

Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report

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Hello all (and happy Bloomsday for you literary types)

Sunday: On Sunday we were riding "Bike Trails Galore" which started in Downey. There were apparently 11 riders, which again is a good number. **Phil Whitworth** took this photo near the start:



From left to right: **Rafi Karpinski**, **Ben King**, **Jacques Stern**, **David Nakai**, **Russ Brynes**, **Nancy Domjanovich** and **Steven & Phyllis Suchard**. With Phil, that's only 9, but they were joined on the course by **Chris Hedberg** and **Gary Murphy**. Steve & Phyllis came in response to my pledge to ride the short route, but unfortunately, I wasn't able to make it (see below) I'm sorry I didn't make it. I hope they got a nice ride in anyway. I had reports from both Phil and David. As I feared there was a little confusion at the start because Wilderness Park (the start location) was closed. When I realized I wouldn't be there, I had given instructions to a few of the riders regarding an alternative route onto the bike path, so eventually it all got sorted out. Other than that, it sounds like it was a good day. Here is a photo from Gary of some of the riders out on the course:



David generally hits a couple of doughnut shops on the way to the start and he sent me photos of his purchases. Here is a doughnut David said was very large. It's hard to tell how large it is with no other point of reference, but if the doughnut holes in the center are normal sized, then you get a general idea:



Other Rides: As usual of late, the Thursday Triple Dipper ride drew a good crowd. Phil sent me this photo:



A small group got together for a ride on Tuesday to celebrate **Emma Pham's** birthday last week and Phil also sent this photo:



That's the birthday girl in the center.

Next Sunday: This Sunday we will be riding the "Oak Ridge Rides" which provide an opportunity to ride a century, a metric century, a half century and a quarter century. The rides start from the Valley and head west. All 4 routes go over Santa Suzanna Pass to Simi Valley and back. That's about all the quarter century does. The full century continues west all the way to Oxnard before returning and the metric and half centuries turn around at other intermediate points. I wish I was going to be there, but, see below.

Why I Missed Sunday's Ride: I used to have the luxury of a good friend in Steve Bowen who would almost always give me one day service at his bike shop when my bike needed repair. When he passed several years ago, I bought a second bike precisely so that if one bike was in the shop, I would always have a second bike to ride. That worked well for several years, but I never anticipated that both bikes would end up in the shop at the same time. That is what has happened. Due to slow shipping (because of the virus they tell me) one bike probably won't be ready until next week. The other one has more serious problems and I'm not sure when it might be back on the road. Consequently, I missed my promised return to club riding last Sunday and I will miss this Sunday as well (unless the part comes sooner than expected). I apologize to those who showed up last week to ride the short with me. Hopefully, in two weeks I'll be back.

Monthly Meeting. This month's meeting is this Thursday at 7 p.m. This month we are going to try using Zoom so that we can all see each other. I've never done Zoom before, but I loaded the App up on my phone the other night and I look forward to trying it out. The Zoom meeting is being set up by **Mel Cutler**. If you want to participate, you can get the necessary information from him at cutlerme@earthlink.net

Parting Shot: Mel said he had two flats on last Thursday's Triple Dipper Ride. He sent me this photo of one of them. Can you spot the problem?



See You On The Road (in two weeks)

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