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Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report

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Hello All:

Sunday we were riding south through Camp Pendleton so I thought this was the only appropriate theme music for tonight.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qqv6tzeJ9R4

Sunday: The ride Sunday was "Capistrano Caper" which started in Capistrano and headed for points south. Unfortunately only two of us showed up at the start. Here is a photo I took of of **Jacques Stern**, the other rider.

It turns out **David Nakai** intended to meet us, but a couple of flat tires prevented him from intercepting us. He apparently rode the ride as well, but we never saw him.Both Jacques and I did the long route which took us down to Oceanside for lunch and returned. It was sunny almost all day and really a nice day for riding. It's really a shame more of you didn't come down to ride. There is a really steep hill on the route, but the route sheet includes instructions on how to skip it. We skipped it, but I took this photo of the hill not taken.

We would have gone up past the water tank in the center of the photo. It turned out the way around was no picnic, but definitely easier than going up that hill. Neither of has the permit to go through Pendleton, so we had to take the freeway (which is actually in Pendleton anyway). I thought that went fairly well. It was even faster coming back -- we must have had a tailwind. The route took us past the San Onofre power plant. It seems no one can pass there without taking a photo. All three of us independently took photos of it. Here is David's which was probably the best.

BTW, at lunch we were wondering who Saint Onofre was, so I looked him up. San Onofre is the Spanish name for Onuphrius, a 4th century Egyptian hermit who was made a saint. Not sure why he got a nuclear power plant named for him. Seems unlikely he was the patron saint of nuclear power. I suppose it's just as well it was named for a saint since the only other nuclear power plant in California is named for the Devil.

CicLAvia: There was a CicLAvia last Sunday as well. It turns out **Kit Gray** attended. He sent this photo of a rock store along the route.

I was thinking that on the long route this coming Sunday you can ride past another Rock Store, very different from this

one. Apparently there is an official photographer at CicLAvia. Here's the official shot of Kit:

Here is the link to all the photos if you want to see if you know anyone else who was there:
https://gallery.snapyourself.com/gallery/23-02-26-ciclavia/home

This Sunday: The ride this Sunday is "Life Begins at 8:30" which starts from Westwood Park in West LA. The short hangs around the Westside while the long and medium head out to Malibu and over Malibu Canyon to Mulholland Hwy where they split. The long goes west to ride up the Rock Store hill and down Latigo to the coast for a coastal return. The medium goes east and into the Valley and ultimately a returns over Sepulveda. I plan to do the medium even though it is almost identical to the ride I did just two weeks ago. I hope to see a little improvement in my performance. I still don't expect to be very fast however. Supposedly we are going to have some good weather for the weekend, so I hope to see more of you out than the last two weekends.

Geiger Counter App. At lunch on Sunday, after having ridden past San Onofre, I joked that it was too bad Apple didn't have a Geiger Counter app for the iphone. Jacques looked in the App Store and what do you know -- there IS a Geiger Counter app. But I looked at it closer and the iphone does NOT detect radiation. The app only makes the iphone the audible output device for a radiation detector which you connect to the iphone. Well, maybe in the next iphone upgrade.

Parting Shot: Speaking of radiation detection, here is my shot of San Onofre if the iphone had a radiation filter on the camera

See You On The Road

Rod Doty, VP