
Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report

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Hello All:

Sunday: On Sunday we were riding the "Oak Ridge Rides" so of course that made my selection of tonight's music easy. I just had to pick which song to use I hope you like this one:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O03A5FatTJE>

There were only 3 riders at the start and **Phil Whitworth** took this selfie:



That's **Phil, Nancy Domjanovich** and **Mario Solono**. They all rode the metric century route. Both **Jacques Stern** and I started early at different times and never saw each other or the other riders. Jacques did the metric and I did the full century. It was a nice day. They talked of wind, but when it did show up, it was actually a tail wind for me. That made the day extra nice. We all passed the Reagan Library and Phil took this shot of the entrance:



I hadn't ridden the full century route since 2008 but I had a vague memory of passing a place up in the hills west of Moorpark that had some Alpacas. I was wondering if they were still there, when suddenly, there they were. It's now a much bigger operation than I remember with maybe 50 alpacas. I tried to get a shot with a lot of them in the picture, but this was the best I could do



Only a few were up near the road, but I did get a shot of this one: They are sorta cute. Looks like this one is about ready for shearing.



Between Moorpark and Simi Valley I noticed a ghost bike I don't remember seeing before. I didn't take a photo, but Jacques did:



Based on the date, I guess it has been there a while, but clearly someone is keeping it up.

Other Events: David Nakai didn't feel his new hip was up to the climbing on our century so he rode his own flat century. Along the way he stopped in Seal Beach to see Ben King where he often plays guitar on Sundays and took this shot. I thought it was a really good shot of Ben.



Also on Sunday, **Thomas Knoll** was running his first ever marathon at the LA Marathon. He finished in a little over 4 hours which placed him 31st in Males (60 -64). That seems pretty good to me.

Rafi Karpinski, for the 2nd week in a row, was doing a double century. This time it was the Solvang Double Century..

This Sunday: This Sunday we will be riding the "Tri County Safari" which starts in West Covina. The long hits Los Angeles, San Bernardino, and Orange Counties. I think the medium doesn't make it into Orange County. I would say these routes are moderately hilly, but nothing really steep. It's our last ride before the training rides start in April, so if you have any thoughts of doing those, you might want to join on Sunday for a tune-up ride.


Minutes: The minutes of the meeting we held last week are attached. I won't spoil your reading pleasure by telling you what is in them.

Parting Shot: **Gary Murphy** sent me this shot which he took last week. It just shows what I was saying two weeks ago -- more and more people are decorating their homes for St. Patrick's Day.



See You On The Road

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