

Hello All:

**Thanksgiving:** Last Thursday we had our annual Thanksgiving Day Ride. I can't remember how many riders we had, but it was about a dozen. One rode the short route and the rest of us stuck together for a combination of the long and medium routes. We made our usual stop at the overlook in the Palisades. I mentioned last week that the live turkeys would probably not be there as usual because last year the homeowners had said they were moving. But, apparently they have been unable to sell their house and they, and the turkeys, were still there. Here is a shot from **Gary Muphy**



We all posed for a group shot on the bluff, and I remember several people taking photos, but I got none of them. **Phil Whitworth** did send me a few photos, but none were the posed group shot. At least I don't think this is a posed shot of the group.

But at least you can see what a nice day it was.



After the bluff, we went down to the Marina for a leisurely break before taking our separate ways home.

**Sunday:** On Sunday the scheduled ride was "Flintridge Express." There was talk of scattered showers. I had been caught in the rain twice in the last month and decided I wasn't up for a third time, so I didn't go. It turns out, hardly anyone else did either. But I did come across this photo posted by **Lynn Katano** on Facebook.





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From left to right, that's **Jackie Royer, Rosanne Giorgio** and **Lynn Katano**. Lynn's caption for the photo was "LA Wheelmen ride with Jackie and Rosanne starting from my hood [Lynn lives in Monterey Park] -- too bad none of the LA Wheelmen showed up? (Glad we all had our Showers Pass jackets!)"

So, it sounds like they did encounter a little rain. Maybe the rest of us were right in not showing up.

Actually, I had never heard of Showers Pass Jackets. (I have since looked at them on the internet). But the comments to Lynn's post sound like a Showers Pass commercial. They must be pretty good.

**Next Week:** This Sunday we will be starting at the Zoo for "Bobbi's Birthday Beach Bash" This is a set of routes put together by former club president **Bobbi Fisher** which we have ridden every time her birthday falls on a Sunday (about every 6 years). The basic concept of the ride was to ride the entire length of Ventura Blvd. It's not as bad as it may sound -- particularly on a Sunday morning. It's interesting to see all the businesses along this major Valley thoroughfare. All three routes ride Ventura Blvd. The short simply returns back to the start while the medium and long continue on up to Topanga Village. The long continues to the beach and returns back through Santa Monica and over Sepulveda while the medium returns back through the Valley. Right now, it sounds like the weather will be better than last Sunday, so I hope to be there.

**Beach Bike Path:** For those who ride the beach bike path, you know that last winter or spring waves wiped out a portion of the path and since that time we have been riding a detour on the service road. Well, they have completed repairs and the full bike path has re-opened. They actually re-routed the path slightly to miss a low spot on the beach where high waves had often swamped the path even before they wiped the path out. This should fix the problem at least in the short term. If the ocean keeps rising, the waves will be hitting the path again in the future.

**Meeting:** I have had no takers to provide refreshments at the December 15th meeting. I would hate to see all the attendees go hungry. Nuff said.

**Correction:** A few weeks ago, I showed a campaign lawn sign for a politician named Newman. I mentioned that he had lost the election. Apparently once the final count was completed, he actually did win. So maybe the "Hello, Newman" catch phrase worked after all.

See You On The Road  
Rod Doty, VP