

Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report

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Hello All:

Sunday: Last Sunday we were riding "Ivan's Ride" which starts at the "Corner" and heads out to the Valley and back. During the night I could smell the smoke from the local fires and in the morning I woke up with a scratchy throat, so I decided not to ride since they were still talking about bad air quality. However, I live close to the start, so I thought I would drive over to see if anyone would show up. To my surprise, there were 7 riders. I took this photo:



From right to left (for a change): **Jacques Stern**, **Rafal Karpinski**, **Nancy Domjanovich** (just her head peaking past Rafal), **Gary Murphy**, **David Nakai** and **Charles Barquist**. Just off the photo on the left I think was a newcomer named **Alex Emery**. (This is a good example of why I would rather leave the photo taking to Phil when he is there). Jacques rode to the top of Sepulveda and then decided to forego the Valley in favor of extending his ride near the beach. David reported the newcomer split off on his own (David thinks we were too slow for him). David was the only one to do the long and the rest did the medium. Consequently, David was the only one to go down Encino Hills where he took this photo of the speed limit:



That downhill is so steep, it would be hard to hold a bike below 30 mph. Despite doing the extra miles, David got to lunch first because Rafal had two flats. Here he is fixing one of them (photo by Charles):



Everyone came together again at lunch. Gary sent me this photo of some of the group at lunch.



Then they all returned together. No one reported being overcome by the bad air, so maybe I made a mistake in not riding.

Next Week: Next Sunday is our monthly century and metric century. This month we leave from Culver City to ride "East Road, West Road, All Around Downtown" Both routes start with an early morning ride through downtown LA. Both routes continue east to Whittier, but the full century makes a longer loop getting there which takes you over a few hills as well as East Road and West Road. Although both routes get to Whittier, they don't have lunch together. The metric century makes a direct return back through downtown while the full century makes a more circuitous return. The weather is supposed to cool down **somewhat** (emphasis on the somewhat) by Sunday and the smoke is supposed to go away. Let's hope so because I want ride the metric century. I hope to see some of you there. **(Note: there is an earlier than usual start time for this)**

Meeting: There is the usual monthly club meeting this Thursday at 7:00 p.m. We will once again be doing this via Zoom. If you want to participate, the meeting ID is 822 465 9666 and the password is LAW (all caps). We would like to see you there. It's so easy -- you can join the meeting from the comfort of your own home.

Jersey Reminder:

You only have until September 21st (less than a week) to place an order for the new club Jersey and related apparel items. 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.

Parting Shot: Gary sent me this photo from last Sunday's ride:



I think this is from a park in or near Burbank where I would not expect to find Coyotes. But besides that, doesn't it sort of look like the coyote on the sign is squatting to do his business (as they say). Maybe that's what they are telling you to beware of.

See You On The Road

Rod Doty, VP