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Hello All:

I didn't really have a song for tonight's theme, but since last Sunday's ride had "Beach" in the title I thought maybe something from the Beach Boys would be appropriate. I selected this song not because it has anything to do with cycling or even the beach, but because it came out when I was in high school and I've always liked it because there was a nice looking girl in my class with the same name (and it's not Barbara Ann).

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QPnBrK6D26g>

Sunday: Sunday's ride was Beaches to Brea Canyon and was our century and metric century of the month. I didn't ride because I have been off the bike for a while (although I'm feeling better now) and didn't feel up to doing a metric century. I had a couple of reports. There were three riders: **Phil Whitworth**, **Mario Solano** and **Jacques Stern**. Phil and Mario rode the full century starting around 8 a.m. Jacques started later and rode the metric but from home which ended up giving him a century anyway. As luck would have it, all three came together near the end of the course and Phil was able to take this selfie of all 3:



Phil reported good weather all day and Mario had an especially good day. He found a baseball glove and a wrench.



This was not the first baseball glove he has found. I've been riding decades and I've never seen a baseball glove lying on the ground.

Jacques sent several photos of some street art in Hermosa. Here are just a couple of them:





The course took the riders along the Long Beach Bike Path with a view of the Queen Mary. Jacques took this photo:



Still looks pretty good -- at least from a distance.

This Sunday: This Sunday we will be riding "Mount Baldy" which is one of the old Grand Tour trainers now converted into a 3-tiered Sunday ride. **PLEASE NOTE:** Every winter they close the Glendora Ridge Route due to snow. Normally by this time it is open, but apparently it has not yet been opened this year. I don't think there is any snow, but the road closure web site says there is debris. Here are your options. The short route is still open. It goes up Hwy 39 to East Fork to Williams Camp and then up Glendora Mountain Road up to the Glendora Ridge Route where it is closed, but then takes Glendora Mountain Road down and back to the start. The medium route is open to Mount Baldy Village because it takes Baldy Mountain Road up to the village. However, it returns on the Ridge Route, so if that is closed, you could return back down Baldy Road and return the way you came. The Long is problematic because it would take the closed Glendora Ridge route to and from Baldy Village. This was closed once before a few years ago on ride day and as I recall, many cyclists (including me) were simply going around the gate and riding it anyway. I remember passing a police car in that section and they didn't seem to care, but I can't guarantee you will have the same result this year. So, if you choose to ride Glendora Ridge, you would be doing it at your own risk. It would be difficult to get help to you in that stretch if you needed it. I might show up and simply ride as far as Williams Camp before turning around.

Monthly Meeting: This Thursday at 7 p.m. we will be holding our monthly members meeting. This time it is at the home of **Sandy Weiner**. I remember meeting at his home before but it took me a while to find when it was because it was all the way back in 2013 -- ten years ago. I remember Sandy had an interesting collection of vintage cameras which I think he will be happy to show you. Hopefully that will be some inducement for you to attend. Sandy's address is **450 S. Willaman Dr.** which is not very far from the Beverly Center and Cedars Sinai Hospital. His home is 3 blocks east of Robertson and 1 block south of Burton Way. I would check Google Maps or use a Garmin to find your best way there. Sandy wanted me to remind you to read all posted signs. Unfortunately, I won't be there. I hope to hear good things.

Medical Report: As I sat down to write this tonight I kept getting interrupted as my phone was blowing up with a string of text messages. First was **David William's** announcement that he has come down with Covid and will not be at this week's meeting. Apparently he had not heard that the Covid emergency was officially declared over this week. He is recovering and expects to be back riding in a week or two. Then I got word that **Rafi Karpinski** had been hit by a truck

sometime last week. He was taken to the emergency room, but fortunately there were no broken bones. He has some very sore ribs however. This is a setback for Rafi since he was just starting to ride again after a long layoff due to illness. We hope this layoff will not be long.

Interesting Bike For Sale: I got a message from Rose Cowan who is the niece of **Mary May Hesketh**, one of the founding members of the club from back in 1945. Mary rode a 1941 Schwinn New World which she had named Buttercup. The bike was restored in 2007 but has only been on display and not ridden since then. (See photo below). Rose is now interested in selling this collector's item bike. If you would be interested or know of someone who might be interested, you can contact her at rosecowan@yahoo.com



Parting Shot: Jacques also took this photo on last Sunday's ride. It is a bike path in Redondo near the end of Sunday's route. I've ridden it many times and it's nice, but, for obvious reasons, I don't recommend it if you have a pace maker or maybe if you still want to have children.



See You On The Road

Rod Doty, VP