

Los Angeles VP Report - February 21, 2017

Hello All:

Last Sunday: Last Sunday we were riding "Valley Rally" which starts from Whittier. Despite the rain on Saturday and the forecast rain for Monday, the weatherman promised no rain on Sunday, so 11 of us showed up. Phil Whitworth took this photo of the group at the start:



From left to right that's Dennis Kokas, David Williams, Jacques Stern, Ann Trank, Meilech DuBrow, Chris Hedberg, Kit Gray, Me, Gary Murphy and Terry Neff. (I didn't bother to photoshop Phil into this on.) Chris and Kit did the medium (we ran into them at lunch) and the rest of us did the long. The weatherman may have promised no rain, but he was wrong. We did get a brief shower a couple of times -- nothing to really get us wet, but definitely annoying. When it wasn't raining, it was really a nice day for a ride. Gary sent me a few photos from out on the road. I think this first one was taken on West Road.



And this 2nd one was taken on Turnbull. (I'm not sure who that is coming around the turn.)



Notice how green everything seems to be. We should enjoy it now, because it will no doubt return to brown in the summer. Since a number of us, for various reasons, are increasingly adverse to Carl's Jr., several of us found an alternative lunch spot--Colima Burger. I'm always a little nervous picking a place off the map (even though I had looked at it's Yelp review), but it turned out to be fine.

Next Week: Next Sunday, weather permitting, we will be riding "Honolulu For Lunch." All 3 routes take us up to Honolulu Ave. in Montrose. The short and the medium routes do indeed stop there for lunch while the long route continues on up and over Tuna Canyon to a later lunch in Glendale. The scheduled lunch (on the long) is once again at a Carl's, but there are other places in the immediate area. I also located a Habit Burger in Glendale, but it's a little off the route. The routes aren't that long, so you should get back in plenty of time to watch the Academy Awards. I never miss them. I can't predict the winners, but I will predict a bit more than usual political commentary by the winners.

Club Jerseys: We have slashed prices on the remaining club apparel in inventory. You will never see prices this low. You can see what sizes are available for the various items on the club web site here: <http://www.lawheelmen.org/about-the-club/club-jersey/>

Grand Tour Staff: As I mentioned last week, Ira Kuchek, the staff coordinator for the Grand Tour, has asked me to include this request for volunteers for this year's event: Our team is putting together the staff for this year's Grand Tour (June 24th). As you know it's a phenomenal ride and it's due in large part to the great volunteers who support it. If you, your family or friends are available please take part in this great event. Click on this link for more info and to sign up - GT 2017 Staff If you have any questions about volunteering please email or call Ira – ikuchek@gmail.com or 949.759.2975

Installation Lunch: Our installation lunch is coming up in two weeks on March 5th. I will be sending out a formal invitation in a day or two so that we can get a rough count of who plans to attend. But for now, save the date. Information is in the schedule which just went out this week.

Late Photo: I mentioned last week that I was told Dave Wyman had taken a lot of photos on the ride that week, but that I hadn't gotten any of them. Well, he came through a few days late. Here is one of his photos:



This is taken from the top of Mulholland and I believe the rider is Rick Gordon. It's a nice view of the valley. Notice the plane at the top of the photo -- probably coming in for a landing at Bob Hope Airport.

Final Word: Since David Nakai has said he is preparing a parody of some of the songs from La La Land for the installation, I went and saw it today. I was an audience of one. I wonder -- if I hadn't shown up, would they have run the film anyway? Modern theaters are fairly automated, so they probably would.

See You On The Road,

Rod Doty, VP