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Hello All:

Last Sunday was the first day of October and I found a song entitled "One October." I'm not familiar with the song or the artist and after listening to the entire thing, I don't believe there is any mention of October in the song. But here it is anyway. I've used a version with the lyrics because if you didn't have the lyrics to help you, I don't think you would be able to understand some of it. Almost as bad as Bob Dylan

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nirift4vlpq>

Sunday: Last Sunday we were riding "Byways of Palos Verdes" which was a re-do of the ride which was rained out back in August. Unfortunately, there was rain predicted for the morning hours last Sunday and that probably contributed to the low turn-out. Actually, only one rider - **Jacques Stern** - did the ride and he rode a modified version of the medium. Since we had one rider, I guess I won't re-schedule another make-up ride but expect it again next summer since it is a coastal route. Jacques included this selfie with his Strava post of the ride:



However, I don't think the photo is from last Sunday since it is the same as a photo he posted with a ride from a week earlier., but it was on the route he took Sunday. Although Jacques was the only one to do the route, it turns out **Phil Whitworth** intended to meet up with riders on the route and to ride with them. But he never ran into anyone else doing the ride, so he decided to ride north to Latigo Canyon instead of south to Palos Verdes. He included this selfie on his Strava post..



Phil's post also included this photo of the Dan Blocker Beach along PCH.

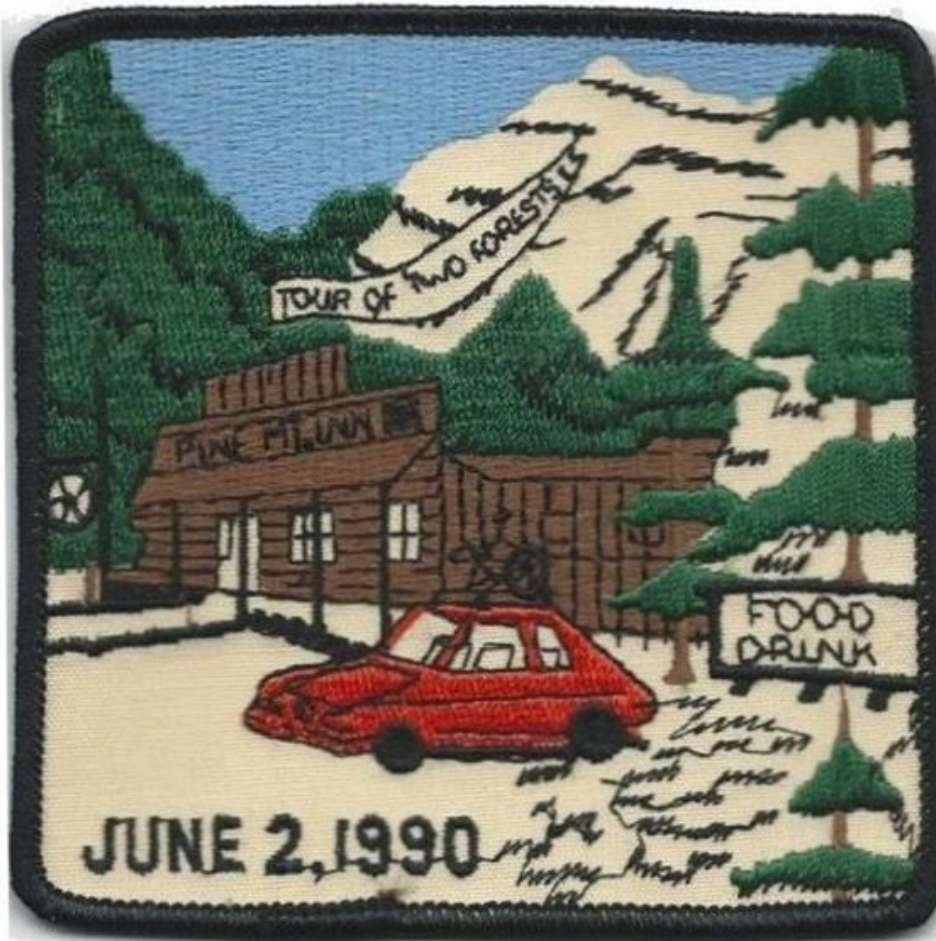


Between this beach and the Michael Landon Community Center in Malibu, half the cast of "Bonanza" is represented along PCH. I've always thought they should name two more beaches, parks or other landmarks for Lorne Greene and Pernell Roberts. And maybe one for Victor Sen Yung who was in over 100 episodes.

This Sunday: This Sunday we will be riding "Pico Rivera and Bike Trail." These routes start in Pico Rivera and head to the coast and back. The medium and short are almost entirely on bike trails which makes for an easy day. The long does include a stretch on streets at the start of the ride as the route heads over to the Santa Ana river. This stretch

also includes some climbing, but nothing too challenging. Once on the Santa Ana river the route takes that to the beach and then returns back up the San Gabriel, so most of the later portion of the route is easy as well. I had hoped to be riding this week, but it doesn't look like it.

Patch of the Week: I haven't posted one of the many patches I got from **Will Carey** in a while, so here is one of his from the Tour of Two Forests. TOTF was a double century (some years more like 212 miles) which included well over 10,000 feet of climbing. I think it may be the most difficult double century I ever rode. Will sent me several patches from this ride, but I thought this one was particularly pretty.



That's the Pine Mountain Inn which was a rest stop on the ride (lunch I think). You hit it shortly after completing the most difficult climb on the route up Highway 33 from Ojai to Matilija Summit (I think that's what we called it). You still had "Heartbreak Hill" ahead of you, but when you got here, I think you felt the worst was over. I'm impressed with the detail on the patch

Again, I would like to get more patches from other members. So, go up in the attic and dig them out.

Parting Shot: Nothing else tonight. Here is a photo Phil Whitworth sent me last week. He knows I attended Duke University.



Hard to make out maybe, but the plate says "D-U-U-U-KE" which is how a lot of people who have attended Duke would say it. On the other hand, it could just be a fan of John Wayne.

See You On The Road (soon)

Rod Doty, VP