

Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report

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Hello All:

Last weekend's ride went down to Laguna and I was stumped for a song to go with that, but it turns out there is a song entitled "Laguna" by Sampaguita. I'm not familiar with this artist. The version of the song linked below includes the lyrics and I have to admit, I don't know what language it is either. I would appreciate it if someone could tell me. A translation might be nice. The word "Laguna" does pop up every so often, but I'm pretty sure it is not referring to our Laguna.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BcHGe9Ddh00>

Last Week: On Sunday we were riding out century and metric century of the month: "Laguna Canyon Century." By my count there were 9 riders, but they left at 3 different times and no group ever saw the others. First, starting early at 7 a.m. was this group of 4:



That's **Rafi Karpinski**, **Nancy Domjanovich**, **Chris Hedberg** and **Phil Whitworth**. They rode the metric route, but Rafi and Phil rode from home. That gave Rafi over a century for the day. Next came **Andy Pollack** who arrived too late to ride with the early group but took off before the 8:00 start time. It turns out he was the only one to ride the century route and because he started from home, his ride was actually closer to 120 miles. He varied the route a little, but here is a selfie he sent me from Laguna Beach so that proves he did go that far



The final group of 4 started at the scheduled start time of 8 a.m. This was **Jacques Stern, Thomas Knoll, Ben King** and me and we all did the metric century. I forgot to take a photo at the start but did take this one of Jacques and Thomas at lunch.



Ben had gone on ahead, so we didn't see him at lunch. Even though the groups never met up, it seemed like a nice day for the century. By the afternoon when it was getting hot, we were riding into a slight headwind which helped to keep us cool. It is sort of a tough tradeoff -- the headwind is no fun, but it does keep us cool. Hard to pick which you would rather have sometimes.

Newcomer Ride: There was a surprise (at least to me) newcomer ride on Monday. It was hosted by **Hoy Quan** and toured portions of Palos Verdes. Hoy says they had 9 riders and he sent this group photo:



They stopped at various sites on Palos Verdes including the Wayfarer's Chapel where Hoy took this photo:



Sounds like they had a good day.

Grand Tour Results: The finisher list for the Grand Tour held this past June has been finalized. It is attached as a PDF. The list includes both those who rode the standard double and those who rode the double-double. Congratulations to all the riders.

Enforcement Warning: **Andy Pollack** sent along this heads-up about current enforcement in Santa Monica. It seems that at intersections with signal lights which include a phase which allows pedestrians to cross from all directions including diagonally across the intersection, cyclists who have ridden through the intersection during this phase

have been ticketed for running a red light (which is a very hefty fine). Cyclists have the option of either waiting for the light to turn green or to walk their bike through the intersection. This would be a correct application of the law, but I can see how cyclists might easily violate it. So, consider yourself warned.

No Parting Shot Tonight. I don't have a photo for this spot tonight. I'm kicking myself because I passed up a good opportunity for a photo last Sunday. I just get too wrapped up in the ride and don't want to stop. I should work on that.

See You On The Road

Rod Doty, VP

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