

Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report

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(see below)**

Hello All:

Sunday: Last Sunday we were down in Orange County for "Orange Thrill at Redhill." It was predicted to be the hottest day in history and yet, amazingly, 6 riders showed up. Forecasts were talking 120 degrees in some places, but Orange County was supposed to be in the high 90s. I suppose that's why we thought we could do it. I took this photo at the start:



That's **Phil Whitworth, Rafal Karpinski, Ben King, Nancy Domjanovich** and a newcomer named **Tavio** I intended to do the medium, thinking I would get through most of the ride before it really warmed up. But after only 11 miles, the heat was really getting to me and it was still only mid-morning. So I turned around and went back for a short day. The other 5 riders were doing the long and apparently finished all or most of it. I am really impressed. Nancy reported

that the only "relatively" cool place was when they were near the coast, but that the later portions of the ride must have been over 100 degrees. Phil sent several photos and here is one of them at lunch.



They look pretty happy at that point, but this was near the coast. I understand it got a lot worse before they finished. The newcomer had two flats. He really picked the wrong ride to join us for the first time. Well, we all made it home to ride another day and I guess that's the important thing.

Next Sunday: This Sunday we will be riding "Ivan's Ride" which starts at the "Corner" All the routes go over Sepulveda to the Valley (although the long descends into the Valley on Encino Hills Dr. and does a little extra climbing. All routes have lunch in North Hollywood and then return back. The short takes the relatively easy return through Cahuenga Pass while the long and medium climb Mulholland Drive on the return. The Valley is one of those places that was close to 120 degrees last Sunday, but it should be somewhat cooler this Sunday. Still, it could be pretty warm. I plan to show up at the Corner, but it sounds like it might be too hot in the Valley, I might do an alternative ride -- like out to Malibu and back. So, one way or the other, I hope to see you there.

Other Rides: The usual Thursday Triple Dipper ride was well attended. **Phil Whitworth** took this photo at the start:



Doesn't look like as many riders as we have been getting, but actually, by the time we got to the Manhattan Pier, we had picked up several more riders. After our usual break at Golden Cove, a few of the riders headed down to San Pedro. **Steve Suchard** took a spill on the same railroad tracks where I broke my arm. **Phil** took this photo:



Fortunately, Steve was not hurt, but just looking at this photo brings back bad memories for me.

On Saturday, Mel Cutler and Dale Aaronson did a ride on their own which went down to San Pedro. Mel sent several photos and I was struck by this one of Dale:



You would never know that this was one of the hottest days of the year.

New Jersey: As promised, there is now a second chance to order the new club jersey. You have until September 21st to place your order. Besides the basic jersey, there are several other items available (including the long sleeve jersey which I believe Dale is wearing in the photo above). To order, simply go to this link:

<https://www.voler.com/custom/ordering/li/35810>

All orders will be shipped near the end of October. As a reminder, below are the artist's rendering of the jersey and a photo of the actual jersey:



Parting Shot: While riding with Ben King last Friday, Rafal Karpinski had a blow-out which severely damaged the tire. Although a common fix is to use a dollar bill as a boot, Rafi used the wrapper of a Clif Bar. Apparently this was good enough to get him home. See photo.



See You On The Road

Rod Doty, VP