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## Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report

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Hello All:

Last Sunday was our awards lunch so I thought some awards music would be appropriate here. We probably should have arranged to play this while we handed out the awards last Sunday:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MCqUESCoB1w>

**Sunday:** Before the awards lunch, we did have a ride. It was very well attended -- I think **David Nakai** counted 14 which included a couple who came through the Meet-Up ride. We didn't get a photo at the start, but within a couple miles of the start was the climb up to the Baldwin Hills Overlook and **Hoy Quan** sent this photo from the top.



Looks like a beautiful day. **Mel Cutler** didn't quite make it to the top, but sent this selfie:





Counting Hoy, that makes 12, but maybe a few didn't do the climb - it was optional after all. The group later traveled through USC and stopped again for another group shot (by Hoy)



It always takes me back to see Tommy Trojan. On the return, I understand they encountered a pot hole large enough to give Mel a flat. So it's not just cars that are having trouble with pot holes this year. I trust Los Angeles will have it fixed by next year.

**Awards Ceremony:** After a delicious barbecue lunch, we got down to business. Our master of ceremonies was **David Nakai**. He kicked things off with some humor. All I'll say about that is that even the likes of Jay Leno, David Letterman and Stephen Colbert don't land every joke they tell, so David is in good company. Here is a photo from **Sandy Weiner** of the assembled group.





Then there were the awards. First up were two special awards. The most improved rider award went to **Michael Doyle** who in a short time went from barely making it up short hills to riding Sunday rides. **David Nakai** was awarded a first time ever award for the most determined rider for his consistent come-backs after a series of serious accidents. It was announced that five members were being honored for their long-time service to the club with lifetime memberships. They were **M. J. Grove**, **Nancy Wedeen**, **Suzie Ferren**, **Bill Meyers** and **Laverne Boethling**. Suzie, Bill and Laverne were on hand to receive the honor. The winners of the Century Challenge were then announced. I'm not sure I got them all, but for most metric centuries, I believe first place went to **Phil Whitworth** and second and third place went to **Nancy Domjanovich** and me. In the century category, first place went to **Mike Wapner** and I'm pretty sure **Phil Whitworth** and **Renee Sands** came in second and third. Then there was the big award of the year. **Hoy Quan** was given the Jack Flynn Award for service to the club. Here is a photo (also from Sandy) of Mel Cutler presenting the trophy to Hoy



Finally, there was cake -- chocolate, carrot and cheese. A good time was had by all. Our thanks to all who showed up early to help set up and stayed late to help clean up.

**This Sunday:** This Sunday is Easter and the club has an annual Easter Ride. The ride has nothing to do with Easter, so don't stay away simply because you don't celebrate Easter. The routes are short to accommodate anyone who has holiday plans, but that's about it. The long and medium do a short loop in Beverly Hills before heading down to Westchester and on to the Marina for brunch. The short skips the loop in Beverly Hills and heads straight to Westchester. The long adds a loop after brunch taking them up into the Holmby Hills area, while the other routes head straight back. The weather is supposed to be excellent, so I hope to see a lot of you out.

**Parting Shot:** Nancy Wedeen sent this photo from an awards ceremony several years ago.



It reminds me that we formerly would put together little skits as entertainment. Unfortunately we lost **Pam Leven** (on the left) and she was often instrumental in putting together these skits. But we have a year to come up with something for next year, so start thinking about it. Surely we can come up with something. Nothing is too silly. Just looking at the photo above should tell you that.

See You On The Road

Rod Doty, VP