

Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report - January 9, 2024

Hello All:

Tonight's theme music is in oldie -- from 1967 I think -- so you have got to be up there in age to remember it. The reason I picked it will become clear below

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VUv9OK4KUv8>

Sunday: The ride last Sunday was "Amazing Maze" from Tustin. Early in the week I thought it might be rained out, but by the time the weekend rolled around, they had taken the rain out of the forecast, but replaced it with strong winds. I've ridden in wind before, but when I got up Sunday morning, it was really blowing. I looked out at the trees bending back and forth and decided I didn't want to battle that all day. So I didn't go. As far as I know, no one else did either. There were no reports on Strava and no one sent me a ride report. I might mention here that if you show up to a club ride and I'm not there, I would really appreciate ride reports -- just who was there and maybe a photo or two. So, the ride was -- not a wash out -- but a blow out. Maybe I'll re-schedule the ride again sometime in the spring.

With no riders, no photos. I do have a photo from last week's Thursday Triple Dipper ride. It was a very clear day and we could make out Santa Barbara Island from Palos Verdes. **Gary Murphy** took this photo.



The island was clearer to the naked eye. Cameras never seem to cut through the haze as well as the human eye.

This Week: This Sunday we will be riding "Legg Lake" which starts from

Brookside Park near the Rose Bowl. The 3 routes are so similar in distance and amount of climbing, I may be tempted to try the long or at least the medium. All routes make their way down to the Whittier Narrows and Legg Lake. Only the short and medium actually go into the park to ride around the lake. In general, these are fairly easy routes. There is no rain predicted, but again there may be wind. I'll just have to see what it is like Sunday morning. A little wind would be OK, but I don't want to be hearing about uprooted trees when my radio comes on Sunday morning.

More 2023 Riding Stats: Two more members reported their riding totals for 2023:

Bob Wyman: Bob reported 4763 miles and 318,597 feet of elevation gain all in 173 rides. Like our riders last week, Bob has a lot of climbing for the miles ridden. I guess if you live in Palos Verdes, there really is no place to go but up.

Lewis Singer: Lewis reported 7503 miles with 186,294 feet of climbing. His initial goal was less than 7500 miles, but as the year went along he kept upping his goal because he was doing so well. Finally his goal was 7500 which he made.

Your Totals Here: Please send in your totals for publication here. We all like to see what our members have been doing.

Patch of the Week: This is not an event patch like I usually feature. When I took over the Grand Tour back in 1986 or 87, I found a bunch of these patches in the box of Grand Tour supplies which I inherited. I assumed they were given out to sag drivers, but there weren't enough to give out that year and I discontinued their use. They were probably still in the box of patches passed on to my successor. **Bill Faulkner**, who sent me this image, was not only a Grand Tour sag driver, but I think for a few years, he was in charge of organizing the sag drivers. Perhaps he was given the patch for those duties.



Holiday Party: You all should have received an invitation to the club's annual Holiday Party yesterday. In case you missed it, a copy is attached here.

Parting Shot: This is one last photo of holiday decorations which was sent in by **David Nakai**. It appears to be a dinosaur with a Santa hat eating a Christmas Tree. I'm really at a loss as to what to say about that:



See You On the Road

Rod Doty, VP