

Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report

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Hello All and Happy New Year

Last Week: We had 3 rides last week, so I have lots of photos -- hope this doesn't slow your download too much. Of course, for New Year's weekend, my choice for tonight's theme music is this classic:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SID1FS7Rclg>

First up was the annual Rose Parade Ride. **Hoy Quan** had put this ride on "Meet Up" and that brought in quite a few riders. He had 10 riders (including himself) but, alas, no other Wheelmen members. Here's a shot of the group from Hoy



They really enjoyed the chance to preview the floats before the parade started. Most parade-goers don't ever get this close to the floats and they charge \$20 to see them after the parade. Here's an example of what the riders could see



Also on New Year's Day was our annual "Kick Off Century." I think we had a total of 5 riders (all doing a full century), but except for a brief portion when **Rafi Karpinski** caught me and rode with me a while, I don't think anyone ever saw one another. I started early, so I didn't see anyone else at the start. Rafi started after me but was alone. **Jacques Stern** started even later. Apparently a non-member named **Stephanie Miller** also started about the same time as Jacques, but from a slightly different location and they never saw one another. Finally, **Phil Whitworth** did a modified version of the century by starting from his home in Manhattan Beach and riding up to Las Posas Road and then returning. We also briefly saw **David Nakai**, but he was on a brevet and not really doing our ride. Phil did pass our start location in Malibu, but long after we had left. In lieu of the usual group photo, he took a group photo of our cars and his bike.



That's my blue car and Rafi's gray car. Just a few cars to the right, but not in the photo was Jacques' car.

It was windy and gusty in the morning (making the trip north somewhat more difficult than I would like) but it was otherwise a beautiful day. Fortunately, the winds died down for the return. I took this shot of snow on the mountains as we approached Camarillo. Based on looking at a map, I believe this must be Hines Peak in the mountain range just north of Santa Paula



As I came through Ventura, the islands just off the coast were as clear as I have ever seen them. This must be Santa Cruz Island



The recent rains had produced a small lake in Oxnard which I had never seen before. Jacques took this photo:



Usually, this is vegetable field. All in all a good day and it is always nice to start the year off with a century in the books.

On Sunday, we were riding "Corner Caper II." I had intended to go, but actually slept through my alarm -- probably my body telling me it didn't want to go. **Rafi Karpinski** did go and sent this photo.



I think that is **Mario Solano** with Rafi, but I'm not positive. In any case I don't know if there were more than these two riders on the ride. Based on his Strava track, Rafi did the medium route, but after the century the day before, that was probably plenty. It appears to have also been a very nice day. Here is a shot Rafi sent taken from Franklin Canyon.



This Sunday: So some of us got the year off to a good start. Let's keep it going this Sunday when we ride "North Orange County Trek." These routes start in Fullerton and head east to Corona. The long makes it as far east as the edge of Riverside and also hits some areas we don't get to on any other routes such as Norco. Of course, I always enjoy seeing the last few remaining dairy farms in the Chino area. I won't sleep late this Sunday, so I should be there.

Stats for 2021: As I have done in the past, I will be happy to report riding accomplishments for 2021. It doesn't just have to be miles, but could be a ride you completed or some other accomplishment you are proud of. Just send them to me. I think the club would be interested in what other members are doing.

Rafi sent me his Strava year-end summary. He rode 10,631 miles in 2021 over 213 riding days. He climbed a total of 373,672 feet and his longest ride was the Grand Tour

I rode 6489 miles over 111 rides (less than I had hoped) and climbed 266,100 feet. However I did meet my goal of riding both a century and metric century in each month and I completed the Grand Tour.

2022 Riding Goals: I would also be happy to report your goals for 2022 here. I find that putting them out there where other people can see them helps a little (but sometimes not enough) in keeping your goals. My goals for 2022 are pretty much the same as 2021, except I would like to ride more miles -- maybe up around 8000 for the year.

Parting Shot: Rafi took this one on Saturday's century. One last holiday decoration. It looks to me like this gingerbread man partied a little too much on New Year's Eve.



See You On The Road

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