

Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report

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Hello All:

Last Weekend: On the weekend we were riding our annual Janus Sequential Centuries. Although I was only riding 100 miles (not 500), sometimes when you are out on a long ride by yourself a song like this comes to mind, so this is tonight's theme music. The traditional version would be by Peter, Paul & Mary, but I found this one by Justin Timberlake which I thought was interesting.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=znLGp2LabU>

I had intended to ride on Saturday, but the forecast for winds convinced me that Sunday would be the better day. I had only intended to ride one of the two days anyway. To my knowledge, no one rode on Saturday. On Sunday I decided to ride the Saturday route because I had ridden the Sunday route last year. Two other riders showed up on Sunday: **Phil Whitworth** and **Rafi Karpinski**. Phil took this selfie at the start:



They rode the Sunday route. The two routes are the same except ridden in opposite directions. So, sure enough, about half way through the route, I passed them going the other way. Riding on Sunday was clearly the good choice. I had expected some wind going over Grimes Canyon, but there was almost none. It was a nice sunny day and it wasn't even very cold at the start where many years it is absolutely frigid. I was able to take off my jacket for the second half of the ride. It's a very scenic route. Along Potrero Rd not far from Hidden Valley Rafi took these photos of some seer crossing the road.



At the overlook above the Ojai Valley, he took this panoramic view



One more shot from Rafi:



I'm not sure where this one was taken but it looks like a remnant of the Thomas Fire of a few years ago. I did notice where one or two houses that burned in that fire along Dennison Grade have been rebuilt. I should confess that I changed the Saturday route a little to avoid riding up Potrero at the end of the ride. It added a couple of miles to the route and didn't cut out any of the elevation gain, but it did avoid Potrero. I may add that as an alternative next year. All in all it was a very nice day for the century. I only wish more people would come out for this one. With the low turn-out, I think I will continue to offer these routes next year, but also schedule an alternative ride on Sunday for those not up for a tough century.

This Week: On Sunday we will be riding "The Amazing Maze." which starts at Pine Tree Park in Tustin. All routes proceed to the Yorba Linda / Anaheim Hills area for lunch but by different routes. As usual, the long takes a longer and more hilly route while the medium and short take shorter and less hilly routes. Our former lunch location (Worlds Best Hamburger) has closed so I have moved the lunch to a mall on Santa Ana Canyon Rd where there are actually more choices, one of which is The Habit -- (seemingly) the fastest expanding food outlet in Southern California. I sometimes think they got hold of our route library and are putting in locations for all our routes. I, of course, plan to be there and I hope to see a bunch of you out for the ride.

Minutes of the Meeting: The minutes of the meeting held last week are attached. We actually had 12 attendees, so I guess sending out the extra notice is a good idea. Nominations for officers closed at this meeting. If you read the minutes you will see that **Ira Kucheck** declined to serve as Director at Large again this year, but **Hoy Quan** agreed to step into that position. Since there were no contested offices, there will be no election and the existing slate of officers, with that one change, will continue to serve in the coming year. As they say: "Meet the new boss -- Same as the old boss."

Parting Shot: Phil took this shot on Sunday:



It reminds me that I was thinking on Sunday that between all the orange groves along South Mountain Road and on Highway 150 as you leave Santa Paula, I had seen enough orange trees to last me for a year. What I have never understood is that there always seems to be a lot of oranges on the trees, but I have never seen anyone picking them. They must pick them sometime, but never when I'm out there.

See You On The Road

Rod Doty, VP

