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## Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report

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Hello All:

I found this Billie Holiday song which is surprisingly appropriate for our theme music this week

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zBlqLqUenz0>

**Sunday:** The song above is particularly appropriate because apparently the June Gloom and threat of rain kept everyone away from Sunday's ride. Actually some regulars were otherwise occupied. **Nancy Domjanovich** was in Oklahoma on family business and **Phil Whitworth** was riding Bike Across Kansas which he does every year. Still, I was the only one to show up (as far as I know). Fearing that the others might be right about the threatened rain, I didn't ride myself. However, as I waited there in the parking lot, I did come to the decision to move the start location of this ride ("Cal Poly By Golly") As I recall the history of this ride start is as follows: It used to be at Schabarum Park -- plenty of parking and toilets. But then they began charging to park in the park. We didn't want to do that, so we moved the start across the street to the mall parking lot. At first, we would start the ride by first making a stop at Schabarum for a bathroom break, but as time went by, we quit doing that, so the start had plenty of parking, but no toilets. The Mall has now closed off the area of their lot that we would use -- probably because lots of Schabarum users were doing what we were doing and parking there. We can still use the areas of the mall lot not closed off, but a real park would be nicer. So, I think I found one not too far away. Since no one rode this route on Sunday, maybe I'll re-schedule it in the fall with the new start location.

With no riders, there are no photos this week. But Phil posted many photos on Strava of his ride across Kansas. So here are couple that caught my fancy.



Not sure if Bonnie and Clyde ever ate here, but they did rob a number of banks in Kansas.



I imagine if you ride across Kansas, one of the most common sights will be grain elevators. This photo is sort of nostalgic for me because my favorite summer job when I was in college was working on a crew that put up metal grain

storage bins like those on the right. It was sort of like a large size erector set. All the pieces came pre-cut and the bolt holes already punched. All we had to do was bolt them all together.

**Other Ride:** We hadn't heard from **David Nakai** in a while and I was beginning to wonder if something had happened to him, but he sent an e-mail out last night. Turns out he has been riding a lot of brevets in an effort to get back into shape. He sent a couple of photos from his Sunday ride. Although I'm not crazy about posting photos of food, I have so few photos tonight, here is David's lunch on Sunday:



I believe David said this is Tikka Masala.

**This Sunday:** On Sunday we will be riding "Honolulu For Lunch" The weather promises to be better so I hope some riders will actually show up. All rides head to Montrose (Honolulu Blvd). The short goes directly there while the medium and long take a roundabout route there. The short and medium stop for lunch there and then return together. The long continues on to the top of Tuna Canyon and down the 4 mile downhill into the San Fernando Valley. They stop for a later lunch in Glendale. All routes have some hills, but as usual, the longer the route, the more climbing it has.

**Monthly Meeting:** This Thursday at 7 p.m. we are having our monthly meeting. This month our host is **Howard Wedin**. He has never hosted before so let's give him a nice welcome to the hosting group and make the experience a good one so he will host again..The Grand Tour is next week, so I'm sure we will discuss that, but at this point things should be pretty well set. Howard's home is at [4424 Westlawn Ave](#) in West L.A. If you are coming on the 405, exit at Culver Blvd and go Southwest to Centinella Ave. Go right about 3 blocks to a left on Short Ave. and then a couple of blocks to Westlawn. Howard's home is on the corner of Short and Westlawn.

**Parting Shot:** Here's another photo from Phil's ride in Kansas where it looks like they separated the riders into age groups. (That's Phil on the right)



See You On The Road

Rod Doty, VP