

## Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report

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Hello All

Our regular Sunday ride took us downtown to ride along Broadway, so here is tonight's theme music, although I think the song is talking about a different Broadway

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yPYRtjxYEH8>

**Sunday's Century and Metric Century:** Our monthly century and metric century was "East Road, West Road, All Around Downtown" which started from Culver City. **Phil Whitworth** took this selfie of the riders who showed up at the 7:30 a.m. start time.



That's **Phil, Me, Michael Doyle, Rafi Karpinski** and **Nancy Domjanovich**. Only Phil, Rafi and Nancy were doing the full century. Michael and I were doing the metric but had arranged to wait until 8 for a later start when we were joined by **Jacques Stern**. I took this shot:





**Thomas Knoll** got an even later start on the metric, so there were a total of four riders on that route. Both groups ran into CicLAvia in downtown on the way out and the metric hit it again on the way back. It slowed us down a bit, but at least we had a few blocks of traffic free streets. The return back through downtown seemed to go through some fairly seedy areas and I was wondering why, but then we went through the flower district followed by the fabric district and those colorful areas seem to make the return worthwhile (at least I thought so). Other than the Broadway photos (see below) I didn't take any photos on the metric course. I did get several from Phil and Rafi. Here is one taken by Rafi. I'm not sure of the location, but I think it was taken on West Road.



**Sunday's Newcomer Ride:** There was a newcomer ride on Sunday starting from downtown. **Hoy Quan** took this photo of most of the group:



Hoy said they had a total of 15 riders including 3 e-bikes. They rode part of CicLAvia too and then road the LA river for a while before returning to CicLAvia.

**Sunday's Coffeneuring Ride:** On Sunday there was also the inaugural "Coffeneuring" ride starting in Culver City. **Mel Cutler** was to have led this ride, but was unavailable (see below) so **Dale Aaronson** and **David Nakai** took over leading duties. There was only one other rider -- **Julie**. Dale took this selfie:





The goal of the Coffeeneuring ride is to hit two coffee shops. Dale included a photo of one of them:



They later had to detour their ride a bit when one of David's pedals fell off and they needed a replacement. Fortunately, they ran into **Hoy Quan** who was able to help them out and get David back on the road.

Between all three rides, it would seem the Wheelmen had a good weekend.

**This Sunday:** This Sunday we will be making our annual October pilgrimage to Mount Wilson starting from the Rose Bowl. Only the long goes all the way up to the top. The medium goes about half way and the short doesn't head up towards Wilson at all. I would surely love to make it to the top, but I have my doubts that I'm ready for that right now. But the good thing about this ride is that you can go as far as you can, then turn around and coast back down to lunch at the bottom. That's what I plan to do, so why not join me. If we encourage each other, we might make it further than we thought we could.

**Mel Cutler:** Although I don't have many details, Mel had an accident last week which sounds like it will be keeping him off the bike for a while. Join me in wishing him a speedy recovery.

**Broadway:** As mentioned, our ride on Sunday took us down Broadway in downtown LA. Before the ride, I read up on this historic street. See: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Broadway\\_\(Los\\_Angeles\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Broadway_(Los_Angeles)) At one time Broadway had the highest concentration of movie theaters anywhere in the world and it was a glamorous place for movie premiers and general night-life. Oh how times have changed. But many of the old theaters are still there. Between Phil and I, we took photos of several of the old marquees:





A photograph of a political campaign sign for Dan O'Brien for Culver City Council. The sign is blue with white and green text. It is flanked by two skeletons holding it up, and a skull is on the ground in front of the sign. The background is a green bush with white flowers.

## See You On The Road

Rod Doty, VP