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Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report

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Hello All:

There was really only one choice for tonight's music theme. It's long enough that you can leave it playing in the background and finish reading this e-mail before it is over.

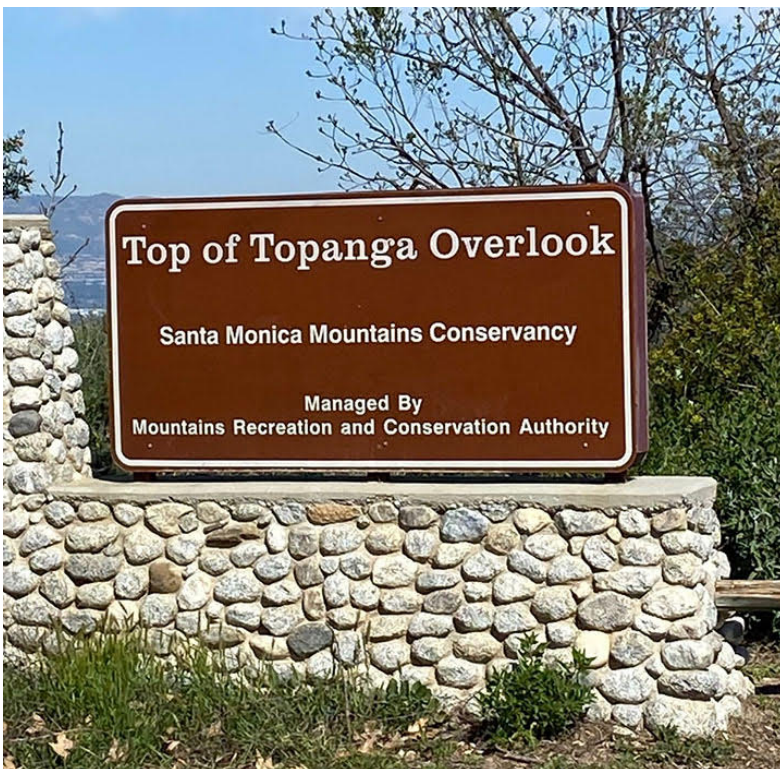
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nCn3LYqCnrk>

Sunday: Yes, we were riding "Twin Peaks & Flying Pigs." and these routes were our century and metric century for February. It was a beautiful day for riding so it was a shame that only two of us showed up at the start -- **Phil Whitworth** and me. We took dueling photos of each other:





Gary Murphy got a late start but later caught up with me. Phil rode the full century while Gary and I intended to ride the metric, but we cut it short by skipping the climbs up Old Topanga and "New" Topanga. So for us there were no twin peaks and no flying pigs. Gary still got a metric century in because he had ridden from home. I got 53 miles and that was good enough for me. Phil did get both peaks and all the flying pigs. Here is a photo he took at one of the peaks



As for the pigs, traditionally there are two, but Phil found a third. Here they all are:



The first is in Box Canyon. The 2nd is the traditional one found in Topanga Canyon and the third is the one I haven't seen before, but according to Phil's Strava track, was also in Topanga Canyon. All in all a nice day and maybe the best weather we are going to have for a while.

This Sunday: This Sunday we will be riding "Capistrano Caper" which starts in Capistrano and heads south. Right now they are talking about a break in the weather for Sunday, so we might just be able to get this ride in. Also, these rides are in southern Orange County and dip into San Diego County -- the storms seem to be coming in from the north, so it is less likely to rain the further south we go. These are nice routes and travel places we go on no other routes and are worth the drive down to Capistrano. On the long we travel south through San Clemente, past the closed (but still hot) San Onofre power plant, through Camp Pendleton and visit Oceanside. You need a permit to actually ride through Pendleton, but there is the freeway option which does not need a permit (even though you are technically still inside Pendleton). The medium and the short do shorter versions of the long with the medium stopping at the edge of Pendleton and the short only touring San Clemente. There is a big hill on the long and medium, but instructions for how you can skip it. I intend to skip it. Hope the weather cooperates and I hope to see you there.

Meeting: We finally held our first in-person monthly meeting in about 3 years. It was held at the home of **Nancy Domjanovich** and I thought it went very well. The big news is that we have a treasurer for the coming year. **Ira Kuchek**, who has served as treasurer before, has agreed to once again fill that office. Thank you Ira. We discussed several other things which are detailed in the attached minutes which were taken by guest secretary **Andy Pollack**.

Welcome New and Returning Members: **Dave Wyman**, after an absence of about 9 years, has rejoined the club. **Kyle Sommer** has joined as a new member. Welcome to the club. We hope to see you out at some of our rides.

Goodby to Rod's: A couple of months ago I posted a photo below of Rod's Grill in Arcadia and mentioned that I should eat there one day. Alas, **Mel Cutler** informs me that Rod's has closed permanently and the internet confirms this. So, I'll never get to eat at my namesake restaurant.




Parting Shot. Phil included this shot from Sunday's ride. It's taken in Old Topanga Canyon and it seems that it's almost impossible to ride through the canyon and not take a photo of it. I've seen it many times before and I noticed on Strava that **Dale Aaronson** took a photo of it just this past week on a private ride he was doing. I think they may change the decorations from time to time, but the cat is always the same



See You On The Road

Rod Doty, VP

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