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Hello All:

Last Sunday was Easter. I already used the Easter Bonnet song last year, but here is another traditional Easter song for our theme music tonight

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q7UXYvRRZFc>

Sunday: We were riding our usual Easter ride on Sunday which left from the "Corner." I remembered when **Pam Leven** used to bring some Peeps to the ride start so I brought some this year. Here is a photo of the assembled group enjoying (??) their Peeps.



That's **David Williams**, **Thomas Knoll**, **Me**, **Lewis Singer** (not Howard Wedin), and **Russ Brynes**. **Jacques Stern** showed up a little later but he got his Peep too



These photos were taken by **Rafi Karpinski** who has been off his bike the last couple of months with a couple of illnesses, but is back now. We were glad to see him back. I took this photo of him at lunch



I think most of us did the medium route (or some variation of it) but maybe a few did the full long. We hit Beverly Hills, Culver City, Westchester and the Marina. I was looking for homes decorated for Easter and this was the only one I saw: It was in Culver City.



We also passed the "witch's house" in Beverly Hills and as usual we all stopped to take photos. But I have posted so many photos of that house here before, I think I'll pass on it this year. (It's also in one of the photos on the home page of the club web site). At lunch we stopped at the Burger Lounge in the Marina. A bit pricey maybe but I had an excellent chicken sandwich. It was a really nice day for cycling. It's a shame more riders didn't show up.

This Sunday: This Sunday we are riding the first of the old Grand Tour training rides which I have converted into a regular Sunday ride by adding a short and medium route. This one is "Canyon Lakes" which starts out near Magic Mountain. All routes ride up Bouquet Canyon, which is very pretty. The short simply rides up to the reservoir, turns around and comes back. It's a long climb, but not very steep. The medium and long continue over Spunky Canyon to Green Valley for a break or lunch. The Spunky climb is much shorter than Bouquet Canyon, but steeper. From Green Valley, the medium heads back by going down San Francisquito. The long goes up and over San Francisquito (a tough climb) to Lake Elizabeth Road. Along here you get to view the poppies, which I believe are spectacular this year. Normally the long would then continue down Lake Hughes Road and back to the start. Unfortunately, the recent rains have closed Lake Hughes Road. I didn't want riders to miss out on the poppies, so I altered the long to go to view the poppies and then turn around and return down San Francisquito Road with the medium riders. This cuts a few miles off the traditional long route and probably some of the climbing, but it does add a climb of almost 1 mile as you come back up and over San Francisquito, so the total climbing will probably be close to what you would have gotten if you rode the traditional long route. I'll be there, but I'm not sure which route I will be doing. I think I'll play it by ear.

For Sale: Member **Pete Foxx** is selling a 1993 Santana Arriva Medium Tandem. He says it is in good condition but needs tires. Pete says he is 6'1" and the medium size fit him well. You can contact Pete at (323) 934-0537 or e-mail him at foxxpete@gmail.com He says the best offer will take it.

Parting Shot: Although I didn't spot many homes decorated for Easter on the ride, **Gary Murphy** apparently did his own ride and took this photo near his home.



Clearly this homeowner really gets into the Easter spirit.

See You On the Road

Rod Doty, VP