

Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report

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Hello All:

I was at a loss for a song to accompany tonight's e-mail, but then one of the photos below gave me an idea and I came up with this one. I can just about guarantee you have never heard of this song or the artist singing it. But the video is interesting.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sq5VHV_Qp2c

Sunday: Last Sunday we were riding "The Long Beach Bike Path" which started from El Dorado Park in Long Beach. There were 9 of us and we all did the long route. I took this photo at the start:



That's **Mario Solano, Rafi Karpinski, Russ Brynes, Bill Faulkner, Thomas Knoll, Jacques Stern, Michael Doyle** and **Phil Whitworth**. The route was almost entirely on bike paths which is nice in many ways, but I find it very tiring also because there isn't so much as a single stop light to give you even a brief rest for mile after mile. The group got spread out as we went and by the time we got to a very late lunch, the trailing group I was in was down to 4 riders. The only person I got photos from was Rafi and he only took two. The first was as we rode up and over the Whittier Narrows Dam.



Doesn't look like any water had flowed through there in a while. His second photo was in Long Beach. It's hard to ride along the beach in Long Beach and not take a photo of the Queen Mary.



If you didn't watch the video above, it will show you the ship in better days, although, from this perspective, it still looks pretty good.

Next Sunday: This Sunday the ride is "Hills of the South Bay." This is an unusual ride put together a few years ago by **David Nakai**. It spends the day going up and down just about every hill he could find in the South Bay. That means there are a lot of hills, but most of them are only one or two blocks long. It makes for a more interesting ride than the usual thing we do. The short, medium, and long all start together but the shorter routes cut off earlier to return to the start. So, you can basically go as far as you want and then quit. It is supposed to be hot this Sunday, even at the coast, so that might not be such a bad idea. I plan to show up and ride until either the heat does me in or my legs get too tired and then call it a day. So why not join me.

REMINDER

Jersey Re-Order: There is still time to put in your order for a club jersey or other club apparel (bibs, jackets, vests, gaiters or arm warmers). Nancy informs me we have 10 orders so far, so we need another 15 for the order to go through. The deadline is September 12th. So go to the web site below to see all that is available and make your order now. **BTW**, most of the riders in the photo above are wearing the current jersey. You can see how nice they look.

<https://www.voler.com/custom/ordering/li/44303>

Welcome New Member: We would like to welcome new member **Keith Sweet** who I believe joined us via the newcomer rides. We hope to see you out at some of our other rides soon.

Parting Shot: Well that's all I've got for tonight. I didn't have a photo for this spot, but then I thought maybe I could find an aged image of the Ken doll to go with last week's Barbie. Sure enough I found this one:



See You On The Road

Rod Doty, VP