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## Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report

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Hello All:

Last Sunday we were riding to Mount Baldy. Tonight's song doesn't have anything to do with cycling or Mount Baldy, for that matter, but it's what comes to mind when I think about Baldy. Gold star to anyone who actually remembers this song

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XXmE2Nh1Ntw>

**Sunday:** There were only 4 riders for the trip up to Baldy. **Phil Whitworth** took this selfie at the start:



That's **Phil, Thomas Knoll, Mario Solano** and **Lee Meller**. Phil and Mario rode the long route and I know from Strava that Thomas did the short. I'm not sure about Lee, but she isn't in the photos from up at Baldy Village, so I'm guessing she did the short as well. They all stayed together up Hwy 39, East Fork and then up Glendora Mountain Road to where it intersects Glendora Ridge Road. Lee took this photo at that intersection where the two routes split.



I had hoped to see some photos of the reservoirs along Hwy 39. The last time we were up that way they were almost completely dry. They should be full now, but no one took a photo. There was some question as to whether the Ridge Road would be open, but apparently it was (at least for bikes). Here's a shot Phil took up at Baldy Village, which proves they made it that far.



Phil said he and Mario planned to ride on up to the ski lift, but a rider who had just come down told them it was raining up there and the roads were slick, so they decided not to go. Phil also sent this photo of a new addition to the restaurant which I don't believe was there the last time I was up there.



Nice memorial.

**Other Ride:** Hoy Quan put together a Meet-Up ride with 3 other groups. The ride started from a bike shop in Venice (which sponsored the ride) and went up Mandeville Canyon. Hoy sent me this group shot, but it was taken by **Sandy Weiner**.



**This Week:** On Sunday we will be riding "Long Beach Boogie" which starts in Long Beach, but the routes head inland. The long makes a large loop to the east heading to Whittier, going over Colima to Rowland Heights, climbing Pathfinder and then going down Brea Canyon. The medium stays with the long for the first 13 miles, but then cuts off most of the climbing (but does ride the hills on East Road and West Road) before rejoining the long for lunch and the return. The short does an even shorter version of the ride with even less climbing. I always have hopes of being there, but can't make any promises at this point.

**Meeting:** Attached are the minutes of the meeting held last Thursday. I won't spoil your reading pleasure by telling you what is in them. I didn't make the meeting because I was attending "Six" the musical at the Pantages. I highly recommend it if you are into that sort of thing. It will be at the Pantages for about another week, but then will move down to Orange County. In case you are wondering, "Six" refers to the six wives of Henry VIII and they are the only characters in the entire show.

**Potential Grand Tour Record:** Ira Kuceck informs me that Gerd Rosenblatt has registered for the upcoming Grand Tour double century and that he is 90 years old. I don't have complete records for this sort of thing, but I'm pretty sure this will set the record for the oldest person to complete the double (probably by quite a few years). I certainly hope he makes it.


**Parting Shot:** Here's a shot Phil took last Sunday at one of the turn-outs along Hwy 39. He claimed he and Mario were doing some donuts there. Looks to me like there is more rubber on the pavement than would be contained in an entire bike tire. They are cracking down on street take-overs in LA where cars often do donuts in intersections, but I suppose they could always drive up into the mountains to do them. But, without the crowds, probably no fun.



See You On The Road

Rod Doty, VP

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