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## Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report

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Hello All

I've been opening these e-mails with a link to a song for some time now and I was beginning to worry that I might repeat a song. So, I painstakingly went back through a year and half of these e-mails and made a list of all the songs I have used. To my surprise, on 3 occasions I have duplicated a song. One of those was the Beatles' "Long and Winding Road" which I would have been tempted to use tonight to accompany the discussion of Sunday's ride which was "Winding Roads of Orange County." But, since I don't want to use the song for a third time and since yesterday was May Day, I have chosen this one. Maybe it will inspire some you to get out and ride in May

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pljyjilMH9o>

**Sunday:** As mentioned, we were in Orange County for Winding Roads of Orange County II. Because our usual Tustin ride start location is still under renovation, we started at El Camino Real Park just a short distance away from our usual park. It seemed like a good spot. Plenty of parking and a toilet facility -- what more could we want? You can see some of the park in this photo **Phil Whitworth** took of those of us at the start:



From the left: **Mario Solano, Me, Jacques Stern and Russ Brynes.** Phil and Mario rode the long route and the rest

of us did the medium. Despite doing an extra 20 miles and an extra significant climb, Phil and Mario finished only a few minutes after we got in. They didn't really stop for a lunch however. I, on the other hand, ate a fairly heavy lunch at Pick-Up-Stix which I really felt on the final climb of the day. But I do like Pick-Up-Stix. It was a pleasant day for cycling and rides in Orange County are often mostly on wide streets with bike lanes. My biggest complaint is that mostly all you see all day are gated communities which don't allow you to see the individual houses. Phil took a couple of photos of these. Here is one:



After a while, they all blend together. As we finished the ride we went past our former start location. It appears to be coming along, but still has a ways to go. (I was curious as to whether it should be "a ways to go" or "a way to go" -- apparently both would be OK but I like "a ways to go.")

**This Sunday:** This Sunday we will be starting at "the Corner" and riding out to the Valley on "Viva San Fernando." Only the long and medium actually go to the Valley. The long does a climb up Nichols Canyon (our only ride to do that) which is a pretty climb but steep at the end. The medium takes Cahuenga. Both routes head west across the Valley to lunch. The long returns by taking Old Topanga and Topanga to the coast while the medium returns back over Sepulveda. Meanwhile, there are two short routes that explore the west side. The weather is suppose to be very nice, so let's see some more of you out there.

**Other Ride:** I heard from **Lee Phillips** who rode the Joshua Tree 55 last weekend. This organized ride starts in 29 Palms and rides into Joshua Tree National Park out to Keys View and returns. I once did a similar ride and I believe from Keys View you can look down on Palm Springs several thousand feet below. Here is selfie Lee took at Keys View





I believe the snow-capped peak in the distance is Mount San Jacinto

**Comment Section on the Club Web Page.** When you go to the Upcoming Rides and the individual ride pages linked there, there is now a comment section at the bottom where you can leave comments. Ideally, those of us who plan to ride will leave messages such as "I plan to ride this one" or "I'll be there but will only be riding the medium." Things like that. The hope would be that this would encourage others to show up since they know there will be some riders there. Let's give it a try.

**In Memoriam:** Although Phil Whitworth rode last Sunday, he was mourning the passing the previous day of his cat Brody which I think he said was 15 years old. Here is Brody in happier times.



I think a lot of us know what it is like to lose a long-term pet and sympathize with Phil's loss. (Note: I would be happy to post a notice like this for any member who suffers a similar loss.)

**Parting Shot:** I don't really have a photo for this spot tonight, but as I mentioned before, every week Phil takes a shot of the sign at the Reel Inn which puts up a different seafood related pun each week. This week's sign is to honor the Lakers who just tonight won their first game in the second round of the playoffs.



That's "Anchovy Davis" in case it's hard to make out.

See You On The Road

Rod Doty, VP