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## LA Wheelmen VP Report

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Hello All:

**Last Sunday:** Last Sunday we were down in Orange County for "Winding Roads of Orange County." We had 7 riders. I took this (more or less candid) photo at the start:



On the left is **Bill Faulkner**. The next person is the wife of the third person. They were visitors from overseas. He rode with us and I believe she may have gone shopping. The rest of the group consists of **Gary Murphy, Nancy Domjanovich, Jacques Stern** and **Thomas Knoll**. I believe we all did the long route. Thomas took off ahead, but the rest of us mostly stuck together. The weather was nice enough at the start of the ride, but by the end it was much hotter than I had thought it would be and I was really dragging myself through it. About a quart of cold Gatorade got me through the last few miles. Say what you will, but I think that stuff works pretty much as advertised. The ride is named for its winding roads and here is photo from Gary which illustrates that:



Here's another photo from Gary of the group coming up a climb with (I think) Saddleback Mountain in the distance.



I don't often think of Orange County as being all that scenic, but it has it's moments.

**Next Sunday:** This Sunday we will be riding the "Santa Fe Dam" ride which starts from Monterey Park. All routes head to the Dam and ride the crest. That's always fun. The short heads back while the long and medium make a loop to Pasadena for lunch. After lunch, the long adds some additional miles and a good climb before rejoining the medium on it's direct route back. It's looking like it is going to be hot again, but I still plan to ride. I figure we can make it to lunch before it gets too warm and then we can always choose the medium option to go straight back and skip the climb. If I ride slow and take frequent breaks, I'm sure I can make it, but misery loves company, so I hope to see a few of you out.

**Grand Tour Staff Picnic:** Unfortunately, the staff picnic, which was mentioned in the minutes of the meeting last week, and which was scheduled for this Saturday, has been cancelled. We are sorry for this cancellation. Hopefully the picnic will be

back next year.

**Triple Dipper Ride:** The Thursday Triple Dipper ride changed things up last week by traveling north instead of south. The destination was Pedaler's Fork in Calabasis which is a combination bike shop and restaurant. Here is a photo of the group enjoying lunch:



Several riders sent me this photo, so I'm not sure who took it. Going around the table from the left: **Mel Cutler, Phil Whitworth, Nancy Domjanovich, Jacques Stern, Andy Pollack, Marc Spigelman** and **Dale Aaronson**. On the return back over Topanga we detoured a bit to visit the Topanga Creek Outpost bike shop. I wasn't even aware that this shop existed. It is tucked away in the canyon, so you just about have to know where to look to find it. It's a very interesting bike shop and well worth a stop if you happen to be traveling through Topanga Canyon. Here's a shot of the group at the shop:



**Parting Shot:** I have a photo, but I'm not going to run it. Maybe next week if I get notarized permission from those in the photo.

See You On The Road,

Rod Doty, VP