

Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report

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Hello All:

Last week's ride was "Action in Acton" but for tonight's theme music, it turns out there are no songs about Acton (no surprise). Then I thought how we usually stop and look at the lions at Shambala and that made me think about lion songs and of course the song below came to mind. I have used a version with the lyrics because I have never actually seen how they spell "A Wimoweh." I wondered if they had it right so I looked for the meaning of "A Wimoweh." Turns out this is a mishearing of the original lyric which was "Uyimbube" which means "You're a lion" in Zulu. You learn something every day. Anyway, here it is:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=36AX554A3ew>

Sunday: As mentioned, the ride was "Action in Acton." I had planned to go because it looked like the rain was going to end by Sunday morning, but when I got up the map showed a rain front moving over the Santa Clarita area until about 9:30. The rain appeared to be moving east -- the same direction I would be riding and I was worried I would be staying with the rain all the way to Acton. So I didn't go. But I should have. Turns out, one intrepid rider did show -- **Mario Solano**. Fortunately he took photos or I wouldn't have much here tonight. Here's his selfie from the start:



I notice it is NOT raining. He didn't send any photos of the lions, but here is one from Acton, which proves he did the entire long ride.



I see BLUE sky. Here is one where he stopped at the highest point on the ride.



Looks like the sun might have been out at that point.

Finally, here is a shot of some of the wildlife he encountered along the way



Looks like he had a good day. I'm kicking myself for not going. I used to say it was worth showing up if the predicted rain percentage was 20% or less. I didn't follow my own rule and missed a good chance to ride.

This Sunday: The scheduled ride for Sunday is "South Bay Surprise" which rides from Torrance to Knott's Berry Farm and back. Only the long goes all the way to Knott's while the medium and short turn back sooner. These are fairly flat rides and take in a few nice areas. Currently they are talking about rain again this weekend, but on the 6 o'clock news tonight it looked like the rain will be mostly on Saturday and clearing by Sunday morning with another storm coming in Sunday night. If that's the case, we might have window to get the ride in. Of course the timing might change by the weekend, but if it looks at all possible, I'll be there. I don't want to miss another ride like I did last week.

Rained Out Rides: We have been missing a few rides due to rain lately. Normally, once a ride is scheduled, it doesn't pop up on my list of possible rides to schedule for about a year and a half. But I think I'll try to re-schedule some of these rides again sooner so that we don't go 3 years without riding them.

Triple Dipper Rain-Out: Speaking of rain-outs, last Thursday's Triple Dipper Ride was rained out but many of us agreed to meet for breakfast. **Phil Whitworth** took this shot of the group:



From the left: **Howard Wedin, Michael Doyle, David Williams, Nancy Domjanovich, Me, Jacques Stern, Emma Pham, Carolyn Whitworth and Gary Murphy.** It's always nice to get together in a non-cycling setting.

Holiday Party: Speaking of getting together in a non-cycling setting, our holiday party is in a little more than a week, on Thursday, January 19th from 6 to 10 p.m. at Duke's Restaurant in Malibu. I believe there is still time to RSVP and add your name (and spouse or significant other) to the list of attendees. Simply RSVP to **Kermit Ganier**. He would prefer you text him at **310 367-0458** or you could e-mail him at kimkong@aol.com.

2022 Accomplishments: A few more members have sent me their ride totals for 2022

Bob Wyman rode 4760 miles with 331,785 feet of climbing. That is a lot of climbing for the miles ridden. I guess living in Palos Verdes with some good hills right outside your door helps. I have to ride almost 20 miles just to get to some decent climbing.

Lewis Singer had a goal of 7000 miles and managed to beat that with 7130 miles and 192,632 feet of climbing

Howard Wedin reported 6031 miles and 166,024 feet of climbing

Please feel free to send my your totals from last year for reporting here. It's always fun to see what other people can do.

Parting Shot: Although last Thursday's Triple Dipper ride was rained out, I did go out on Friday. That was the say of the big waves on the coast. Whenever the big waves come in, they swamp portions of the beach bike path. I took this photo from the service road which runs parallel to the bike path.



The bench in the middle of the photo is next to the bike path.

See You On the Road

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