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Hello All:

I'm putting tonight's theme music down at the bottom because it goes with the "Parting Shot" photo.

Sunday: We were riding "Balboa/Newport" which started from Tustin. We had 6 riders. **Phil Whitworth** took this shot at the start:



That's **Mario Solano, Edwin Dair, Thomas Knoll** and **Jacques Stern**. **Kit Gray** was the 6th rider. He showed up late, but sent this selfie from the route



Apparently it was a dark and overcast day. Phil said he was a little concerned when he noticed that Jacques had shown up with fenders, but I don't think they ever needed them. Phil, Mario, Thomas and Edwin rode the long route. Jacques did the medium and Kit rode the short, although he said he did run into Jacques at lunch. All routes rode the Balboa ferry. Here is a shot Phil took on the boat at they approached the dock.



Phil said the ride was a bit choppy and the ferry didn't get up to its usual top speed of 4 mph. On the way up the coast the long riders made an unscheduled stop at Crystal Cove Beach. Edwin sent this photo:



Looks like it was still overcast, but there were still plenty of people at the beach. It was a holiday weekend after all.

This Sunday: On Sunday we will be riding "Will Rogers Park." which starts from the "Corner." There are only two routes for this one -- a medium and a short. Both routes go to Will Rogers Park and the polo grounds there. The medium adds some miles and a few more hills than the short. We usually stop to watch a little polo while there if they are playing. I won't be there, but would appreciate photos of them playing polo if possible. Although these routes are short, those wanting more miles could easily add some miles with a trip up the coast or maybe a trip up Sepulveda and back on one of the other canyons.

Patch of the Week: This new feature is off to a good start. Several members sent scanned images of some of their patch collection. I encourage more of you to look through your own collection and send me a few of your favorites. Tonight's patch was sent by both **Will Carey** and **Ken Nishioka**:



It is my understanding that this is from the very first Solvang Century. The SCOR club had ridden it as a club ride the previous year and then opened it up to the public in 1983. I don't know how many riders rode it this first year, but in only a few years it was up to the thousands and remained one of the most popular Southern California rides for a long time. It is nice that Will and Ken can say they were there for the first one.

Parting Shot: I've got nothing else to report tonight. This shot was taken by Phil and is the Balboa ferry heading the opposite direction from the one Phil was on last Sunday. It reminded me that this was the last ride on the ferry we will be doing this year and made me think of this song. Next year, maybe someone can play it on their iphone during the crossing:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3A19q7rysLs>



See You On The Road (in a few weeks)

Rod Doty, VP