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Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report

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Hello All:

On Sunday we rode twice (both going out and coming back) through the little town of Summerland, just south of Santa Barbara. Whenever I ride through that town I think of that old song that starts: "It's Summerland, Summerland, Sum, Sum, Summerland / Summerland, Summerland, Sum, Sum Summerland, Summerla-a-a-n." So here's a copy of that song, but for some reason they got the lyrics wrong.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wrgdr3ROzTc>

Sunday: We were riding "The Whale of a Century" century and metric century on Sunday. I believe we had 5 riders. **Dale Aaronson** and **Edwin Dair** rode the full century starting from Camarillo and **Jacques Stern, Thomas Knoll** and I rode the metric starting from Ventura. Both routes rode to Santa Barbara and back. I started about an hour early but Dale and Edwin caught me as I was returning through Carpinteria, having made up up about 20 miles on me. I stopped for lunch after having done the loop up to see the whale and I saw Jacques ride by on his way up to the whale. I'm surprised I never saw Thomas. I suspect he got to lunch minutes after I left. Of course the destination of the ride is the whale skeleton up at the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History. Naturally, most of us took a photo of the whale. Here, in order, are the photos of Jacques, Dale, and Thomas:





Dale was the only one who took other photos and here are a couple that struck my fancy. This first is of a home I have always admired. It is on Bates Road just south of Carpinteria.



The route parallels the coastal rail route and I have never ridden this ride without seeing at least two trains during the day. But I have never gotten a photo of one. Dale did.



The route also parallels Highway 101 and I noticed that I was passing either over or under the freeway many times as I rode. When I got home I checked a map and it turns out the full century crosses the 101 at total of 24 times and the metric a total of 18. That's a lot of times to cross a freeway in one ride.

All in all, it was a nice day of riding in an area we don't often get to. The many miles in sight of the ocean were just what was needed on a summer's day.

This Week: On Sunday we will be riding "Byways of Palos Verdes" which is a former Grand Tour training ride which I have converted into a standard three-tiered Sunday ride. All routes start in West LA and ride down to Palos Verdes and back. The long does a loop around the peninsula making three trips up to the top before stopping for lunch at the "Steve Bowen Memorial Habit Burger." That's the original training ride and it's fairly tough. The medium follows the long up the first climb, but then heads directly over to the Habit for lunch. The short simply stops at Malaga Cove for lunch without doing any of the climbs at all. I hope to ride the medium and hope to see some of you there.

Meeting: This Thursday is the August members meeting: Our host this month is **Kermit Ganier**. As I mentioned a couple of weeks ago, Kermit has indicated he will be providing dinner to anyone who shows up early for the meeting. You would need to show up between 6:00 and 6:30 for the dinner. He plans on serving chicken cacciatore, but if anyone wants a vegetarian option, if you contact him, he will try to accommodate you. Kermit needs to know how many to expect, so if you plan to show up for the dinner, please either call or text him at 310 367-0458. If you skip the dinner, the meeting will start at 7 p.m. Kermit lives in Malibu. Take PCH to John Tyler Dr. (which is the first right past Malibu Canyon Road after the top of Pepperdine hill). Go right on John Tyler and an immediate left on Malibu Country Rd. Kermit is at 3708 on the right near the top.

Jerseys: Just a reminder that for about one more week you can order club jerseys and other club apparel because the deadline has been extended for a week. We need to have orders totaling 15 items for the order to go through and the last I heard, we still needed 7 items. 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.

Passing: Sadly, I must report that **Bobbi Fisher** has passed. Bobbi was a former Vice President of the club and a very active cyclist. She rode many long distance events including many double centuries, the Furnace Creek 508, many randonneuring events, and the Odyssey 2000 trip around the world. She spent several years in China promoting randonneuring style riding. Unfortunately, in later years she had several accidents which may well have contributed to the severe dementia from which she suffered that last few years of her life. She will be remembered as quite a cyclist.

Parting Shot: In addition to the 3 shots of the whale above, I took my own photo. But I thought that every year we always take pictures of the whale from the front end and maybe we needed one from the back. So here's my shot of the whale's ass.



See You On The Road

Rod Doty, VP