

Hello All:

Last Weekend: Last Saturday we had our century of the month for October. I went over to the start, but then did my own shorter ride (I already rode an October century on the Grand Tour Lite). There were only 5 riders. I took this photo:



From left to right that's Sheila Szymanski, Thomas Knoll, Gary Murphy and David Williams. The fifth rider showed up right after I took the photo, but he was a newcomer and I didn't catch his name.

Gary reported that they had a good day. Despite the predicted heat, he said it wasn't bad. Here is a photo he sent me from up along Mulholland Drive.



You can see what a clear day it was.

On Sunday we were riding from the Corner. My computer hard drive had died and i thought I could better spend my day getting it back up and running (otherwise I might not have been able to send you this), but I did ride over to the Corner to see who else showed. There were only four.

I took this shot:

I don't think any of them did the planned routes. When I left, they were talking about just riding over to the coast.

This Weekend: This Sunday we will be riding a favorite ride of mine -- Mount Wilson. As you might guess, the long route rides up to the top of Wilson and back. It's only 48 miles and half of that is downhill, so despite the fact that you climb a bit more than 5000 feet, if you go slow, you can do it. There is an extended long for those who want more and of course the medium is a shorter version which only goes up as far as Clear Creek Station. If you have never been up to Wilson, it really is something you should consider. You can see what I call the "antenna forest" It always amazes me how much electronic equipment is packed onto that peak.

NOTE: Due to the drought, water has been turned off up at Wilson. However, I believe they have brought in portable toilets at the top. The Cosmic Cafe remains open, but they cannot serve cooked food. They will have bottled water and pre-packaged snacks and food. But you





might want to consider carrying your own snacks. From the report I read, it was unclear whether water has been also turned off at Red Box and Clear Creek.

Triple Dipper Ride: I have another photo, submitted by Phil Whitworth, from last week's Thursday Triple Dipper ride. This was taken in front of the cyclist mural painted on the wall at Golden Cove in Palos Verdes.



Cubs: Finally, many of you know I'm a Cubs fan, so I just want to say "Yeah Cubs" -- they won the first round of the playoffs tonight.

They made it this far last year, so now the question is: Can they finally get to the World Series? They haven't done that since 1945.

See You On The Road

Rod Doty, VP