
LA Wheelmen VP Report

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Hello All:

Sunday: Last Sunday was our annual installation lunch and ride. There was a chance of showers which may account for the low turn out at the ride start. **Mel Cutler** was there and took this photo of all the riders at the start:



Mel also took this photo from up on the bluff above the Ballona Wetlands which was on the medium route.



The weather doesn't look so bad, but the wetlands definitely appear wet. About 20 members attended the lunch which was BBQ and of course cake. Very good. Only 3 of the officers were in attendance so we dispensed with a formal installation. However, since **David Williams** was the only new officer, I did read an FBI report we had commissioned to be sure there would be no skeletons in his closet. He checked out OK. **Hoy Quan** announced the winners of the Century Challenge. Here is a photo I took of the group listening to this presentation.



The big presentation of course was the Jack Flynn Award. Last year's recipient **Jacques Stern** announced that **Ira Kuceck** was the recipient this year. Here is a photo I took of the presentation:



That concluded our day. It was very nice. I just wish more members had been there.

Next Week: Next Sunday we will be riding our century and metric century of the month: "Circling San Fernando." These routes were scheduled last fall but we weren't able to ride them due to the Woolsey fire, so we are giving them a try again. Both routes start in West LA and head out to the valley to make a big circle around the valley. The full century makes a larger circle by heading out to the coast and coming back through Santa Monica. The two routes stay together for the first 43 miles, so you really don't have to decide which one you want to do until you are well into the ride and know how you are feeling. I hope to be there.

Minutes: Attached are the minutes of the meeting we held February 21st. Please read them at your leisure.

Rain, Rain, Rain: I know we were in a drought and I know we can always use some more rain, but I'm getting a little tired of all this rain. Besides not knowing from day to day whether we will be able to ride, it potentially causes problems with some of the roads we ride. For instance, last Thursday several of us thought for sure we could get our usual Thursday Triple Dipper ride in. The forecast was for clearing as the day progressed and it wasn't raining at the time the ride started. But it started raining before we reached Palos Verdes and all but one of us turned back. Who was that one? Here is his selfie from our usual break at Golden Cove.




Here's another example of problems the rain can cause. Mel sent me this photo of where the Rio Hondo bike trail crosses the river bed behind the dam near the top of the river. As you can see, the path is under water and the way it has been raining, it could be a while before the water goes down. We have numerous routes that use that path, so I'll have to make sure to alter the routes accordingly.



Well, it doesn't sound like we are done with the rain yet, but hopefully it will start to be nicer by the end of March when the Grand Tour training rides start.

See You On The Road

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