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## Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report

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Hello All:

I was going to use another Christmas song for our theme tonight but then I thought "Hey, it's Hanukkah." So here is the only Hanukkah song I know. BTW, I use "Hanukkah" because the internet tells me this is the most common spelling, but I notice the video below uses another spelling.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uC1cv6D4Wb0>

**Sunday:** On Sunday we were riding "Foothill Footsie" which is our century and metric century of the month. There were 4 riders at the early start of the full century. **Phil Whitworth** took this selfie of the group:



That's **Phil, Dale Aaronson, Edwin Dair** and **Mario Solano**. Phil said it was in the high 30's at the start. It is always cold up in La Crescenta early in the morning this time of year. **Jacques Stern** was the only one riding the metric century. He posted this selfie on his Strava Report



**Bill Faulkner** and I rode a 50 mile unofficial version of the ride. I think I will add it as an official option next year so that we offer a century, metric century and a half century. The century group caught up with us before lunch so we were at lunch together. Phil took this shot of Bill and me.



After viewing this photo I decided to get a haircut this week.

The day was pleasant and I passed many decorated homes on the return. Both Phil and I took photos of this one, but Phil's was better.





Neither Phil nor I can figure out what this is supposed to be. I think it's just a cheap homeowner who is repurposing his Halloween decoration for Christmas.

**This Sunday:** Our ride this Sunday is "Bike Trails Galore." All 3 routes are mostly on bike paths. The long makes a large loop on the San Gabriel River trail, the Rio Hondo/LA River Trail, the Long Beach Bike Path and back on the San Gabriel once again. The medium and short are simply shorter version of the long. I would like to ride the medium, but I really had a hard time doing the 50 miles last Sunday, so I may settle for the short. Either way, I plan to be there.

**Parting Shot:** Nothing else to report tonight. Every year I enjoy taking photos of "dead Santas" (deflated inflatable Santa decorations). Here is one I took last Sunday



I like it when the dead Santa is on the roof. I imagine some horrible accident where Santa fell out of his sleigh and the reindeer didn't even notice. Not sure what that is on the lawn.

See You On The Road

Rod Doty, VP