

Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report

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Hello All:

Sunday's regular ride took us up past Descanso Gardens and, believe it or not, I found a song called "O Descanso" by a group named Sangre de Muerdago. It's a pretty song although I don't think it refers to Descanso Gardens. It's my understanding that in Spanish "Descanso" refers to a place of rest as in funeral plot and if you listen to the song, that sounds more appropriate. Here it is:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=coG0GOMrk60>

Sunday: We were riding "David Does Descanso" which left from the Zoo. There were only 6 riders. I had hoped for more. **Dale Aaronson** took this selfie of the group:



That's Dale in the foreground and **Michael Doyle**, **Chris Hsu** (a newcomer), **Jacques Stern**, **Me**, and **Lee Meller**. Before the ride got started we noticed a man practicing with a bull whip. Lee managed to take a video as he tossed the whip up in the air and caught it before cracking it. She put the video on YouTube and you can watch it here:

https://www.youtube.com/shorts/4PcBZiz_sQQ

I had planned to do a modified version of the long route in which I rode the entire long but substituted a climb up Chevy Chase for the much more difficult climb over Camino de Rafael. It turned out, that option sounded good to most of us and that is what Michael, Chris, Jacques and I did. Lee and Dale completed the entire long route. My hat is off to them for doing that very difficult climb. Our first climb of the day was through Elysian Park where Dale took this photo looking down on a deserted Dodger Stadium. It looks sad, but even if they were still in the playoffs, they would have been playing in Philadelphia on Sunday anyway.



It was clear day and Jacques took this photo of downtown also from Elysian Park. We have never been too sure what the sculpture in the foreground is.



As it turned out, we all came back together near the top of Chevy Chase. Chris had to get home early and left us before lunch but the rest of us went on to lunch. Lee skipped lunch but the rest of us went to Carl's. In an article in the LA Times a couple of weeks ago, 25 burger chains were ranked and somehow Carl's came out #2. I'm a little dubious of their ranking system because McDonalds came in 4th ahead of In-and-Out and well ahead of the Habit at 12. But they were only ranking the burgers and I usually get the chicken. After lunch we only had 9 miles of mostly downhill to complete a nice day.

Coffeeneuring Ride. On Sunday there was also the third "Coffeeneuring" ride starting from Culver City. **David Nakai** sent a write-up of the ride from which I gather there were 5 riders. He included this photo of the group.



From the left, that's **David Williams**, **Gary Murphy**, someone named **George**, and someone named **Lucia**. The goal of these rides is to take in a different coffee place each week and this week it was the "Cow's End."

THE COW'S END



Boar's Head

JAVA

It appears that they saw quite a few Halloween decorations along the way including this one:



It seems to me that the giant skeleton is the latest decoration this year because I think I saw at least two more of them on our ride as well.

This Sunday: This Sunday the regular ride is "Saugus Special" which starts out in Newhall. Both the long and medium make their way up San Francisquito Canyon and then come down Bouquet Canyon. The medium only goes as far as Green Valley and cuts over to Bouquet on Spunky while the long goes to the end and cuts across on Lake Elizabeth Road. The fall colors, particularly in Bouquet Canyon, should be nice. There are two short routes which both simply do short loops around the Santa Clarita area.

There is also another "Coffeneuring" ride Sunday starting at the Steps in Culver City. I'm not sure where this one goes, but they are all relatively short and easy routes stopping for coffee at a unique place.

Club Apparel: After we completed the recent order, a few people came forward wishing they had ordered something. **Nancy Domjanovich** checked with Voler and it turns out that as long as we make another order in the same calendar year, we only need 10 items to be ordered for another order to go through. So, we have opened up another order period. We should have 3 orders already, but will need 7 more. The order period ends in about 12 days. If you want to place an order, go to this address:

<https://www.voler.com/custom/ordering/li/44911>

You should at least click on the site just to see all the items that are available.

October Meeting: The minutes of the October meeting are attached. There was discussion of the Installation Lunch (which hasn't been held in two years) and a holiday party, which also hasn't been held in two years. Take a look.

Bike Travel Bag For the Taking: Member **Kit Gray** has a soft sided bicycle travel bag (see photo below) which has never been used and which he is willing to give away to a good home. If you are interested, e-mail Kit at cgray@cgpost.com



Parting Shot: At the top of Chevy Chase in La Canada/Flintridge we came across this sign. I took this photo:



My thought is that if all criminals dressed like the man in the sign, it wouldn't be hard for a camera to spot them at all.

See You On The Road

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