tacking up one of these hills.



Even if he is tacking, this is quite an accomplishment for David. Since his accident I don't think he has been able to ride any hills like this. It does look like he is improving and maybe we will see him on some of our other rides before the year is out.

**Next Sunday:** Next Sunday we will be riding our monthly century and metric century. This month it will be "Circling San Fernando." Although the routes spend most of the time out in the Valley, the rides start at Westwood Park on this side of the hill. The two routes stay together for the first 46 miles, so you don't have to decide which route you want to do until you are well into the ride. Together the routes ride up to Mulholland and east along Mulholland before descending into the Valley. They then proceed to the northeast corner of the Valley and then west across the northern edge of the Valley. Where the metric stops for lunch, the two routes diverge. The metric heads straight back over Sepulveda while the full century continues the circle of the Valley and eventually heads out to the coast to complete the route that way. I plan to ride the metric and would be happy to have some company.

**Coffeeneuring Ride:** The coffeeneuring ride for this week has been canceled.

New Members: Welcome to our two new members: Edwin Dair and Phil Snyder. We hope to see you out on our rides in the coming months.

**New Jerseys:** Those of us who ordered club apparel a couple of months ago have now been receiving our items. I look forward to seeing those items being worn on some future rides. I was thinking it would be nice if everyone on the upcoming Thanksgiving Day Ride could wear the current jersey for a nice photo op out at the Palisades.

Parting Shot: Nothing else to talk about tonight. Nothing on TV except election coverage, but they aren't covering the ballot measure I'm interested in. Culver City is deciding whether to allow 16 & 17 year olds to vote in Culver City elections. Apparently this would be almost a first in the country, but I doubt it passes. Here is one last campaign sign from last Sunday. Bill Faulkner pointed this one out to me:



I wonder if he is a real rocket scientist or whether he just means he is really smart. Probably a real rocket scientist, but I'm not sure how that makes him a better city council member.

See You On The Road

Rod Doty, VP