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Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report

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Hello All:

The ride last Sunday involved going over three dams including the Santa Fe Dam. I couldn't find any songs about the Santa Fe Dam (no surprise) but I did find this video which is a drone-view tour of the recreation area behind the dam set to music. I've only seen the park from up on the dam, but it looks much prettier in this video:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ali_22CAMvw

Sunday: The scheduled ride on Sunday was our monthly century and metric century -- the "Triple Dam Century." Technically, we had 4 riders, but through a series of disconnections, the ride was something of a bust. **Phil Whitworth** showed up but didn't see anyone else from the club. He started out on the full century, but lost his motivation after two dams and cut the ride short. That's why it's always more fun to ride with others -- camaraderie helps keep your motivation high. **Jacques Stern** showed up a bit late and started out on the metric century but he ended up cutting that short as well. The other two were two newcomers. They were probably there when Phil was there, but it so happens that several other clubs start rides at the same location and there were a lot of cyclists at the start. Phil wouldn't have recognized them and they wouldn't have recognized Phil. So there was no connection and they left to go do a different ride. Not a good day for the club. So many of our regular riders are out for medical reasons right now (including me) that this is starting to happen a lot. Hopefully we can start getting some of these back soon.

Unfortunately, Phil didn't take any photos (unusual for him) and Jacques only took a selfie along the river trail. So here is my only photo I have from Sunday



This Sunday: This Sunday we are holding a memorial ride and lunch for **Bobbi Fisher**. The lunch will be at Lindberg Park in Culver City starting around noon. You can just show up for the lunch if you wish and it doesn't really matter if you knew Bobbi or not. Besides the lunch, there will be photos of Bobbi's time with the club and a few speakers will talk about her life with us. As for the rides, there are short and medium routes leaving from Lindberg Park at 8:30. Both are easy routes. They each head to the coast and the medium then rides south on the beach bike path and back while the short heads north. **David Nakai** will also be leading a 100K Randonneur route starting at 7 a.m. at a different location in Culver City. This is also a fairly easy route using mostly the bike paths. Full information about these routes can be found on the club web site. I hope to see a lot of you out to honor Bobbi.

IMPORTANT

If you plan to attend the lunch, you should confirm your intention with **Kermit Ganier** no later than this Thursday (October 26th) so that we can order the correct amount of food. Kermit would like you to **text** him at 310 367-0458. Please text -- not e-mail.

Minutes of the Meeting. The minutes of the meeting held last week are attached. We actually had a few things to talk about this time. Happy reading!

Patch of the Week: This week's patches are from **Nancy Domjanovich** and **Will Carey** and are both for "Ride Around the Bear."



This was a ride offered by the Orange County Wheelmen. I checked their web site, and it doesn't appear to be offered any longer which is a little surprising because it was a popular event. It was a century which started in Redlands and rode up to Big Bear, around the lake and on up to Onyx Summit and then a long long downhill back to the start. No question, it was a difficult century, but had some great views. I rode it once, but for some reason I don't have a patch.


Parting Shot: Well, not much to talk about tonight and I don't really have any new photos for this spot. But here is one **David Nakai** took a couple of weeks ago while riding on his own.:



It just shows what I've been saying every year -- people are getting more and more into decorating for Halloween. Since David sent this to me a couple of weeks ago, they also seem to be decorating earlier and earlier.

See You On The Road

Rod Doty, VP

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