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## Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report

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Hello All:

Last week was the longest day of the year, which is when we traditionally schedule the Grand Tour to allow for maximum daylight. I found a short piece of music that celebrates the summer solstice. It's not much, but I would appreciate it if anyone can identify the instrument the woman in the video is playing.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9X8VVoOYrBU>

**Last Weekend:** We had two events last weekend: The Grand Tour and our usual Sunday ride which was our century of the month. I'll start with the Grand Tour.

I didn't get much in the way of reports, but I did get a lot of photos. **Nancy Domjanovich**, who manned one of the rest stops reported that things went well. She heard that there was only one accident when two riders collided. They weren't hurt but their bicycles sustained enough damage that they could not finish the ride. The big news of the day was that 90 year old **Gerd Rosenblatt** completed the double. I'm sure he is the oldest person to ever complete the Grand Tour Double and it wouldn't surprise me if he's the oldest person to complete a double in the entire country. Don't know how we could verify that though. I had several photos of Gerd. The first was sent by **Ira Kuchek**



That's Ira standing and Gerd on the recumbent. This looks like it was taken at the Rincon stop. **Mel Cutler** sent this photo, also I think at the Rincon stop:



Finally, **Kermit Ganier** sent this photo of Gerd at the finish in the Holiday Inn Express. He looks fresh enough that I thought maybe it was taken at the start, but Kermit indicated it was the finish.



Here is one final shot from Kermit of the staff at the Ojai lunch stop



**Sunday Ride:** Our ride on Sunday was the "Dam Corner Century" which offered both a century and metric century. I

wasn't there, but we had a very good turn-out for one of our centuries -- 8 riders. **Phil Whitworth** took this photo at the start.



Although it is hard to make them all out, from left to right: **Phil**, **Jacques Stern**, **Dale Aaronson**, **Andy Pollack** (in green behind Dale), **Thomas Knoll**, **Mario Solano**, **Edwin Dair** (in red) and **Julie**. Unusual for this type of ride, but it appears that everyone did the metric century, although Phil rode from home. Another unusual thing is this photo from the finish:



Unusual because most of the group was able to stay together to the finish. That's rare on a long ride. Phil posted a few other photos on Strava including this one of the group riding through Downtown LA early in the ride:



**This Sunday:** It will be the first Sunday in July and we are starting several months of all coastal rides. First up is "South Bay Ramble" which starts from the Del Rey Lagoon in Playa del Rey. These routes simply head down to Palos Verdes and back. The long makes a complete circuit of the peninsula while the medium only goes to the Whale Watch and the short only makes it to Malaga Cove. We used to stop at a members home for ice cream at the end of this ride. We no longer have a host for that, but the route has been set up so we can stop for ice cream at Playa Provisions just a quarter mile from the end. Hopefully enough of us will stick together that we can have a little ice cream social just like we used to.

**Fourth of July:** Next Tuesday is of course the Fourth of July and we will be riding our usual holiday ride from El Dorado Park in Long Beach. These are short and easy routes to allow you time to get home for other festivities. The long goes up to the park at the top of Signal Hill for a nice view of the harbor. We usually gather there for a group shot. I hope to make both this and Sunday's ride.

**No July Meeting:** You may have noticed in the schedule I just sent out last night that we will not be holding a July meeting. We were having a hard time finding a host and then we realized our bylaws only require 6 meetings per year, so we are just going to skip this one. **Kermit** has already agreed to host the August meeting. If we skip the September meeting, we are set until October.

**Parting Shot:** This is a photo Mel Cutler sent from the Rincon stop on the Grand Tour:



Given the age of many of our members, maybe we should adopt this as the club motto. Not sure why the young lady in the photo is wearing the shirt however, since it would appear that it will be a while before it would apply to her.

See You On The Road

Rod Doty, VP