

## Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report

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Hello All:

Last Sunday we were "Wandering To Whittier" from Alhambra. That brought to mind this song.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SbYa7NBYYRc>

This song came out in 1961 and no one gave it a second thought then. Today Dion would be accused of singing about sexual harassment.

**Sunday:** There were 4 of us at the start to begin our wandering. I took this shot.



That's **Mario Solano**, **Jacques Stern** and **Thomas Knoll**. Shortly after we started we were joined by **Chris Hedberg**. Chris hadn't anticipated how cold it would be and wasn't prepared, so she dropped off early to head home. Thomas split off to ride one of the medium routes. The rest of us did the long. Although it was cold and overcast at the start, the day got progressively better and we were seeing the sun quite a bit by lunch. In fact we ate outside. Our return took us up the Rio Hondo bike trail. There was a lot more water flowing in the Rio Hondo than I've ever seen and when we got up to the dam near the top, it was clear why. The lake behind the dam was overflowing the top of the dam. Here's a photo.



As many of you may know, there is a bike path that runs across behind the dam and usually the lake is low enough that it is ride-able. Here's a shot of that bike path



I'm not sure they really needed that sign. Mario left us to go directly home and Jacques and I added a couple of laps around the park back at the start to get us up to a metric century. All in all a good day.

**This Week:** This Sunday is Superbowl Sunday. I have no particular interest in the teams involved, but I know some of you do. So we have a short ride that nonetheless will give you a very good workout. We are riding up the the Hollywood sign. There are only two routes. The medium simply goes up to the sign and returns for a total of 20 miles there and back. But it's a tough ride up. There are a couple of steep sections while you are still in the residential area. then you go through a gate and ride the last 1.3 miles to the top on a closed road along with usually quite a few walkers. This section is also steep in places and not that well paved. But the effort is worth it. You can look down on Hollywood, the Hollywood Reservoir and the Valley. You can look down on the sign too, but you are above it and behind it. Of course the return is all downhill. The long starts with the trip to the sign, but then adds a loop out to the Valley and back. If you only do the medium, you should be home in plenty of time for the game (and the commercials)

**Triple Dipper Celebration:** Last Thursday's Triple Dipper ride celebrated the 80th birthday of **Gary Murphy**. Of course we had cake. Here is a photo taken by **Phil Whitworth**:



Hope you have many more.

**New Members:** We would like to welcome new members **Julie Shishino** and **Rob & Dee Mann**. I hope to see you out on some of regular Sunday rides.

**Traffic Alert:** **Mel Cutler** passed along this warning about a street closure. Until April of 2024 there will be construction along Coldwater Canyon from Rexford Drive to Monte Cielo Drive which will limit traffic to one lane. Construction should only occur during the weekdays.

**Parting Shot:** For the second week in a row **Jacques Stern** supplied the photo for this feature. It was taken on Sunday's ride along the Rio Hondo



I don't really have a caption for this one but I thought it was humorous. Perhaps someone in the club can supply a caption. Send your captions to me and I'll publish them next week.

See You On The Road

Rod Doty, VP