

Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report

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Hello All:

Sunday: Last Sunday we were riding "Corner Caper I" from the "Corner." There were 7 of us at the start. I forgot to take a photo, but by pulling images from past photos, I put together this photo array of the riders:



That's **Gary Murphy, Jacques Stern, Mario Solano, Michael Doyle, Ann Tank and Sandy Weiner**. If I had taken the photo, I wouldn't have been in it, so I didn't include myself. We haven't seen Sandy on a ride in quite some time, but he now has an e-bike and is planning to start riding with us once again. We all started out on the climb up Benedict Canyon to Mulholland. Gary took this shot while we were still on the lower and easier portion of the climb.



Gary turned back early due to family obligations, but the rest of us made it up to Mulholland. Most of us decided it would be too hot to descend into the Valley on the planned route. Mario was the only one who actually completed the route -- the long route at that. He reported that his Garmin showed 101 degrees shortly before he began the climb over Sepulveda on the return. He said it made the Sepulveda climb seem like it took forever. So it sounds like it was a good thing the rest of us returned back down from Mulholland without ever going into the Valley. Ann and Sandy went east on Mulholland before their descent and the rest of us went west to Sepulveda.

This Sunday: The weather promises to be better this Sunday and it had better be because we will be heading out through the San Gabriel Valley on "Pasadena Passion." The long goes all the way out to Pomona before returning while the medium doesn't go quite so far east before turning back. The short stays in the Pasadena area. This will be our first ride in October and we should be able to see some fall colors as we cruise the various cities of the San Gabriel Valley. I hope the weather cooperates and I see a bunch of you out there.

Photo Update: Last week I posted this photo from the previous ride and asked if anyone knew the significance of it.



I want to thank both **Ted Ernst** and **Nancy Domjanovich** for pointing to an explanation. It seems that in recent years there has been an increased popularity in "stacked animal" sculptures. It's not clear why they have become popular now, but the concept goes back to a Brothers Grimm fairy tale called the "Town Musicians of Bremen." In the fairy tale a donkey, cat, dog and rooster band together and at one point scare off some robbers by standing on each other's backs. To commemorate the fairy tale this sculpture now stands in Bremen, Germany.



Even though the sculpture above from Norwalk only has 3 animals and what appears to be a pig instead of a dog or cat, the similarity is striking.

Jersey Update: The time for ordering club apparel has passed. We did not meet the minimum order, but the club is purchasing a few times to make up the required 25, so the order will go through. The club will hold the extra items in inventory for future members who might desire to purchase them. Thank you to those who did put in an order. I believe your items should arrive in early November.

Nothing Else Tonight: I've got nothing else to add tonight and no parting shot. I'll try and do better next week.

See You On The Road

Rod Doty, VP

