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## LA Wheelmen VP Report

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Hello All:

**Last Sunday:** On Sunday we held the Grand Tour Lite. This year it started in Port Hueneme and was held as a fund raiser on behalf of the Port Hueneme VFW which has provided facilities to the club for many years. The remote start and the fee no doubt limited ridership, but I think maybe around 15 riders showed up. They seemed about evenly split between the 40 mile route, the 100 mile route and the 113 mile (with difficult climb) route. I rode the 100, but never saw any of the other riders all day. However, I did glance at the registration list and I saw a few members on the list. **Leo Jarzomb** and **Rick Jacobson** were apparently on the ride. Also, at the end I saw **Thomas Knoll** who must have been a late register. It's a shame more riders didn't show up because it was one of the nicest days for a century ride I've seen in a long time. It had that autumn feeling in the air and it was a pleasant day to be riding around the Ventura County countryside. The route was nice. It spent most of it's time in the country and was a very front loaded route. By that I mean most of the climbing was in the first half. I think when I topped Grimes Canyon I was just about at the halfway point but I already had about 2800 feet out of a total 3400. That always makes the second half of the ride just that much more pleasant.

I had hoped to get a photo of a field full of pumpkins because I know they grow them in Ventura, but the route didn't take me past any. I did take this photo in Simi Valley:



Even though it wasn't even October yet, this pumpkin lot seemed to be open already. It seems to me the lots are getting bigger every year. This one had rides for the kids and music playing.

**Next Sunday:** This Sunday we will be making our annual pilgrimage to Mount Wilson. We offer the usual long, medium and short routes, but only the long goes all the way up to Wilson. The medium goes about half way and the short simply rides around the Pasadena area. Talk about your front loaded routes -- almost all of the climbing is in the first half as you climb to Wilson. The return is back the way you came so the 2nd half is almost all down. This gives you something to look forward to as you climb. I always get a nice sense of accomplishment when I get to the top of Wilson. If you have never done it, you should give it a try. After all, if it really gets too hard for you, you can always simply turn around and practically coast back to the start.

**Bike Path Warning:** I just received a warning from a local bike club in the Ventura area about the bike path that runs from Ventura to Ojai. It seems transients living near the path have been causing some problems along the path. We don't get up that way very often, but if you are in the area -- beware.

**New Camera:** **Kit Grey** sent me a short video he took with a new camera mounted on his bike. The camera shoots a 360 degree picture which he can then edit to make some unusual effects. I've watched the video a few times now and I'm still not sure how it works or where exactly the camera was. Here is the link to the video on Youtube: [https://youtu.be/RbnF\\_aJ7Fo](https://youtu.be/RbnF_aJ7Fo)

**Final Shot:** I have hardly any photos this week. I took one other photo on the century last Sunday. I took it mostly to show to member **Bill Faulkner** to see if he was aware he had an ancestral home in Ventura. But since I don't have any other photos, here it is.



Actually, I don't think our Bill Faulkner is related to this Faulkner, but it occurs to me that a number of years ago there was another cyclist named Faulkner who came to the Great Western Bicycle Rally a few times and he was from the Ventura area. Maybe it's his ancestral home.

See You On The Road

Rod Doty, VP