

## Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report

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Hello All:

**Sunday:** On Sunday we started in Alhambra to ride "Straight Cow Mountain," the highlight of which is a trip over Turnbull Canyon. There were 11 riders at the start and **Phil Whitworth** took this photo:



From the left: **Mario Solano, David Nakai, Thomas Knoll, Gary Murphy, Me, Rafal Karpinski, Jacques Stern, Ben King, Chris Hedberg** and **Nancy Domjanovich**. The weather was definitely cooler than the previous week, but it was still getting warm by the end of the ride. Gary and I did the medium route while the rest did the long. After the two routes split we didn't see the long group again, but Phil sent several photos. The fun part of the ride was whizzing down Turnbull Canyon. Here is Nancy taking one of the turns:



Gary and I had lunch at Jersey Mikes and Starbucks in Whittier, but Jersey Mikes had removed their outdoor seating and Starbucks never had any. So we found a shady stretch of grass nearby and that worked well. It appears the long group did the same thing (although it was a different grassy area):



The return took us all close to Legg Lake which I had toured the previous week. It appears the long group went a little out their way on Sunday to see the lake:



Seems like a pleasant day was had by all.

**Other Rides:** Mel Cutler rode a 100K "Populaire" on Sunday which took him to the upper end of San Dimas Canyon where he took this photo:



For Mel, the ride was a landmark because it got him to 40,000 kilometers (24,855 miles) lifetime of official Randonneuring rides which is just about one trip around the circumference of the Earth.

**Next Week:** This coming Sunday we will be riding "Orange Thrill at Redhill" which starts in Tustin. These routes are not too long and not very hilly. Normally, I would say they would provide a pleasant day of riding. However they are predicting really hot weather for Sunday and even though these routes do head towards the coast in Orange County, only the long actually gets there and even that route spends a lot of time inland. Despite what I just said, I'm still thinking of showing up for the ride (I would only do the medium). I was looking at the map and these routes stay in populated areas of Orange County where we would probably never be more than a few miles from the next place to buy Gatorade. I'll just make it a Gatorade to Gatorade ride. The medium is only about 40 miles so I can take some long cooling breaks and still finish with time to spare. As they say -- misery loves company -- so if you are inclined to join me, I would welcome the company.

**Parting Non-Shot:** I don't have a photo to end with this week, but on Sunday's ride, as we were leaving lunch and riding past Rose Hills, Gary and I saw about 10 deer grazing among the graves. We should have taken a photo, but they were in the shade and I'm not sure the picture would have turned out well. I was thinking that if Rose Hills could get even more deer, they wouldn't have to mow their grass -- it would be a real money saver.

See You On The Road

Rod Doty, VP