

Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report - January 10, 2017

Hello All

Holiday Party: Last Saturday night was our annual holiday party. It seemed a little more sparsely attended than usual -- I'm not sure why. We moved it to January a few years ago to avoid conflicts with other holiday plans in December, but that hasn't seemed to help. Anyway, for those who attended, it was the usual pleasant evening of conversation and food. Dessert was different this year -- warm peach cobbler with whipped cream -- yum yum. The rest of you missed a good time. You should really plan on attending next year. I took my camera, but forgot about it all evening until the party was just about to break up. So I only got this one good shot of a group I had been sitting with in the kitchen.



That's Jacques Stern, Dennis Miller, Terry Neff and Mike Wapner. Combined, these 4 members rode 139 centuries last year and 87 metric centuries. Must have been all that Coke.

Sunday: Last Sunday we were riding "Cal Poly By Golly" I had scheduled this last fall, but a heat wave wiped it out so I rescheduled it for Sunday. I was worried it would be rained out this time, but it turns out we had the best day of weather we have had in weeks. Despite the great weather, we only had 7 riders. We didn't take the usual shot of the group at the start, but I think I remember who they were: Bill Faulkner, Terry Neff, Phil Whitworth, Russ, Brynes, Hoy Quan, Gary Murphy and Me. I was still getting over my cold and decided not to push it, so I and two

others did the medium route. The other 4 did the long. We had many great views of the snow on Baldy. Here is one sent by Gary (taken from the dam at Puddingstone Reservoir):



Here's another taken as we entered the campus of Cal Poly.



As a final example of what a nice day it was, here is a shot of Puddingstone taken by Phil:



I always look forward to seeing the farm animals at Cal Poly, but there were only some sheep (sweaters on the hoof) and a few cattle. I noticed there is now a vineyard on the campus, so I guess they have added viticulture to the curriculum.

Corner Ride: I don't often get photos from the Corner Ride, but Sandy Weiner sent me this selfie from last Sunday.



From left to right, that's Jacques Stern, Rick Gordon, Ann Trank and Sandy. The building behind them looks familiar, but I can't quite place it.

Next Week: Next week we will be riding "Bike Trails Galore." As you might guess, these routes spend most of the day on bike trails. The long rides 5 different bike trails and is on surface streets for only a few miles. The river trails can be boring, but they make up for it by providing

low stress riding (no cars and no hills) and conversation is easier as you ride. It should be a pleasant day. I plan to be there and I hope you will too.

2017 Century/Metric Century Challenge: Hoy Quan (our Century Challenge Administrator) wants me to mention that the reporting system for centuries and metric centuries has now been updated to allow you to enter your 2017 centuries. Those who participated in 2016 can just go to the same page you used last year. On the bottom of the sheet there is now a tab for 2017 for your 2017 centuries. 2016 is still available if you haven't finished entering all your centuries for that year. If you didn't participate last year but want to in 2017, please contact Hoy at lawheelmen@gmail.com He will set up your page so that you can report your centuries and metric centuries. It would be nice to see some new participants this year. Especially since we are going to offer a Metric Century of the month as well as the Century of the month as we have in the past.

Thanks: At the party last Saturday, more than one person told me they enjoy reading this weekly e-mail. That made me feel good. I enjoy writing this each week, so I'm not likely to quit, but sometimes I wonder if anyone out there is reading it. So it was nice to find out that some of you do. Thanks.

See You On the Road
Rod Doty, VP