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## Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report

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On Sunday we were riding the "Paul Neuerburg Centuries." It turns out there is a town in Germany named Neuerburg -- probably where Paul got his family name. I found this nice slide show of the sights around Neuerburg set to music. It's a nice way to start tonight's e-mail.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=INyKyFtsMz8>

**Sunday:** Seven of us showed up at the start on Sunday, which is better than the last time when I remember riding it alone. **Phil Whitworth** took this photo:



From the left, that's **Mario Solano**, **David Nakai**, **Me**, **Hoy Quan**, **Jacques Stern** (in the rear), and **Edwin Dair**. Since Phil doesn't get into his own shots at the start very often, here is a selfie he took at lunch with Edwin



Phil, Mario, David and Edwin did the full century while Jacques, Hoy and I did the metric. Actually, I think David started with the full century but split off at some point to ride home. The metric was mostly a ride down and back up the San Gabriel River. Normally, such a long ride on the river would be a bit boring, but not so much on Sunday. Here's a shot Hoy took of me early in the ride.



See all the wildflowers. Also, long stretches of the river were more full than I have ever seen it. I took this photo



These are actually settling ponds created by small dams periodically along the river. Phil took this shot of one of them on his ride back up the San Gabriel at the end of the full century



The full century rode down the Santa Ana river. It had water in it as well, but not as much as the San Gabriel. Phil took this shot of some of the settling pools on the Santa Ana River



That's the Honda Center on the right, the Anaheim Regional Transportation Center to the left and on the far left, you

can make out the "Big A" of Angels Stadium. All in all, a good day. Hoy was riding his e-bike but wanted to see how well he could do on the ride without turning it on. He made it down to Long Beach without using the power, but that was mostly downhill. On the way back he used it at a low level part of the way. But you can't blame him -- without the power assist, it's a very heavy bike.

**Next Week:** On Sunday we will be riding "Winding Roads of Orange County II." As the name implies, these are very winding routes which meander around southern Orange County without ever really going any place. The important thing to note is that while these rides start in Tustin, like so many of our Orange County rides, we will NOT be starting at Pine Tree Park. That park is still closed for renovations, so we are starting nearby at El Camino Real Park. Check the club web site for details of the location. As per usual, the long is somewhat hilly, the medium less so, and the short hardly at all. So you can pick your poison. No matter which you choose, Orange County is always a pleasant place to ride.

**May Meeting:** In the schedule I just sent out, I mentioned that we did not have a host for the May meeting, but I am happy to announce that **Sandy Weiner** has stepped up and will be hosting. I will be sending out details later as the meeting date approaches.

**April Meeting Minutes:** Speaking of meetings, the minutes from last week's meeting are attached. They are not very long, so why not take a look.


**Bridge Finally Opening:** Over two years ago the Long Beach International Gateway Bridge was completed linking downtown Long Beach to Terminal Island. You can see it as you ride down the Los Angeles River Trail. It was designed to include both bike lanes and pedestrian access. However, the bike lanes were never opened. **Nancy Domjanovich** forwarded an article to me which indicates that at long last, in May, the bike lanes will be opened. I plan to put together a ride that will go over the bridge -- probably sometime this summer. Unfortunately, there really isn't anything to see on Terminal Island and I believe the only way off the island for a bicycle will be to come back over the bridge. But, it's a pretty looking bridge so it should be an interesting ride.

**Parting Shot:** I was so impressed with all the water flowing down the San Gabriel River on Sunday, I took lots of photos. So here is one more of the water being let out of the Santa Fe Dam at a rate I've never seen before:



See You On the Road,  
Rod Doty, VP

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