

Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report - January 3, 2017

Happy New Year Everyone:

Sunday: Sunday was New Year's Day and we held our annual Kick-off Century out in Malibu. This year we added a metric century and a half century for those so inclined. We had 9 riders at the start, but I also received word later from **Kit Gray** that he had ridden from home and completed a metric century. Eight of us rode the full century and one other rider rode the metric. **Phil Whitworth** took this photo of the group at the start. I think there was a late arrival so there are only 7 of us in the shot.



You can tell by the way we are dressed that it was a bit nippy at the start. It got better as the day went on and the ride back was pleasant. We did have a rare occurrence -- We had a tail wind going north and it turned around so we had a tail wind coming back south. I dream of days like that. **Gary Murphy** took this shot which shows what a clear day it was. That's Anacapa Island on the left in the distance.



It was a good day for us all and we all jumped into the lead for the number of centuries ridden in 2017.

Monday: The Rose Parade was held on the 2nd this year and I was so looking forward to riding to the parade. But I developed a sore throat while riding the century on Sunday and it was clearly a full blown cold when Monday morning came around. So I didn't make the ride. However, I had a report from **Gary Murphy**. He sent this group shot:



From left to right, that's **Saul Miller, Gary Murphy, Jacques Stern, Nancy Niebrugge, Mike Eberts, and Dennis Miller**

He sent a few other photos which show how close we can get to the floats before the parade starts.



That's Nancy in front and in the back is **Thomas Knoll** who Gary said was also there with girlfriend **Cheryl**.



Here is **Jacques** alongside what appears to be the famous surfing dog float (but I'm not sure). No one sent me any photos of the sky-writing, but maybe they didn't see that. Looks like they had a good day. I wish I had been there. The parade won't be on the 2nd of January again until 2023.

Next Sunday: Next Sunday we will be riding "Cal Poly By Golly." This was scheduled for last September, but there was a heat wave and no one showed up. So I rescheduled it for this week. Well, it's not going to be too hot, but it might be a bit too wet. Long range forecasts are not encouraging. These are nice routes and I'll be sorry if we don't get them in for a 2nd time. I'm not going to reschedule them again until they come up in the normal rotation. Of course, if I don't get over this cold, I won't be there anyway. Well, I can hope and I hope to see a bunch of you there on dry streets.

Milestone: Last Thursday on the last Triple Dipper ride of the year, **Phil Whitworth** went over 10,000 miles for the year. We stopped and took a photo at the exact point where he hit 10,000.



10,000 MILES

2016
(DECEMBER 29)

Total Miles	10000
Completed	100
Remaining (2016)	120
Flats	5
High Speed Miles	95

If you can't read the box in the lower corner it says "Total Rides: 158, Centuries: 14, Metric Centuries: 121, flats: 5 and Triple Dipper Rides: 49
Congratulations Phil -- that's quite an achievement.

Party! One last time -- the Club's holiday party is this Saturday at **Kermit Ganier's** home in Malibu. If you haven't already, please RSVP to **Nancy Domjanovich** at nancyadnil@sbcglobal.net The party is indoors, so don't let the rain keep you away.

USC Last week I confidently said everyone would be home from the parade ride in time to watch USC beat Penn State. They almost made a liar out of me, but came through in the end. Take that. you cheese steak eaters (I don't know any epithets for people from Pennsylvania). Between the Cubs and USC football, I had a good year in sports.

See You At the Party
Rod Doty, VP