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## Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report

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Hello All:

Last Sunday's ride was mostly on river trails so I thought another "river" song would be appropriate for tonight's theme. Here's one I've always liked which was used for both the opening and closing credits of "Working Girl."

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vwk4bGWghCo>

**Sunday:** The ride on Sunday was "Bicycle Trails Galore" which started in Pico Rivera. We had a total of 8 riders. Four of them had agreed to meet early to give them plenty of time to do the long. **Phil Whitworth** posted this photo of the 4 of them on Strava:



That's **Phil, Edwin Dair, Mario Solano** and **Dale Aaronson**. Interesting thing about this photo is that it is actually a "screen shot" of Phil's phone, so it includes the entire area of the phone screen and the little boxes around the faces. I didn't even know you could do that. Turns out (on my phone at least) you have to press two buttons simultaneously to do it, so I'm not sure how Phil did this accidentally. I thought about cropping out everything but the photo, but then the boxes around the faces would still seem strange.

Later in the ride, Phil also took this photo of all 4 of them:



Nice shot, but it's hard to tell who is who. Dale later took this shot of the other 3 which is probably the clearest photo of the group which I got



I and the three other riders started at the regular time. I took this photo:





That's **Kit Gray**, **Jacques Stern** and **David Nakai**. Jacques, David and I did the medium route. Kit started a little after us and said he would catch us. He rides a motor assisted bike now and I thought there was a good chance he would catch us, but we never saw him again. I suspect he did the short since his car was gone when we finished. River trails all day are not very scenic so the above photo is the only one I took. I've got to remember never to schedule this ride again during the holiday season because I would have liked to take some photos of home decorations. but there just aren't any on these routes. Nonetheless, it was a nice traffic free ride in good weather.

**Other Ride:** On Saturday, **Hoy Quan** held one of his Firecracker training rides attempting to get a group of riders ready for the Firecracker ride early next year. Once again, he had a pretty good group. He took this shot at the start:





**This Week:** We have two rides coming up this week. First up is our regular Sunday ride. It's Christmas Eve and I don't know who will show up, but I felt I might as well go ahead and schedule a regular ride for anyone who does want to ride. The ride is "North Orange County Trek" which starts in Fullerton and heads east. The long makes a loop all the way to the edge of Riverside and back. The medium makes a shorter loop going only as far as Corona. The short stays closer to the start location and simply does a loop of it's own. I currently plan to be there, partly because I'm curious as to who will show up and partly because I'm trying to get back into shape and with the rain this week, I need the ride. However, I plan to only do the short route. That's because I also want to ride the next day too.

Which brings us to our second ride -- Our annual Christmas Day ride on Monday. This ride starts from the "Corner" and makes a large loop taking us downtown to Chinatown for lunch or a break. The streets are unusually quiet on Christmas Day and it's one of the few times it is pleasant to ride along Mulholland Dr and to ride downtown. We take a short trip up to the restored Victorian houses on Carroll St and usually gather for a group photo there. I plan to ride, but I'm not sure I'm up for the initial climb up to Mulholland on Benedict Canyon, so I will be testing out a route through Hollywood to meet up with the rest of the riders on Cahuenga or in Griffith Park. I'll bring a few extra route sheets for anyone else who wants to try this with me.

**Meeting:** This Thursday is our December meeting at 7:00 p.m. Our host this month is first time host **David Williams**. It's an important meeting because we will be nominating officers for the coming year. There are a few other issues to discuss, such as our annual post-holiday party in January. We hope you will be there. David lives at **2834 May Ave., Redondo Beach, 90278. From the San Diego Frwy, get off and go south on Inglewood Ave. Turn right on Manhattan Beach Blvd. to Vail Ave. Go left on Vail and take Vail to a left on May Ave. David's home is the 4th house on the left side of the street.**

**Parting Shot:** I took this photo last Thursday on the Triple Dipper Ride. I thought it was the nightmare scenario for everyone who is waiting for a holiday package to be delivered. The door on the Amazon van flies open and all the packages fall out.



But it turns out the driver was just rearranging the packages to match his delivery route. You would think they would do that when they loaded the truck in the first place, but who am I to question the wisdom of Amazon's business practices.

See You On the Road

Rod Doty, VP