

Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report

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Hello All:

Last Weekend: Once again rain seems to have washed out our Sunday ride. I had no reports from anyone who rode the scheduled ride so I'm guessing no one did. So I've picked this as our theme music tonight. The video includes some bicycle riding, so that worked out well.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_VyA2f6hGW4

In anticipation of the rain, **Jacques Stern** decided to ride Saturday and do the metric century he had missed the week before. I decided to ride with him even though I had done the ride the previous Saturday. I wanted to get a ride in and it's always nice to have company on a ride. We did have sun most of the day. On the return we were heading west toward the coming storm so it did cloud up for the last few miles and I even felt a drop or two just as we finished. I thought I might run into real rain on the drive home, but didn't. Those few drops must have been from a rogue cloud. I noticed there were a lot more home decorated this week than the previous week. A few years ago I photographed several "dead Santas" (inflatable Santas that are allowed to deflate on the lawn during the day). If I had stopped to photograph all the dead Santas I saw on Saturday I would have had 15 to 20 shots. A few years ago I noted that several homes had pink pigs as part of their holiday displays. On Saturday I noticed this one house that really took this seriously. Both these photos are from the same lawn:





Although we rode Saturday to avoid the rain, actually we might have been able to get the ride in on Sunday after all. I think the rain ended in Culver City at around 8 a.m. and the scheduled ride was out in Westlake Village where the rain probably ended even earlier. But it's hard to get up and get ready to ride while it's still raining, even if you believe it will stop before the ride starts. Takes faith. One who did have some faith was **David Nakai** who rode a permanent starting in Culver City on Sunday. He sent this photo to prove he was there.



He reported that the rain had stopped but the streets were very wet and this created some obstacles on the ride. Congratulations to him for getting a ride in.

This Sunday: Currently the forecast is for better weather this Sunday when our scheduled ride is "Arcadia - La Tuna Canyon." These routes start in Arcadia and head over to La Tuna Canyon for the nice 4 mile downhill. The long adds an extra loop (and climb) through Pasadena before rejoining the medium. After cruising down La Tuna both routes loop back through Eagle Rock and South Pasadena. The short is similar except that instead of going down La Tuna, it goes down Chevy Chase to rejoin the other two routes in Eagle Rock. Hopefully, we can get these rides in.

Mystery Animal: I forgot to mention last week that the mysterious prehistoric animal depicted on the history mural was identified as a giant sloth. Thanks go to **Paul Haussler** and **Bill Faulkner** for identifying the animal.

Monthly Meeting: Our monthly meeting is this Thursday at 7 p.m. As usual it will be held via Zoom. Mel will be hosting on Zoom again. So the log-in information remains: Meeting ID is 822 465 9666 and the password is LAW (all caps). We hope to see you there. As an added inducement, nominations for 2023 officers open at this meeting.

Restaurant Deal: Although I don't normally like to do promotions here, I don't have much else tonight so here is one. We have been contacted by Tallula's which is a Mexican restaurant on Entrada near PCH in the Rustic Canyon area of Santa Monica. They see a lot of bicycle traffic in their area so they are installing bike racks and will be offering 10% off to cyclists. You can check them out at <http://www.tallulasrestaurant.com>

Parting Shot: Although I saw a lot of holiday decorations last Saturday, apparently not everyone joins in the Christmas spirit. I did see this one home



If I'm not mistaken, he is taking down the lights and stuffing them in his bag.

See You On The Road

Rod Doty, VP