

Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report

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Hello All:

6th Street Bridge. This past weekend the new 6th Street bridge in downtown LA finally opened and on Sunday it was open to only bicycles and pedestrians. Many cyclists, including some from our club, took this opportunity to ride the bridge. To my knowledge there is no "6th St. Bridge Song" but here is the 59th St. Bridge Song" to set the mood.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-xhJcQEfD5s>

I myself had intended to ride from home over to the bridge, but it wouldn't open to cyclists until 11 a.m. and I didn't want to be in the crush of cyclists right when it opened. So, I planned to leave home after 10 a.m. Unfortunately, I got wrapped up in watching that day's stage of the Tour de France and by the time that was over (I was watching my recording from a bit earlier) I didn't feel like starting a ride so late in the day. Fortunately **Lee Meller** rode to the bridge on her own and sent me this photo:



Were nice with the skyline in the background. I'm sure any photo I would have taken would not have been as good. Thank you Lee. As you will see below, the Newcomer ride also rode to the bridge. Even though many of us may have missed this opportunity to ride the bridge without traffic, there are bike lanes on the bridge, so we can always ride it in the future. Maybe we can put together a regular Sunday ride to specifically take in the bridge.

Last Weekend: Our regular Sunday ride last week was "Poking Around PV" which was our century and metric century for the month of July. Although I thought a number of people were planning on riding at least a portion of this, I got a report from only one person (**Rafi Karpinski**) and he said he did not see anyone else on the ride. To be fair, he did a modified version of the metric century which was off the main course much of the time. Maybe there were other riders but he just missed them. He sent me only one photo, taken up at the domes near the top of Palos Verdes, which was not on the course.



There was also a Newcomer Ride on Sunday. This was to be an easy newcomer ride starting from downtown. **Hoy Quan** sent me this photo from the start:



I count at least 25 riders in this photo so they once again had a very good turn-out. They had planned to ride the new 6th Street bridge, but since it didn't open until 11, they had to meander a bit around downtown until it was time for the bridge. Their meandering took them past the Doheny Mansion where **Dale Aaronson** took the first photo below and then on to USC where **Mel Cutler** took the 2nd photo:





The group then split a bit so that some could join the Ciclavia and the rest returned to the 6th Street Bridge where Mel took this shot



This would appear to be looking the opposite direction from Lee's photo above. Another successful Newcomer Ride visiting historic places in LA

This Weekend: This Sunday the regular ride is "Long Beach Ride." These rides are fairly flat and spend a good portion of the time in the Long Beach area. The long and medium do make a loop inland early in the ride, but then return to the coast where they stop for lunch and spend the rest of the day. I hope to be there, but I'm not positive.

This Sunday there is also a second Newcomer Ride in July. Unlike the easy Newcomer ride held last week, this will be an extended route. (In the past, both an easy and extended route have been offered on the same day, but I believe in the future these will be offered on separate days.) At about 35 miles with about 2000 feet of elevation gain, this will still be a relatively moderate ride. The plan this Sunday is to ride from the start in Culver City up Benedict Canyon to Mulholland and then east along Mulholland Dr. The group will then take in Lake Hollywood and ride around the reservoir. This is always a pleasant ride, although there is some climbing to get there. As with all our rides, additional information can be found on the club web site.

David Nakai Update. My latest information from David is that he is out of the hospital, but in a convalescent facility which he is not too happy with. Hopefully he will soon be back home where I am sure he will be more comfortable.

No Parting Shot Tonight: I didn't get many photos this week and nothing that struck my fancy for this spot, so until next week --

See You On The Road

Rod Doty, VP