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## Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report

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Hello All:

Sunday was Guy Fawkes Day in England and that got me to thinking -- I seem to remember a Beatles song that mentioned Guy Fawkes Day. It took a little while to find it -- it wasn't the Beatles but John Lennon. The song is "Remember" and perhaps the rueful tone of the lyrics is due to the break up of the Beatles not long before he released this song. Anyway, here it is as tonight's theme music. Sorry, but you will have to play it to the end to find the reference to Guy Fawkes Day.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pxXXPRL43Bo>

**Sunday:** Sunday's ride was "Action in Acton" which started out in Santa Clarita and went to Acton (long), Agua Dulce (medium) or around Santa Clarita (short). As near as I can tell, we had 7 riders and they actually split among all three routes. I had reports from most of them. Here is a shot taken by **Kit Gray** from the start location:



That's **Jacques Stern**, **Matt Krantz**, **Russ Brynes** and **Kit**. Matt is a recent new member and he road the short. He sent me a report and said he had a good time despite riding alone. The other three road the medium. Another group which rode the long consisted of **Dale Aaronson**, **Julie Shishino** and **Edwin Dair**. Edwin apparently rode alone. He did send me this selfie, but either it was somehow cropped in transmission, or it was the best he had.



Dale and Julie had started early but later met up with the medium riders at Vasquez Rocks where this group shot was taken.



That's **Russ, Julie, Dale, Kit** and **Jacques**. Not sure who took the photo, but it was sent to me by both Dale and Julie. Although Vasquez Rocks is on the route sheet, we seldom stop there, Here's a shot from Julie





I believe many early westerns were shot there and several scenes from the original Star Trek. A couple of reports mentioned stopping at Shambala to look for the lions, but none were seen. Here's a shot from Julie of the empty cages



All in all it sounds like a good day. It's a shame Matt had to ride alone. When I get back on the bike, I'll probably ride the short routes for a while until I get back in shape, so maybe we can get more short riders out to join us.

**This Sunday:** On Sunday we will be riding "Valley Rally" which starts in Whittier and rides east. The long makes it all the way to the edge of Pomona before returning. On the return it goes over Turnbull Canyon. There are two mediums which don't go so far east. The principal difference between them is that one goes over Turnbull on the way out and the other goes around the hill. They both return together. The short follows the medium (the one that goes around Turnbull) but doesn't go quite as far east as the two mediums. Turnbull is the only major climb of the day and it is only on the long and one of the mediums.

**New Members:** Welcome to our two new members **Gloria Nafel** and **Bob Bacin**. Unfortunately they attempted to ride with us a couple of weeks ago but it was a bust. Only two other riders showed up that day and they didn't connect in the crowd of other riders from other clubs. I hope we can make it up to them at a future ride.

**Patch of the Week:** This week's patch was sent by **Will Carey**:





I'm not familiar with this one. I couldn't find any reference to the Ventura County Bicycle Club on the web. There is no date on the patch, but it looks old. Perhaps it is a defunct club or maybe a progenitor of the Channel Islands Club which is a major club in Ventura County now. If ride patches were collected and traded like baseball cards, this one might actually be worth something.

**Parting Shot:** Once again I don't really have a good photo for this spot this week, so here's my fallback photo -- **Phil Whitworth's** weekly shot of the pun on the sign at the Reel Inn in Malibu:



See You On The Road

Rod Doty, VP