

Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report

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Hello All:

Last Weekend: We had 3 rides last weekend, so let's get to them. First up was the Mount Baldy training ride. In honor of this ride, I have selected tonight's number. It really doesn't have anything to do with Mount Baldy, but it's a funny song.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XXmE2Nh1Ntw>

There was a time when this was one of our most popular trainers with more than a dozen riders. But for the first time in years, I didn't go and neither did Rafi. That left **Phil Whitworth** as the only rider. He took this selfie at the start:



Phil reported that there were quite a few other cyclists out on the road to Baldy, but not doing our particular ride. It looks like Phil had good weather. On a sad note, here is a photo Phil took of the San Gabriel Reservoir:



Almost no water at all. He did include a shot of the Morris Reservoir which is below this one and it did have some water in it. And of course Phil included a shot to prove he made it to Baldy:



Actually, Phil went part way up towards the ski lifts, but then turned around. I know how that goes.

On Sunday, our weekly ride was "La Tuna Melt" which started from the Zoo. We had 5 riders and I took this photo at the start:



That's **Rafi Karpinski**, **Thomas Knoll**, **Nancy Domjanovich**, and **Chris Hedberg**. Actually, I think there was a 6th rider since it looked like **Kit Gray's** vehicle in the parking lot, but we never saw him. We all started out on the long, but the battery on Thomas's electronic shifter went dead leaving him with basically one gear. So he did the short which had less climbing. I guess that is the downside of electronic shifting. It was a cooler day than I expected. Although we took our jackets off for the big climb up La Tuna, we put them back on for the rest of the ride. Chris didn't have a jacket, but when we got to Pasadena, she split off to go home and get one and then rejoined us just before lunch. That worked out well for her. I went to the Habit for lunch, but the others planned on going to another place nearby, but the Mother's Day crowd was too big there, so they ended up someplace else.. It was lucky I found them. Here is a photo I took of Rafi and Nancy as they got to the top of "Christmas Tree Lane" in Altadena.



At the end of the ride, the route would have taken us through Griffith Park, but we formerly took the LA river trail. We only switched to the park because the river trail was closed for a while for construction, but it open again now, so we took the river. It was nice and I think I'll switch the route back. Rafi took this photo of the river



Our Third ride was the Newcomer Ride for May, which started in Culver City. **David Nakai** sent a report and said there were 12 riders, of which half were club members. **Hoy Quan** took this photo at the start:



Leader **Mel Cutler** couldn't make it due to a recent accident, but it looks like there was plenty of help to fill in for him. The extended ride took the riders up to Mulholland and they came down Nichols Canyon. I have often gone up that canyon, but I don't recall ever going down. **Gary Murphy** sent this photo taken on the descent. Looks like it would a fun downhill



This Week: On Saturday, the training ride is our century for May -- "Looking For Leona" This ride starts in Reseda and heads out to Santa Clarita where it climbs San Francisquito Canyon all the way to the end and over to the small hamlet of Leona Valley for lunch. It then comes back down on Bouquet Canyon. A couple more lesser climbs get you back to the start. The metric version is the same but cuts off a few miles and some climbing by starting in Santa Clarita. I want to do a century in May, but alas, I don't think I'm up for this one. I may do an easier century on my own.

On Sunday, we will be riding "Brentwood Flyer" which starts at the "Corner." While the short and medium do indeed ride around Brentwood, the long goes out to the Valley for a short loop and then returns. Lunch is at the famed Pecos Bills near Griffith Park, but if that is not your cup of tea, there is a later lunch at a Habit in the Valley. I'm really torn between the two, but I go to the Habit all the time, so I think I would opt for Pecos Bills.

Parting Shot: Nothing else to add tonight. On Sunday **David Nakai** took this photo of one of the confusing parking signs often found around LA. Just another good reason to ride a bike.



See You On The Road

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