
Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report

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Hello All:

Sunday: On Sunday we were riding our century and metric century of the month -- "Foothill Footsie,." Here is the theme song that first came to my mind when I thought of this ride. You can play it while you read the rest of the report

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jL4YINUi7ZE>

I believe we had a total of 8 riders. I started early so I only saw a few of them at lunch, but the 8 were: Full Century: **Mario Solano, Rafi Karpinski, Phil Whitworth, David Nakaib** and me. Metric Century: **Gary Murphy, Jacques Stern** and **Thomas Knoll**. Jacques took a selfie at the start of the metric (with Thomas barely in the shot) and Phil took a shot at the start of the full century



Now I know why there was a pink scuff mark on my car. Although the two routes started at different locations and at different times, almost all the riders did come together at lunch, as they were intended to do. That allowed for this group shot taken by Gary. Only Gary (taking the photo), Thomas and me (who left lunch early) are missing.



It was a cold day, but otherwise a very nice day for a holiday season century. I always enjoy seeing all the house decorations on this route which we always run in December. Here are a couple of decoration photos Rafi took





Santa on a polar bear was a new one for me. I think polar bears have become increasingly popular as Christmas decorations since Coca Cola started using them a few years back. The other photo is sort of a mixed bag. It is mostly Peanuts themed, but isn't that the snowman from "Frozen" on the left the soldier in front is from the "Nutcracker." And of course it wouldn't be a ride with David if he didn't have a flat, documented by Phil.



All in all, a nice day to ride our final century of the year.

Triple Dipper Ride: Last Thursday was a rain day, but a number of the Triple Dipper riders got together anyway for breakfast. That's the nice thing about riding regularly with a group of friends -- you can do things like that. **Emma Pham** sent this photo of the group (which was taken by Phil's daughter who was in attendance)



Next Sunday: This Sunday we will be riding "Honolulu For Lunch." These routes start in Monterey Park and all head up to Montrose (Honolulu Blvd). The short and the medium actually do have lunch there, but the long route continues on up and over Tuna Canyon to swing around and have lunch along Glenoaks Blvd on it's way back to the start. All nice routes. The weather is supposed be be good, but cold, so come bundled up. The long is a metric century, so if you want or need one more metric before the end of the year, this is your chance.

Kucharik Closing: After 50 years in the bicycle clothing business, Kucharik Bicycle Clothing is closing in January. Many years ago Kucharik made the official Los Angeles Wheelmen jerseys. For a few years they also manufactured the official Rally jerseys sold at the Great Western Bicycle Rally. It is sad to see them go, but the good news is that they are having a big sale prior to their closing. They have asked us to include the following in this newsletter:

We are having a HUGE sale, in our showroom, during the whole month of December at 1745 W. 182nd Street, Gardena, CA 90248. All items are marked down from 20% – 80%!! We will have incredible deals on Jerseys, Shorts, Winter Clothing/Accessories, Kid's Clothing, etc. If you pay for your purchase with CASH you will receive an additional discount PLUS we will pay the tax. No repair work will be accepted without prior notice. Call for more information at (310)538-4611.

December Store Hours: Monday – Wednesday 7:00am – 3:30pm Thursday 7:00am – 12:00pm

Closing Shot: Here is one more photo of holiday decorations -- this one was provided by **David Nakai**. It looks to me like the homeowner simply morphed his Halloween decorations into the Christmas season. I suppose that's a time-saver.



See You On The Road

Rod Doty, VP