

Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report

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Hello All:

Sunday: Sunday was Halloween and we were riding out Halloween Ride from the "Corner" I did take a photo at the start, but the group was still all together when we took a break later in the ride at the Farmer's Market and a friendly by-stander took this shot for us, so it includes all 8 riders.



From the left: **Mario Solano**, **Thomas Knoll**, **Rafi Karpinski**, **Michael Doyle**, **Lewis Singer**, **Gary Murhy**, **Me**, and **Jacques Stern**. I don't know the names of the pasty looking people in the back. **Alice Doyle** rode with us briefly at the start, but decided not to continue. The Halloween ride is a very short ride designed to pass a number of interesting or weird houses. Unfortunately, most of them were not that impressive or were hidden by walls. One of the more interesting houses was the witch's house in Beverly Hills, but we go by that so often there is a photo of it on the club web site. Here is another one, from Culver City, which we don't see often.



(photo by Gary Murphy) Even though the houses were something of a bust, we did see a lot of nice Halloween displays. Gary sent me photos of a couple of them:



This one really invested heavily in inflatables. The next photo combines two popular themes this year -- giant spiders and skeletons.



The club does have another Halloween ride (sort of) in it's library. This one passes the sites of famous LA murders such as Nicole Simpson, the Mendez family, and the Black Dalia. Maybe the next time Halloween falls on a Sunday, we can do that ride.

This Sunday: This Sunday we will be riding our Century and Metric Century of the month: The "Whale of a Century." **PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS A CHANGE IN THE SCHEDULE FROM THE ONE SENT OUT A MONTH AGO.** The full century starts in Camarillo and rides up to Santa Barbara and back. The metric century starts from Ventura and rides the middle portion of the full century up to Santa Barbara and back. Both routes are relatively flat and easy with long stretches on bike paths. **PLEASE ALSO NOTE: STANDARD TIME BEGINS THIS SUNDAY WHICH MEANS IT WILL BE GETTING DARK EARLIER.** I moved the start time of the century to 7:30 a.m. to take advantage of the time change. However that still only gives you about 9 1/2 hours of daylight. Plenty for most riders, but I think I will be starting closer to 6:30 a.m. to give myself more time. You are welcome to join me at this early start. The rest of you can try and catch me. I know some of you can do it. The metric century starts an hour later than the full century, but should not have trouble finishing in daylight.

Membership Extension: The club voted to extend everyone's membership by one year to make up for membership benefits which were lost during the pandemic. A notice has been sent out to all members with your new expiration date and updated membership cards. You should be receiving these soon, if you haven't already (they were mailed last Saturday) I suspect I have outdated mailing addresses for some of you. If you think that might be the case, send me your new address and I will re-mail the notice and cards to you.

Parting Shot: Nothing else to report tonight. The parting shot below was sent to me by a friend and she probably got it off the web, but I thought it was funny

Here is how you will track your holiday packages this year:

Your package is here.



See You On The Road

Rod Doty, VP