

## Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report

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Hello All and Happy All Saints Day

Yesterday was Halloween so I thought for tonight's theme music I would pick something appropriate for that. This is a song I've always liked:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yhN8SdulOFc>

**Sunday:** On Sunday our regularly scheduled ride was "Saugus Special" which actually started in Newhall, but it's all Santa Clarita now. I was disappointed only two other riders showed up. I took this photo:



That's **Mario Solano** and **Gary Murphy**. Gary and I planned only to do the medium route and I initially thought Mario was going to go with us. But he pulled ahead of us on the long climb up San Francisquito Canyon and decided to continue on to do the long route. After a break in Green Valley, Gary and I went up and over Spunky Canyon to Bouquet Canyon where we met up with Mario again. He had done 11 more miles than us including some additional steep climbing but still caught us. Most of the way up San Francisquito we were riding into an increasingly strong headwind. Just about the only thing that kept me going was the thought that once we reached the top and started back down Bouquet Canyon we would have a great tailwind. Well, we sure did. Going down Bouquet is about 16 miles of almost unbroken downhill. Usually on the last several miles the gradient is so slight, you have to pedal to keep your speed up, but not so much on Sunday. It was the best time I've ever had riding down that Canyon. It was Whee, Whee, Whee all the way. What a nice way to finish the day. Gary took this photo on the way up.



It shows that there were some fall colors even in San Francisquito. There was probably even better fall colors in Bouquet which has more trees, but I was whizzing down so fast, I really didn't notice. I took this photo at the mothballed power plant near the bottom of San Francisquito. Not sure why there would be a mining cart in that area, but it looks like someone got left behind when they fenced the area off.





**Coffeeneuring Ride:** There was also the 4th Coffeeneuring ride on Sunday once again led by **David Nakai** who sent me a report. There were 5 riders and David took this shot.



That's **Michael Doyle**, **Jacques Stern**, **Nancy Domjanovich** and **Lucia** (from the previous week). The coffee stop this week was in Playa del Rey but David took the group off course a little to visit some Halloween decorated houses. Here is one with a real pumpkin fetish.





**Next Sunday:** This Sunday we will be riding "Winding Roads of Orange County" which starts at Pine Tree Park in Tustin. This will be the first day of the return to standard time, so at least it won't be dark as you get ready for the drive down to the start. Yes, it will get dark an hour earlier, but these routes are short enough, that should not be a problem. All the routes wander around Orange County with no real destination in mind. But the roads are pleasant and it will be our last chance to look at all the campaign signs for Tuesday's election.

There will also be the 5th Coffeeneuring ride starting again from the Steps in Culver City.

**Jersey Order:** The period for ordering club apparel ends in about 6 days. We only needed 10 items this time and we have 9 already ordered. So please, just one of you -- order something. Nancy says the gaiters are very useful in a variety of ways. To order go to this web site below

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

**Parting Shot:** Nothing funny or odd tonight, but I thought this was interesting. Every time we climb San Francisquito, we go under this big water pipe near the top of the canyon (photo on the left) and I had always assumed that this was the same pipe we pass over near the bottom of Bouquet Canyon road (photo on right)



But, just to make sure, I traced the pipe using satellite view from the top of San Francisquito and it's not the same pipe. The pipe we go under dumps into the Bouquet Reservoir. I couldn't tell where the 2nd pipe came from because a short distance from where I took the photo, it goes underground and I couldn't trace it. I suspect it comes from Lake Casatic because it is headed in that direction. Well, at least I thought this was interesting.

See You On The Road

