

Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report

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Hello All:

Last weekend we were riding the Janus centuries and year in and year out, these are usually the coldest rides we ever do (at least at the start). That got me thinking about cold weather songs and I came up with this one by the Zac Brown Band called "Colder Weather." I don't often use country music here, so why not. The lyrics really don't have much to do with cold weather but it sets a mood.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ouFE51HcqM>

Last Weekend: As mentioned, the scheduled rides were the Janus Centuries which take place on Saturday and Sunday. To my knowledge, no one rode on Saturday, if they did, I didn't hear from them. On Sunday four of us rode. **Thomas Knoll** and I showed up at 7:30 to ride the metric. I took this photo of Thomas



Although I never saw them, **Phil Whitworth** and **Mario Solano** showed up for an earlier start to do the full century. Phil took this selfie



As usual, it was very cold at the start. Phil reported the mid-30s at 7 a.m. It wasn't much better at 7:30. Fortunately it did get warmer and it was a nice sunny day most of the time. I thought I would never take my jacket off, but on the hills in the last 10 miles, I actually did. I didn't encounter any wind, but felt a couple of gusts as I finished the metric in mid-afternoon. It might have gotten windier for Phil and Mario since they would be finishing later. Phil also took this photo at the highest point on the ride (top of Dennison Grade)



I took this photo in Hidden Valley on Potrero Road.



Although some bike paths are named for people, I don't think I have ever seen a dedicated bike lane. I assumed Michael P. Nosco was a local cyclist, but when I looked him up, it turns out he wasn't. He died in an automobile accident and, as a memorial, his brother began an annual memorial bike ride in the area. I assume the naming of the bike lane grew out of that. Actually, I'm a little surprised I've never heard of the bike ride. According to its web site, it has been held quite a few years now and draws a good sized crowd. You can read about it here: <https://mikenosco.com/>

Next Sunday: Next Sunday we will be riding "Valley Venture" which starts at Reseda Park in the Valley. All 3 routes head to the West Valley for lunch, but the long and medium do some climbing first which takes them up to Mulholland and back down.. The long does a very difficult climb up Escalon/Encino Hills. The medium does an easier climb to Mulholland and then joins the long on the downhill and on to lunch. After lunch all 3 routes have the same return. I'm not ready for that monster hill on the long, so I will be doing the medium.

Holiday Party: On Thursday we held our first Holiday Party 3 years. It was held at Duke's restaurant in Malibu and I think went very well. The food was Hawaiian-ish --no Spam though. I totally forgot to take any photos, but fortunately, **Phil Whitworth** took several. Here are a couple showing the happy party-goers.



Monthly Meeting: At the Holiday party, we held a very brief meeting. The minutes are attached. Only two items of business were conducted. First, nominations for our 2023 officers closed. All the existing officers except the Treasurer have agreed to run again and since there were no other nominees, they are deemed elected. We still have no Treasurer and we will hopefully be filling that spot soon. The other item was a selection of a date for our annual Installation Lunch. Typically held in March, there were no open Sunday's at our usual venue in March, but there were Saturday's available. So our choice was between a Saturday in March or a Sunday in April. By a hand vote, it was decided to hold it on a Sunday in April. I believe April 2nd will be the date. Since the officers are supposed to be installed in March, this will be more of an Awards Lunch.


Parting Shot: Last week I complained about a home with it's Christmas decorations still up. This week I took this shot of a decorated tree in the town square in the old Downtown Oxnard. (it's hard to see the decorations in the photo, but there were a lot of ornaments from top to bottom)



Come on Oxnard. You have paid city employees to take care of this so there is no excuse.

See You On The Road,

Rod Doty, VP

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