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Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report

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Hello All:

Sunday's ride was "Long Beach Boogie" and I can think of two songs that go with that. Here is one of them:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PhD58dP9kq8>

Sunday: We had 6 riders on Sunday. They were **Nancy Domjanovich, Bill Faulkner, Phil Whitworth, Jacques Stern, Edwin Dair** and me. **Ben King** stopped by the start just to see us off and he took a group photo which I had hoped I would get a copy of, but it didn't come. The group split in two. Nancy, Bill and I rode the short (all 3 of us have been off the bike a lot recently, so that explains that). Phil, Jacques and Edwin did the long. Unfortunately, Phil forgot to bring his camera. So my usual photographer was out of action. The only photo I got was this selfie sent by Edwin.



I should have taken some photos myself, but while the short route was very pleasant, it wasn't very photogenic. I can't remember seeing anything that made me want to stop and take a shot. Anyway, it was a nice day for a ride.

This Sunday: Sunday's ride is "Revel the Rollies II." This starts in Tustin but at our new start location there -- Camino Real Park. The highlight of the long and medium is a trip through Santiago Canyon. The long adds an extra loop which adds Trabuco Canyon and Live Oak Canyon before rejoining the medium for the trip through Santiago and on back to the start. Meanwhile the short tours around Irvine with a trip to Turtle Rock. I hope to be there again, but I may well opt for the short route again.

Balboa Ferry In Peril? Apparently the Balboa Ferry has three years to upgrade their ferries to electric power. **Jacques Stern** sent me Tik Tok video in which a spokesman for the ferry company explains why it might be too expensive for them to do this and they might just have to close the ferry down. (was going to include the video in this e-mail, but it's about 17 megabytes long and would make this e-mail sorta large) I suspect they are just posturing in order to get the government to kick in some funds or to change the requirement. If not, at least we have 3 years to inspect the ferry before we have change 3 or 4 of our usual routes.

New Long Beach Bridge. **Nancy Domjanovich** sent me the link to the YouTube video below which was made by the BCCC when they recently did a ride to the bridge. I have a few comments. First, Wow -- wouldn't it be great if we could put together videos of our rides like that. Second, it appears the bike path is open only half way across the bridge. I don't think it will be worth it to put together a ride for our club until we can go all the way across to Terminal Island. Third, if you watch the video, the bridge portion is only in the middle.

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

Parting Shot: As mentioned, not many photos tonight, but I did take this one at the beach last Thursday.



When I saw this I thought "Wow, all the rain has really brought out the cone flowers this year." Most people don't know that traffic cones are not made in a factory, but are grown -- mostly on big cone farms in Asia. My only explanation for this patch of cones is that a passing ship spilled some cone seeds and they got washed ashore by a big wave and then they sprouted. I hope the beach department took advantage of this and harvested them.

See You On The Road

Rod Doty, VP