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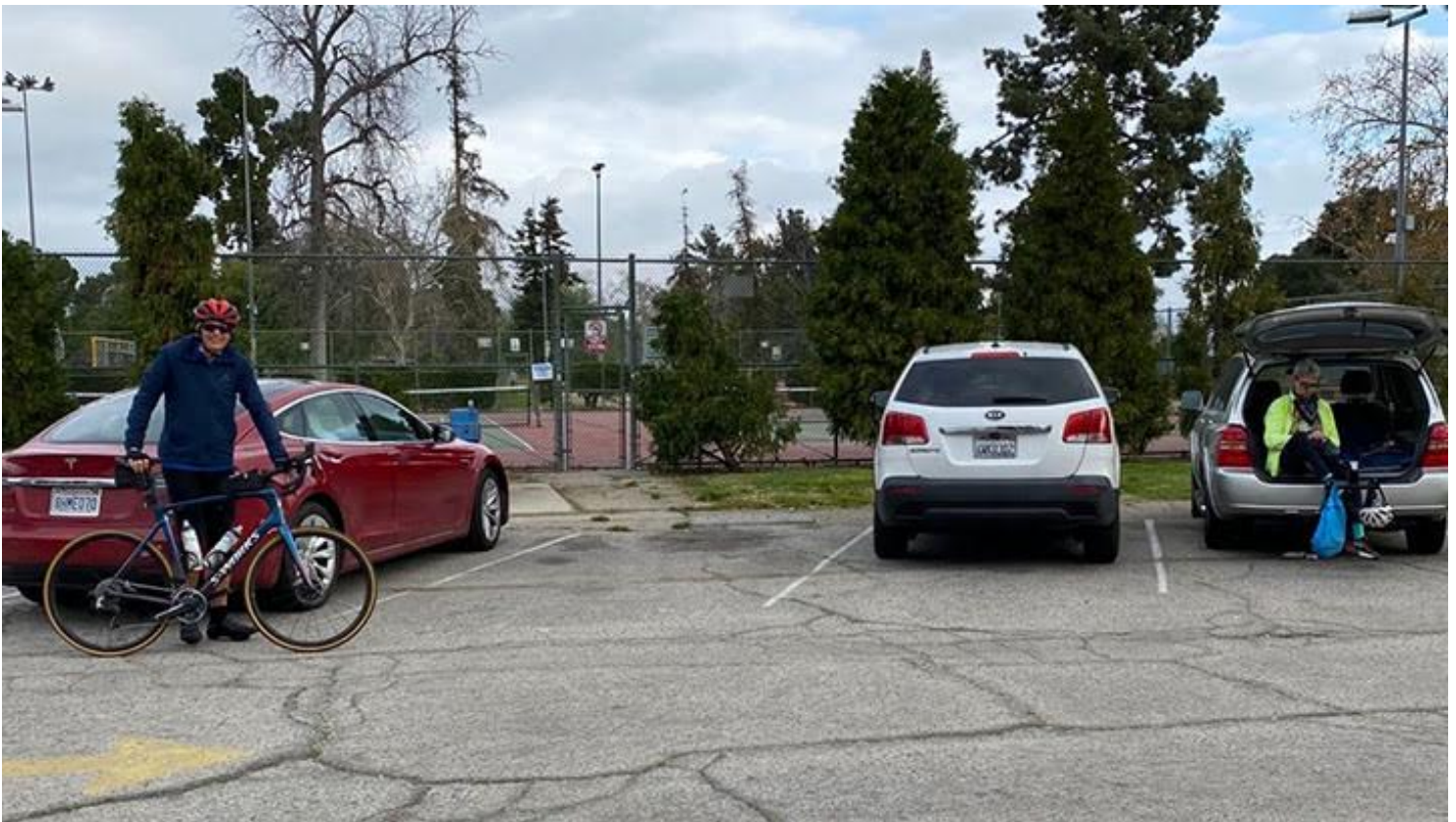
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Hello All:

Last Sunday's ride was "Valley Venture" and that got me thinking about the Ventures (the band) so here is one of their songs. They mostly covered other people's songs, so this is "Pipeline" originally by the Chantays. It's surfing music, but I think it works with cycling too. Imagine yourself zooming down a long downhill run as you listen to the music.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s0z8S2ZjSmc>

Sunday: When I got up Sunday, there was only a 10% or 20% chance of rain and normally I would chance that. But the percentage rose to about 50% by noon and that's when I would be the furthest from my car. So I decided not to go. I had a report from **Jacques Stern** and apparently 3 riders decided to take the risk. One of them was **Phil Whitworth** who sent this photo from the start.



That's **Thomas Knoll** on the left and **Jacques** on the right. Jacques rode the medium and Phil and Thomas rode the long. I was thinking I made a mistake by not riding, but then as I read Jacques' report, it turns out after coming back down from the climb up to Mulholland, he cut the ride short by going directly back to the start. He was there only a short time when Thomas and Phil showed up as well. They cut the ride too. I suspect this was because the rain was coming. It might also have been

because Phil wanted to get home and watch the Kansas game. At least they all got in the climbing portion of the ride. The part they cut out was simply a ride to the West Valley for lunch and return. The only other photo Phil sent was this of Thomas up by Coy Drive



That would have been after completing the very difficult climb up Encino Hills and once you have done that, the rest of the ride is anti-climatic. Well, hats off to these 3 riders for turning out despite the weather predictions, even if they did cut it short.

This Sunday: This Sunday we will be riding "Wandering To Whittier" starting in Alhambra. These routes (medium and long anyway) do get to Whittier, but they take a roundabout way through Sierra Madre. Unlike many of our Whittier rides, they do not ride over Turnbull and do not ride the Greenway Trail. The long does go over Colima, which is almost as high as Turnbull, but an easier climb. Lunch is in downtown Whittier, which is always nice. Forecasts for Sunday are good and I plan to be there.

Firecracker Bike Ride Discount: If you are interested in riding the Los Angeles Firecracker Ride in Chinatown on Saturday, February 18, you can get a \$5 discount for Los Angeles Wheelmen members. Simply use promo code LAW23 before February 12th. For information about the ride and to register, go to <https://firecracker10k.org/bike>

New and Returning Members. I want to welcome some new members.

- Skip Rogers
- Rudy Untarya

Also, I would like to welcome back former members who have recently rejoined

- Steve & Virginia Meichtry
- Marty & Karen November
- Rick Gordon
- Brian Knudson

Welcome to the club (or back to the club) and we hope to see you out on our rides.

2022 Statistics: I forgot to mention **Phil Whitworth's** 2022 ride totals last week. In 2022 he rode a whopping 10,003 miles with 430,485 feet of climbing. This was done in 148 rides comprised of 18 centuries and 130 metric centuries. If I am reading his report correctly, he never rode anything less than a metric century. I guess he feels that once you put on the clothes and

get the bike out, you might as well ride at least 60 miles. He also reported only 1 flat which is almost more amazing than riding 10,000 miles.

Parting Shot: I had so few photos this week or I might not have used this one. This was spotted by **Jacques Stern** on Sunday's ride. He didn't say where, but I would like to think it was up on Mulholland Drive which once upon a time had a reputation for being a place to park and "make out" as they used to say.



Cyclists see so many odd things as they ride. We should start collecting photos of the weirdest things we have seen on rides. So if you see something, take a photo and send it in.

See You On The Road

Rod Doty, VP