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## Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report

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Hello All:

Sunday's ride was one of our many rides which travel along river trails. That makes me think about rivers and the many many songs about rivers which exist. For tonight's theme, here is one of my favorites. It won both the Academy Award and Grammy for Best Song. Although Andy Williams became well known for this song, this version from the movie has more emotional impact than Andy could ever give it:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zHxN2ZDp4vo>

**Sunday:** The ride on Sunday was "Pico Rivera and River Trails" starting in Pico Rivera. Alas, only four riders were there. So many of our regulars (including me) are on the injured reserve list these days. Hopefully we will get a bunch of them back soon. Anyway, as usual, **Phil Whitworth** was there and took this selfie of the group



That's Phil, **Edwin Dair**, **Russ Brynes** and **Mario Solono**. Russ rode the short route and the other three did the long. Here's a better shot of the 3 long riders taken along the Santa Ana River trail near the Honda center.



A few years ago this area was packed with homeless, but then they were moved out. It appears that they have not returned. I don't have many photos tonight, so here is one of the group at lunch at the Habit.



Looks like they had a nice day.

**This Sunday:** This Sunday we will be doing our annual October ride to Mount Wilson. One of my favorite rides, but I won't be there. Even the short, which doesn't go up Angeles Crest at all, would probably be a bit much for me at this point. The long and the medium do head up Angeles Crest. The long goes all the way to Mount Wilson and a stop at the Cosmic Cafe. I just checked their Facebook page and they should be open. There is a note that at this time of year they close at 4 p.m. but that should not create a problem. (Interestingly, although I never posted to their site, one of my Facebook posts about the cafe is on their site.) The medium route only goes as far as Clear Creek and then returns. But I always encourage people who want to try it to just go as far as they feel comfortable because once you turn around, it is almost all downhill back to the start. One year I only went as far as the fire station about 3 or 4 miles up Angeles Crest.

**Newcomer Short Ride on Sunday:** Although not on the schedule, **Hoy Quan** will be leading a short ride this Sunday from the Los Angeles State Historic Park near downtown, starting at 8:15. This short ride is mostly on the LA river trail and will go to the LA Zoo lot and back. Full information can be found on the Meet Up site here:

[CicLAvia, River/Zoo Trail, Firecracker Test Route + Free Swag - ebike OK, Sun, Oct 15, 2023, 8:15 AM | Meetup](#)

**Meeting:** This Thursday we will be holding a member's meeting at 7:00 p.m. Our host this month is **Gary Murphy**. There are a number of things to discuss this month such as the Bobbi Fisher memorial ride at the end of the month, our schedule for future meetings, a more regular beginners ride program, and probably a few other items. If the Dodgers win tomorrow, then Gary will probably have game 4 on in the background. Gary's home is at 6364 West 85th Place, Westchester (from the San Diego Frwy, off and west on Howard Hughes Pkwy, L on Sepulveda to a R on Manchester, to a R on Kentwood Ave (1st R) and then an immediate right on 85th Place.

**Patch of the Week (button actually)** This is an unusual item sent by **Ken Nishioka**. Instead of a patch, it is a button. According to Ken, this was an event run by **Michael Shermer**. Shermer is an executive director of the Skeptics Society and a founding publisher of Skeptics Magazine, but he also has quite a history in cycling. He was one of the four original riders of the Race Across America (RAAM) and owned a bicycle shop in Arcadia. This particular ride started from his shop and went to Upland and back. Ken thinks John Marino may have also been on the ride. I don't know if the ride was ever repeated.



**Parting Shot:** It's that time of year when people start decorating their homes for Halloween. I always like to see what sort of new and unusual decorations are out there. Here's one I took from a Strava Post by Dale Aaronson for a ride he did last week:



I've never seen this one before. Perhaps it is home-made. If so -- excellent job. I like that the werewolf is leading a skeleton dog.

See You On The Road

Rod Doty, VP