

LA Wheelmen VP Report

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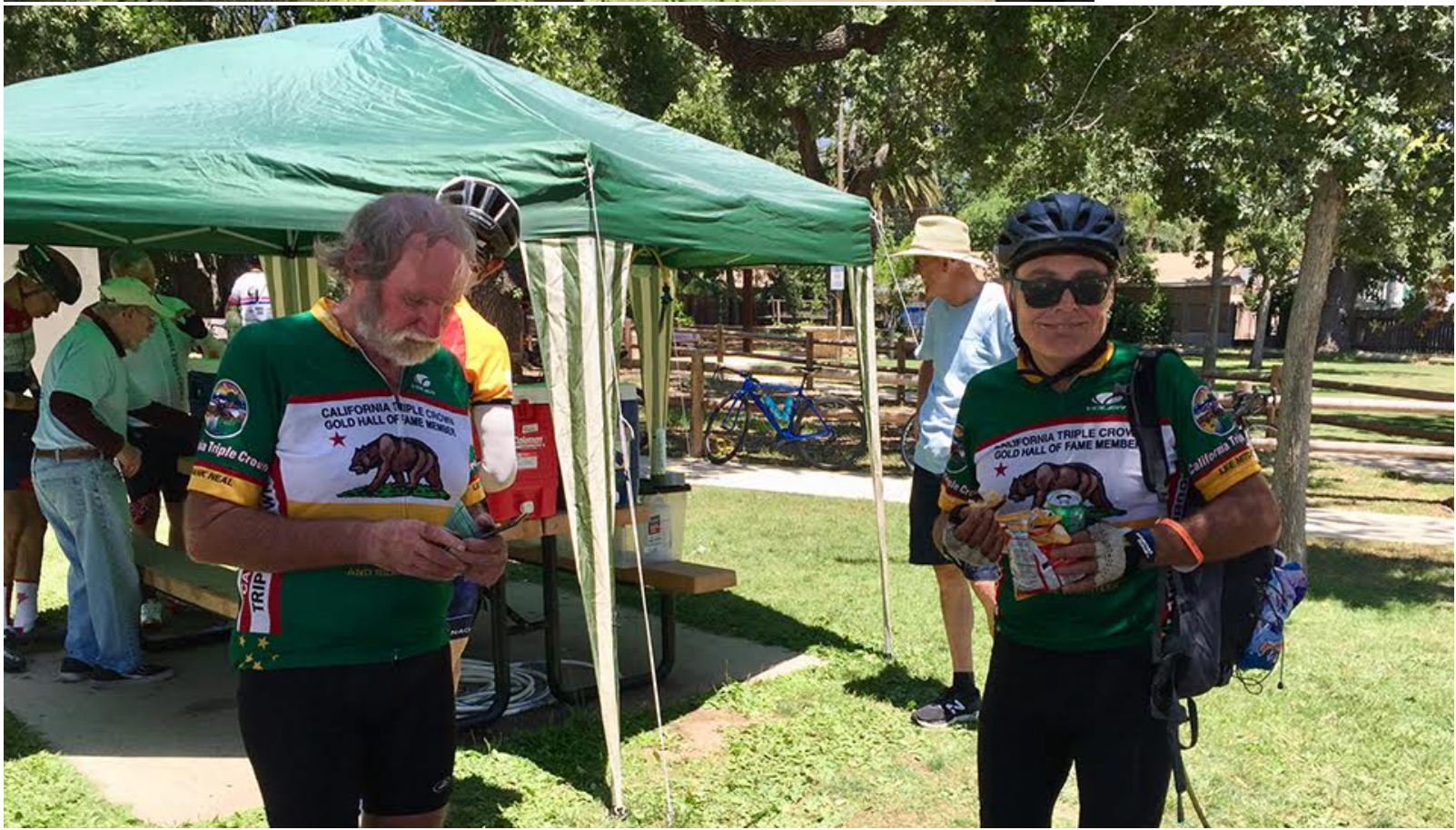
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Hello All:

Last Weekend: Saturday, of course, was the Grand Tour. It was a good day. Sunny most of the day but not too hot. There was a pretty good headwind heading north u turn-around point, but the tailwind coming back down the coast made up for that. Personally, I had a good day. I finished a little before sunset, although full disclosure -- course was 191 miles this year and if I had ridden another 9 miles it would have been dark by the time I got in. I think I enjoyed the ride more than I have in a long time. plan was to take a bunch of photos at the rest stops, but somehow I kept forgetting. The only one I took was this one:



That's fellow Triple Dipper **Andy Pollack** working the rest stop in Ventura. Club member **Chris Hedberg** was also staffing this stop. As I rode I was thinking how few c members actually ride the Grand tour any longer. I only know of 5 who rode this year. Besides myself, there was **Rick Jacobson** who rode the double double (400 mile hours or less) I ran into Rick at the first rest stop. At Ojai I ran into both **Dennis Miller** and **Mike Eberts**. I took this photo of Dennis and Dennis took the photo of Mike





We were both sporting our Triple Crown Hall of Fame jerseys. I was actually checking the Cubs score -- they lost big that day. Finally, at Rincon I ran into **Mel Cultler** and took this photo:



Mel was a special case. He started around midnight from his home in Century City and rode to the Rincon rest stop where he worked a shift and then rode home. I don't know how he does it.

So, those were the 5 club members I know rode. If there were any others, please let me know. Interestingly, according to the list posted on the www.photocrazy.com website, all 5 of us are in the 61 - 70 age group. Just shows you are never too old to ride a double. However at one point, as a large group of Adobo Velo riders passed me, at least three of them said to me "Good Morning Sir." Young whippersnappers!

Sunday: Sunday was a short ride from the Corner to Will Rogers Park. I wanted to go, but predictably my body did not. I don't know who was there and I did not receive any reports.

Next Sunday: This Sunday we will be riding "Wandering Thru Whittier." These rides start in Alhambra and all routes head to the Whittier area. The long route actually makes two passes through the city. The routes are not too hilly. I'll be recovered by then and plan on being there. I hope to see a lot of you out now that we are not splitting our time between the Saturday training rides and the Sunday rides.

July 4th. On Wednesday, July 4th, we will be riding our usual "Firecracker Special" ride which starts in Long Beach. These are short easy rides and the long makes a loop to the top of Signal Hill where we often pose for a group photo. It's more than a week away and I'll remind you again next Tuesday, but I wanted to give you a heads-up now so you can plan to attend.

Parting Shot: Once again, I don't have anything else to discuss tonight. I'm still feeling the high of finishing the Grand Tour. In that spirit, here's a selfie Dennis Miller took at the turnaround point of Tinkers restaurant in Summerland. You can see how happy he was to have finished the stretch into the headwind and now turn for home:



See You On The Road

Rod Doty, VP