

## Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report

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Hello All:

**First Off:** Congratulations to the Dodgers for winning the World Series. Now the pressure is off for another 30 years or so.

**Last Sunday:** Last Sunday it was all happening at the Zoo where we started the "La Tuna Melt" ride. Actually, with the Zoo closed, the parking lot was unusually dead. We only had 6 riders. Not sure why the low number. It was a nice (even cool) day, the start location wasn't too far away, and the ride wasn't really difficult. Anyway, **Phil Whitworth** took this photo at the start:



From the left: **Jacques Stern, Me** (or my back), **Nancy Domjanovich, Rafi Karpinski,** and **Chris Hedberg.** We all did the long. It was cool enough I didn't even take my jacket off on the climb up La Tuna, so I guess we didn't "melt." They were already putting up the lights on the trees on Christmas Tree Lane when we climbed that hill. I guess the pandemic is not cancelling that bit of holiday tradition. I got separated from the group at lunch but here is a photo from Phil of the other 5 at their lunch in San Marino.



On the return, I had changed the route to a return through Griffith Park instead of the LA River trail because I thought the trail might still be closed while a new bridge over the river was being built. However, I took this photo of the new bridge and it looks finished to me



I believe this is a pedestrian and bike bridge. Looks pretty. We will have to go ride it some day.

**Other Rides:** Last Thursday most of the Triple Dipper group extended their ride down to San Pedro and visited the remains of the battery built during World War II to keep the Japanese from landing on our beaches. (I guess it worked). Here's a photo Phil took of the group in front of one of the batteries:



On Saturday **Mel Cutler** and **Dale Aaronson** were joined on their usual ride by **Alysha Webb**. They rode up to Mount Baldy. Here is a selfie of the three:



Here is a shot Mel sent of one of the reservoirs up Hwy 39. It looks a bit low, but the rainy season is just around the corner and it was a lot lower a couple of years ago.



**Next Sunday:** Next Sunday we will be riding "Turnbull Revisited" which starts from Pico Park in Pico Rivera. All routes except one of the two short routes goes over Turnbull from west to east. This is always a nice climb and not too difficult. The long and the medium are identical except that the long adds a trip up Hwy 39 and East Fork to the Camp Williams store and then back down. If you do this loop you will see the above reservoir for yourself. NOTE: Reports are that the Camp Williams store is sometimes open and sometimes not. You will be able to get water there, but you probably shouldn't count on being able to buy a snack or a drink. I want to do the long, but it is very easy to wimp out and skip the trip up Hwy 39 and just do the medium. So I make no promises.

Nothing else tonight so here is the

**Parting Shot:** Last Sunday's route took us past the same house where the previous week I photographed the inflatable dragons which I included in last week's e-mail. But this week the fans were turned off. What a difference.



See You On The Road

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