

Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report

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Hello All:

Sunday: Sunday's ride was the "Santa Fe Dam" and I tried to find a song about a dam for our theme music tonight. It's slim pickings and I have already used one dam song for a different ride. Anyway, I came up with this one which is simply called "Dam" by Denum Jones. I've never heard of him but he is described as a southern hip-hop singer. When you see the video, he is obviously not talking about the Santa Fe Dam, but here it is anyway:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q0qbErHAMgc>

I didn't make the ride due to my cold, but I had a report and some photos from **Phil Whitworth**. Here is his photo of the group at the start:



That's **Mario Solano**, **Rafi Karpinski**, **Thomas Knoll**, **Russ Brynes** and **Jacques Stern**. Phil indicated that **Chris Hedberg** also rode, but didn't make the photo so that was a total of 7 riders. Based on Strava reports, Thomas and Jacques did the medium route. Photos would indicate that Mario, Rafi and Phil did the long. The other two probably did the medium as well, but I don't really know. It looks like it was a very nice day for their ride. Here is a photo Phil took of the snow on Mt. Baldy.



It's the first photo of the season showing snow on the mountains, but probably not the last. The clear air also give Phil this sharp shot of JPL:



The long route also took them past the Rose Bowl and this is how I know that Rafi, Mario and Phil did the long route:



According to their Strava track, they made a couple of laps around the Rose Bowl -- I guess to pick up a few extra miles. Phil commented that only the night before this had been the site of the USC/UCLA game and that there were lots of full garage bags all over the parking area. USC won that game by the way -- Yeah!! (I have two degrees from USC)

This Week: We have two rides this week. First up is our annual Thanksgiving Day Ride. These are short routes (even the long is only 39 miles) which will work up your appetite for a traditional dinner later (and burn off some calories before you even eat them). The routes start from the "Corner" and the long and medium first go to the overlook in the Palisades where we usually regroup for a photo op. I was thinking -- many of us have recently received our new club jerseys and it would be nice if we were all wearing them for the group shot. After the palisades we ride down to the Marina for a break at Starbucks before heading home. It's usually a very pleasant day and will get you home in time for traditional activities. My cold is gone and I rode a short ride today, so I'm good to go and plan on being there. NOTE: I would strongly encourage Triple Dipper riders who normally ride on Thursdays to join us on this ride. It's about the same distance and difficulty (actually maybe a little easier) than the Triple Dipper Ride.

On Sunday, our regular ride is "Ring Around the Valley." These routes start from the Zoo lot and all make a loop around the San Fernando Valley. There are 4 routes, and from short to long, they each make a larger and larger circle around the Valley. They all also ride past the history mural in the Tujunga Wash. None of the routes are very long or very difficult so I hope to see a lot of you out. This weekend kicks off the traditional holiday season and a ride around the Valley will start getting you into the spirit. We can see how many homeowners have already got their decorations up.

Parting Shot: Nothing else to report tonight. I don't have a photo for this spot like I usually do, so I'm sticking in a photo sent to me by a friend. It's probably making the rounds on the internet, but I haven't seen it anywhere. It's appropriate for Thanksgiving week

I am no cook. But I can follow the directions. Which said to let the bird chill in the sink for a few hours.



See You On The Road

Rod Doty, VP