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Hello All:

Last Sunday's ride was "Vallley Rally" which got me to thinking about valley music for our theme tonight and I came up with this. Try to imagine yourself riding across the San Gabriel Valley with this music playing. You should watch the video if for no other reason than to see a young Lee Majors.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pg3HcxYcbog>

Sunday: As mentioned, we were riding "Valley Rally" which started in Whittier and headed for points east. It appears we had seven riders, all of whom are in this photo I got from **Dale Aaronson**.



That's **Phil Whitworth, David Nakai, Julie Shishino, Jacques Stern, Russ Brynes** (standing), **Dale Aaronson** and **Edwin Dair**. (I don't know who took the photo) Jacques and Russ did the medium (with hill) and the rest rode the long route. I had a report from David who noted that Phil had a flat early in the ride and included this photo in his report.



Apparently it was a thorn, which is always a problem this time of year. Phil sent this photo of the long group at lunch. With the matching jerseys it is hard to tell them apart.



The long group ended their day with a trip over Turnbull Canyon where Dale took this shot from the top. Looks like it was a very nice day.



Thursday Triple Dipper Ride: A few months ago a new member, **Tony Guo**, began riding fairly regularly with the Thursday group. Last Thursday, **Andy Pollack** took him for his first trip up to the "domes" on the far side of Palos Verdes and took this photo at the top.



Congratulations Tony.

This Sunday: This Sunday we will be riding our monthly century and metric century -- "Bikeways of Orange County." As the name implies, these routes spend a lot of time riding bike paths in Orange County. The full century rides most of the Aliso Creek trail and a few other lesser known trails. The metric doesn't make it to the Aliso Creek trail, but does ride some other trails. Both routes have a long return run along PCH. Despite riding mostly in Orange County, these routes start in Long Beach, so your drive to the start should not be too long. I checked and both routes pass within about one mile of the recent blimp hangar fire in Tustin. You might be able to see it. By Sunday, I would think most of the air pollution caused by the fire should be dissipated -- particularly if it rains between now and then (which is predicted).

Freeway Closure. As you no doubt have seen on the news, a portion of the I-10 Freeway in downtown LA will be completely closed for about a month. Depending on where you are coming from, this could cause problems getting to our ride starts. Fortunately, we ride on Sunday when traffic should be lower than during the week. I was looking at our schedule and it doesn't look too bad. This week we start in Long Beach, so most riders should not need to ride through downtown. The Thanksgiving ride starts on the Westside and the following Sunday we are out in the Valley. The first week in December we start out east off the 60 Frwy. Normally I would drive through downtown for that, but there are alternatives which shouldn't be much longer. Anyway, I just want you to be aware that you may need to leave a bit earlier and plan an alternative route to the ride starts.

Patch of the Week: I have a new contributor this week. **Dennis Miller** sent me images of a few of his patches. Here is one from the Great Western Bicycle Rally back in 1979..



I attended the Rally about 20 times (including the years I was a co-chair of the event) but I didn't start attending until about 1984, so I've never seen this particular patch before. Sadly, the Great Western Bicycle Rally is no longer held, but it had a good run.

Parting Shot: I had a shot planned for this spot, but then thought better of it. So, here is another of my fall-back photos from **Phil Whitworth**:



BTW, Phil took this today on a 104 mile ride to honor his mother who would have been 104 today. Nice.

See You On The Road

Rod Doty.