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Hello All:

Last Sunday: As near as I can tell, no one showed up for the actual ride last Sunday, except for **Edwin Dair**. He showed up late and thought everyone was ahead of him so he rode a modified version of Malibu Vistas instead of the scheduled ride. I don't know if he would have ridden the scheduled ride if someone else had been there. Anyway, I picked out tonight's theme music for Edwin. (The lyrics don't apply -- just the title)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EAtwg1BwKek>

Edwin reported that the day was overcast, so it would have been a fairly nice day to ride. I don't know why no one else showed up. It is one of our easiest centuries and metric centuries. I have no photos from the ride.

A Different Ride: Fortunately, **Lee Meller** did a different ride and sent me a couple of photos. Last week she rode the Oregon Classic which is a 7-day ride around the perimeter of Oregon. If you are interested, here is the web site for the event: [.Classic 2023 – Cycle Oregon](#) In the first photo, she says she ran into Greg Olsen, a Triple Crown Hall of Fame rider:



The second photo is of Lee on the Oregon coast:



This Sunday: This Sunday we will be riding "Orange Thrill at Redhill" which starts in Tustin. Note that we will be starting from our old location -- Pine Tree Park. It is supposed to be open by now. I had hoped to check it out on the earlier Tustin ride this month, but I didn't get down there. If it's not open, you can still start there -- there just won't be any restroom available. The routes are pleasant trips around Irvine and other areas to the south. I don't think any of the routes are excessively hilly so it should be a pleasant day. I won't be there, but I would appreciate reports and photos. Also I would like to know if the park is open.

Patch of the Week: This week's patch is from my collection and is for "Climb to Kaiser." Riding this ride is one of my proudest achievements. I don't know if it is the most difficult ride I have ever done, but it's in the top 5. It's not a double century, but at about 150 miles, it's plenty long, and at about 15,000 feet of climbing, I think it has more elevation gain than any double I've ever ridden. Also, it is run in the summer out of Fresno, so it can be hot. I just checked their web site to make sure they are still running it and they are, but they had to cancel the 2023 edition because there was still too much snow at the top and the roads weren't open yet. I actually rode it two years, so I have included both patches, which apparently they didn't change much from year to year.



Parting Shot: Nothing else to report tonight so here is the parting shot. **Nancy Wedeen** sent this to me although I had seen it before, so it has probably made the rounds and perhaps you have seen it too, but it's still funny.



I really wonder how this came to be. I thought maybe it was just a joke and not a real sign, but it looks real. It's not hand written, so it's not just the work of one bozo. But how could a mistake like that make it all the way to being displayed. It must have gone through half a dozen people from the person who ordered the sign made, the people who made the sign and the people who put it up. Didn't any of them stop to question it?

See You On the Road (eventually)

Rod Doty, VP