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Hello All:

Last Sunday's ride went to the polo grounds at Will Rogers Park and that always reminds me of the polo scene from "Pretty Woman" and that brings me to tonight's theme music:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PrTTUGQtz-c>

Sunday: The ride was "Will Rogers Park" and only included a short and medium route. Unfortunately only two riders showed up. I would have thought there would be more since it was a short and easy ride, but it was very hot and that might have kept some away. The two were **Jacques Stern** and **Russ Brynes** and they rode a hybrid route of the short and medium. Jacques took this selfie and a photo of Russ.





As you can see, the route took them to the polo grounds where they indeed polo was being played. Jacques said they stayed for a couple of chuckers. Here's a shot of the action.



If it wasn't for the heat, it looks like a nice day for polo.

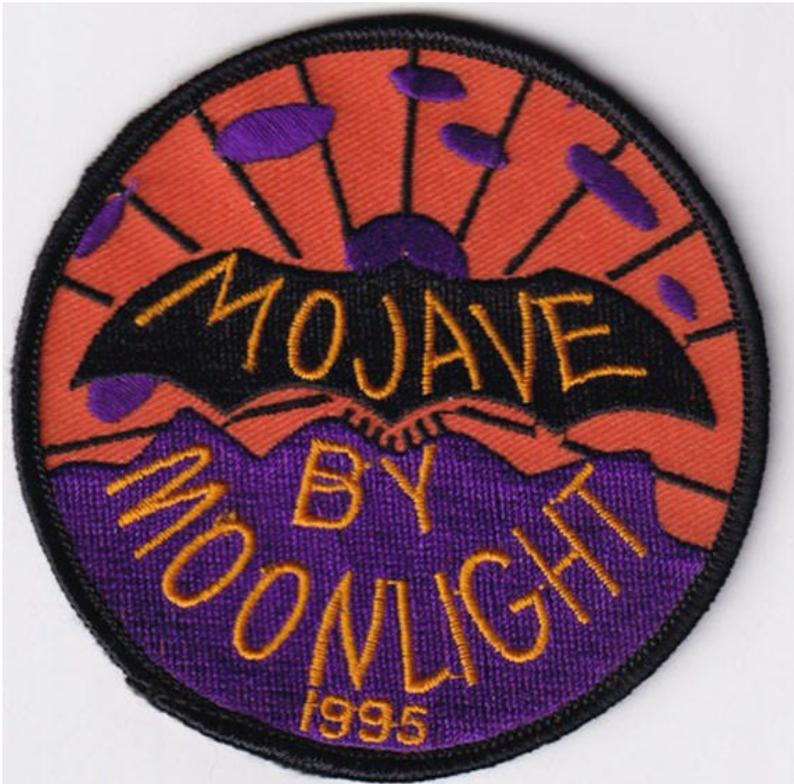
Triple Dipper Ride: I don't have a lot of photos tonight, so fortunately **Sandy Weiner** sent me a photo from last Thursday's Triple Dipper ride:



Looks to me like a slightly smaller group than usual, but maybe some didn't get into the photo.

This Week: This Sunday we will be riding our century of the month which also happens to be our annual running of the Grand Tour Lite. The Century and Metric Century routes are fairly straight forward and easy. They both ride from Malibu up to Port Hueneme and back but the full century adds a loop in the Oxnard area for the additional miles. There is also a double metric century route which is not so easy. It totals up about 7000 feet of climbing which includes a trip up Latigo and numerous other smaller climbs. And while the century and metric century stay near the cool coast most of the day, the double metric spends a lot of time away from the coast. But we continue to offer it for you diehards. If I were riding I would definitely be doing the metric century.

Patch of the Week: This week's patch was sent to me by **Nancy Domjanovich**.



This was a century ride offered by the former Wandervogel club. It started just before sunset and rode through the night from Claremont to Barstow. In Barstow Wandervogel provided a bus ride back and trucked your bike back. The route took you over Cajon Pass and then picked up the National Trails Highway across the Mojave to Barstow. It would be scheduled for a full moon night. I rode it a couple of times myself and it was usually held in late summer when there were a lot of meteors and we would keep track of how many we saw. Riding through Cajon Pass in the dark is a trip too. The road runs along the railroad tracks for part of the way. Trains don't climb much better than I do and I remember one time it seemed to take forever for a train to catch and pass me. I'm a little jealous of Nancy though. I looked through my entire patch collection and I don't have one for this ride. Either they didn't offer one the years I rode or I somehow missed getting it.

Parting Shot: Just for those of you who don't remember the movie "Pretty Woman" here is a shot from the Polo scene.



I was once told that Julia Roberts' dress in this scene created a minor fashion craze at the time for polka dots. She did look good.

See You On The Road (someday)

Rod Doty, VP