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Hello All:

When I was young I was a big Kingston Trio fan. On Sunday we were riding "South Bay Typical" and that reminded me of a song the Kingston Trio did called "South Coast." If you listen to the introduction, it apparently actually is about California and there is a mention of a landslide in the lyrics, so it could have been Palos Verdes. Whatever -- here it is for tonight's theme music:

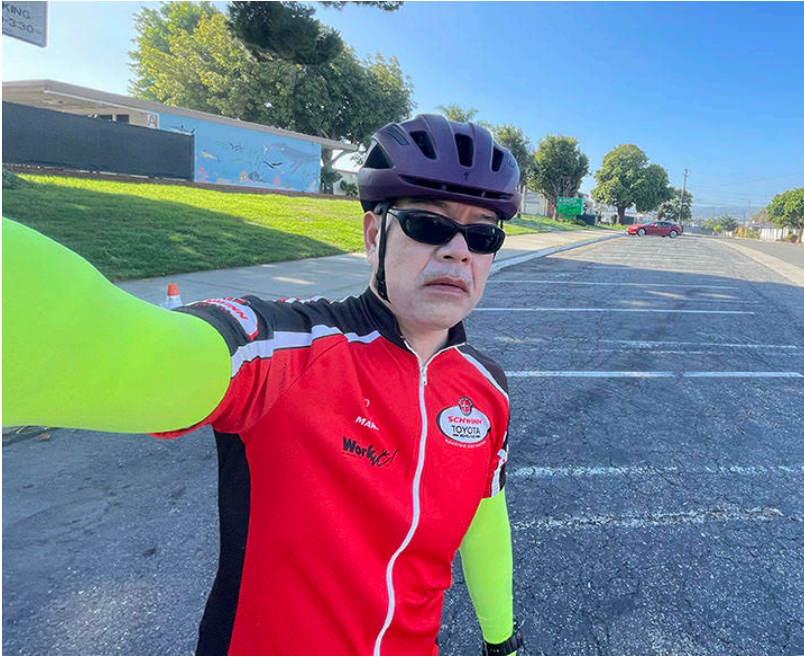
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IBVnEvhW6Ac>

Sunday: "South Bay Typical" started in Torrance and spent the day in and around Palos Verdes. There were 7 of us at the start and of course, **Phil Whitworth** took a photo of the group:



From the left: **Thomas Knoll**, **Chris Hedberg**, **Bill Faulkner**, **Gary Murphy**, **Me**, and **Mario Solano**. **Edwin Dair** showed up

a bit late to make our 8th rider. He took this selfie at the start.



Edwin started out on the long route solo but did not have a good day. On one of the early climbs, the clamp holding his front derailleur on the bike snapped in two. Fortunately, he was able to remove the derailleur and make his way back to the start. Here is a photo he took of the offending part after removal.



Bill started with the group and I think he followed the long route through the first big climb, but then cut the ride short and went home. Gary, Thomas and I did the medium route. Along the way we took a bathroom break at a scenic overlook along Palos Verdes Drive not far from the Whale Watch. I had thought this was the location where only a few weeks ago a couple were shot while sitting in their car, but wasn't positive. However, this memorial at the site confirmed that it was the location:



According to the news, they have caught the murderers.

Phil, Mario and Chris did the long. We ran into Phil and Mario shortly after our lunch, but they had somehow lost Chris. However, as I struggled up "Doris" (a short but very steep hill) only a few miles from the end, Phil and Chris caught me. So we all came together at the end of the ride, which doesn't happen very often.

Next Sunday: On Sunday we will be riding our century and metric century of the month -- the "Whale of a Century." After spending all of July and the first two weeks of August riding south, this week we ride north. Both routes head to Santa Barbara and back. The full century starts in Camarillo while the metric starts in Ventura. That way, the heart of both routes is the same. The full century starts at 8 a.m. while the metric starts at 9 a.m. which might allow for the two groups to come together. These are fairly flat routes and spend a lot of time riding along the ocean, so they should be cool and easy. I plan on riding the metric, but might start a little early and let the faster riders catch me.

NOTICE

Just a reminder that for about one more week you can order club jerseys and other club apparel. We need to have orders totaling 15 items for the order to go through and currently we only have about half that.. So, if you want a club jersey or other item, here is your chance. Go to this web site to order: <https://www.voler.com/custom/ordering/li/47063> You can view the items available on the site.

Parting Shot: I don't have a photo for this spot, so once again here is the most recent sign from the Reel Inn in Malibu, courtesy of Phil Whitworth. It's not the usual pun, but I think they are parodying the Chick-fil-a ads which say "Eat Mor Chickin"



See You On The Road

Rod Doty, VP