

Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report - November 15, 2016

Hello All

I've got a lot of photos today, so let's dive in.

Last Saturday: On Saturday we had our November century of the month -- East Road, West Road, All Around Downtown. We had an excellent turnout for one of our centuries. I started early, but was told there were 10 others at the start:

Gary Murphy, Jacques Stern, Phil Whitworth, Emma Pham, Terry Neff, Mel Cutler, Robert Wyman, Hoy Quan, Mike Wapner and a visitor whose name I did not get. Add to that **Sheila Szymanski** who started early with me and that makes 12 riders. Here is a photo (from Phil Whitworth) of most of the group at the start:



Unfortunately, the ride was marred when Hoy went down in a solo crash. I've heard from him today. He says he took the brunt of the crash on his face and suffered several facial fractures and contusions. He declined to send a photo because, as he said, "Halloween is over." But he is on the mend and sounds upbeat. Get well soon Hoy!

After that rough start, the ride went well. It was a beautiful day for a century. Here's a photo from Gary taken of Emma as she crested the top of Fullerton Road (I think that is where it is).



You can see that it was a fairly clear day. Due to the accident, the group never caught up to me. I was suspicious that something had gone wrong since there is no way I could have stayed in front of the group otherwise. I was hoping it was only some flat tires. But it gave me the chance to ride the entire century on my own and sometimes it is pleasant to just ride alone and get into your own head. I enjoyed the day.

Sunday: Sunday the scheduled ride was to the Hollywood Sign. Again we had an excellent turnout. I think there were a total of 15 riders if you count **Rick Gordon** who apparently started late and we saw riding up about a mile from the top as we were coming down. I believe all but two of the riders made it to the top (assuming Rick finished the climb) and I know one of those never intended to go up to the top. I think 4 or 5 of the riders continued on to do the long route. The rest of us just headed back down to the start. Here's a photo (from Phil Whitworth) of most of the group at the start:



Here's a photo from **Gary Murphy** of some of the group at the top:



They all look happy. I'm the one turned away from the camera. I'm pretty sure I didn't look that happy. It was a very hard climb for me the day after doing a century. Here's an interesting little fact: Two of the riders who rode to the top had previously suffered a heart attack. It's a tribute how good recovery can be. The view up there was great. Here's a shot from **Dave Wyman** showing part of it. That's **Gary Murphy** and **Bill Faulkner** struggling up the last 100 feet of the climb.



I used another good photo on the cover of the Schedule going out this week.

Next Sunday: This Sunday we will be riding "North Orange County Trek" which starts in Fullerton, but spends a lot of the day in Riverside County. This ride used to be known for the ride through the dairy farms in Corona and the unpleasant odors (although it was like home to me) and very rough roads of that area. But the times are changing and most of the cows are gone and as new houses spring up, the roads get improved. So come out and say goodbye to the last of the cows. I don't know where our milk will be produced in the future, but it doesn't look like it will be in Corona.

Campaign Signs Last week I mentioned a campaign poster I thought was funny. Last Saturday I saw another one (still up 4 days after the election). Phil Whitworth thought it was funny too and took a photo:



I think he is playing on the phrase "Hello, Newman" from the old Seinfeld show, although since Newman wasn't a very sympathetic character on that show, I'm not sure if this is good campaign strategy. I just checked and he lost to Ling Ling Chang. Probably why his signs are still up -- he doesn't give a damn.

Super Moon I've shown photos of this before but when we have one of those super moons the news talks about, we also have super high tides and sometimes they actually lap over the Ballona Creek Bike path where it passes under Lincoln. Today Gary Murphy sent the following photo of this phenomenon:



If the oceans keep rising, this could be an everyday sort of thing. But global warming is a hoax.

Minutes: We have a club meeting this week. Attached are the minutes from the last meeting. They were prepared by our alternate Secretary **Susie Ferren**, since our usual Secretary was out of town. Nominations for club officers open at this Thursday's meeting. Why not show up and take part in running your club.

See You On The Road
Rod Doty, VP

Minutes of 10/20/16 Meeting @ Kermit's house
Los Angeles Wheelmen

Thank you, Kermit, for dinner!

Attendees: Kermit, Ira, Rod, Bill F., Frank, Suzie, David W., Laverne

Start: 8:01 p.m.

MEET-UP -- Ira will sign up this account; we will try 3-months to see if ridership increases.

GRAND TOUR LITE - 11 pre-reg & 16 day of ride for a total of 27. Ridership was down because date was moved due to Malibu Triathlon.

Rod prepared January ride schedule. Newcomer ride 3rd Sunday in Dec & 3rd Sun in January.

Ira will let us know if he will host December meeting so we can see Xmas lights on boats.

Laverne will host January meeting

Holiday Party scheduled for 7th of January @ Kermit's.

GRAND TOUR DEFICIT -- Regarding discussion to increase to \$65-\$75, we agreed to wait one more year to see if deficit repeats next year.

Nomination of officers will open in December.

Donations will be discussed in December.

Close meeting 8:28 p.m.

Refreshments -- choc-cherry cake & maple cupcakes