

## Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report

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Hello All:

**Last Week:** On Sunday we were riding "Off to the Races" which took us from the "Corner" down to the Manhattan Beach Grand Prix to watch some racing. It was inevitable that eventually I would use Queen's Bicycle song in one of these e-mails, but I thought it particularly appropriate tonight because the video accompanying the song actually includes some scenes of a bicycle race.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xt0V0\\_1MS0Q](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xt0V0_1MS0Q)

There were only 3 of us at the start at the "Corner." I didn't take a photo, but they were **Russ Brynes, Jacques Stern** and me. When we got to the Ballona Creek bridge in Marina del Rey, we picked up **Thomas Knoll**. I found out today that **Gary Murphy** had also attempted to join us, but missed us because we took a slightly different route to the beach from the one specified on the route sheet. When we got to Manhattan Beach, Russ and I opted for the short route which simply stopped there to watch the racing and then returned. Jacques and Thomas continued on down to Palos Verdes to ride the medium (Jacques) and long (Thomas) before returning to the races. I took this photo of the one race I saw:



Thomas took a similar but much better photo later in the day:



Obviously this racing was different from the racing depicted in the Queen video above

**Mel Cutler** was volunteering at the races and he reported seeing a couple other club members -- **Bill Faulkner** and **Lee Meller**. Lee took this photo of Mel:



I had noticed that they were racing in the opposite direction from the last time I attended the races. Mel confirmed that this direction was safer. Mel also took some video. I've never included a member video in this e-mail, I can't put it in the body of this e-mail like a photo, but you should be able to view it by clicking on the attachment

**This Week:** This Sunday we will be riding "Orange Coast Tour which starts in Huntington Beach. This is a favorite ride of mine. It is not very hilly and includes a ride on the Balboa Ferry. The long has lunch in Old Town Irvine which I always find nice. I look forward to the ride and I hope to see you there.

**Meeting:** There was a club meeting last Thursday, but no quorum and therefore, no minutes and I guess, nothing was done. I was attending "Moulin Rouge" at the Pantages. It was better than I thought it would be. I would recommend it if you are into that sort of thing.


**Parting Shot:** Again I don't really have a photo here, so here is a shot I took at the theater last Thursday. They don't let you take photos during the show, so this is the stage before the play begins:



See You On The Road

Rod Doty, VP

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