

Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report

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Hello All:

Sunday: Last Sunday we were riding our monthly century and metric century. This month it was the "Coastal Cruise Century" which started in Playa del Rey and went south along the coast. Seven riders showed up. I took this photo:



That's **Gary Murphy**, **Nancy Domjanovich**, **Phil Whitworth**, **Rafi Karpinski** and **Jacques Stern**. Not in the photo is **Chris Hedberg** who was still getting her bike ready. We all stayed pretty much together down to Long Beach where the full century and metric century split. It turned out I was the only one who rode the full century, but the rest did more than the metric. They continued south further into Long Beach and then stopped for lunch before turning back to complete the metric route. A flat tire had gotten Gary separated from the rest, but he did something similar. Gary sent me this photo from when we were still all together in the harbor area.



That's Nancy in the foreground with me and Phil in the background. Rafi took this photo also down in the harbor area. I like it because it combines the past and the present of the cruise industry.



Since I was riding alone on the return, I skipped the climb up Signal Hill, but apparently Gary did do it (the only one) and sent this photo:



I had a good day and was very happy to get my August century in and I assume the others had a good day too.

Additional Ride Photo: As usual, Rafi added some miles before showing up for the start of the ride on Sunday and he included several photos with his Strava track. I particularly liked this one which was taken on the Rio Hondo bike trail. Nice composition and lighting.



This Week: This Sunday we will be riding "Huntington Beach Go-Round." These routes start in Long Beach and head down to Huntington Beach and back. Once again we will be staying fairly close to the coast all day, so even though it is predicted to be very warm this weekend, the ride should be fine. The long and medium are the same down to lunch in Huntington Beach, but the long then adds a trip down to Newport Beach and does almost a complete loop around the Back Bay. This is about a 7 mile loop mostly on traffic free bike paths and is very nice. Worth the extra effort. I took a tumble on last Sunday's ride -- no significant injuries, but I'm sore all over today. Nonetheless, I expect to be on the ride this Sunday and I hope to see you there.

Parting Shot: Once again, I don't have anything else to discuss tonight. No news is good news I guess. So I thought I would close with a photo I took on Sunday. This is the lot down in the harbor where they park all the cars which have just come off the boats from Japan (or maybe Korea). Since they have been talking about a car shortage due to a shortage of microchips used in modern cars, I was expecting to see the lot more empty than usual. But, judge for yourself:



See You On The Road

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