

Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report - January 23, 2024

Hello All:

Last Saturday was our annual post-holiday party and that made me think of this song for our theme tonight:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3GwjfUFyY6M>

Sunday: Our ride on Sunday was "Bronson Caves." Rain during the night and an iffy forecast for the day made me decide not to go. Besides, the last half mile up to the caves is a dirt road and I wouldn't want to try riding it after a rain. However, I believe the rain held off during the day and it would have been possible to get this ride in without getting wet,. Nonetheless, I don't know of anyone who did show up. The only report I got was from **David Nakai**. At first I thought he had done the ride, but after reading his e-mail again, I don't think so. Reading his e-mails sometimes reminds me of reading James Joyce's "Ulysses" so they take a little interpretation. Anyway, I have no photos and no reports. Maybe I'll re-schedule it for later in the spring.

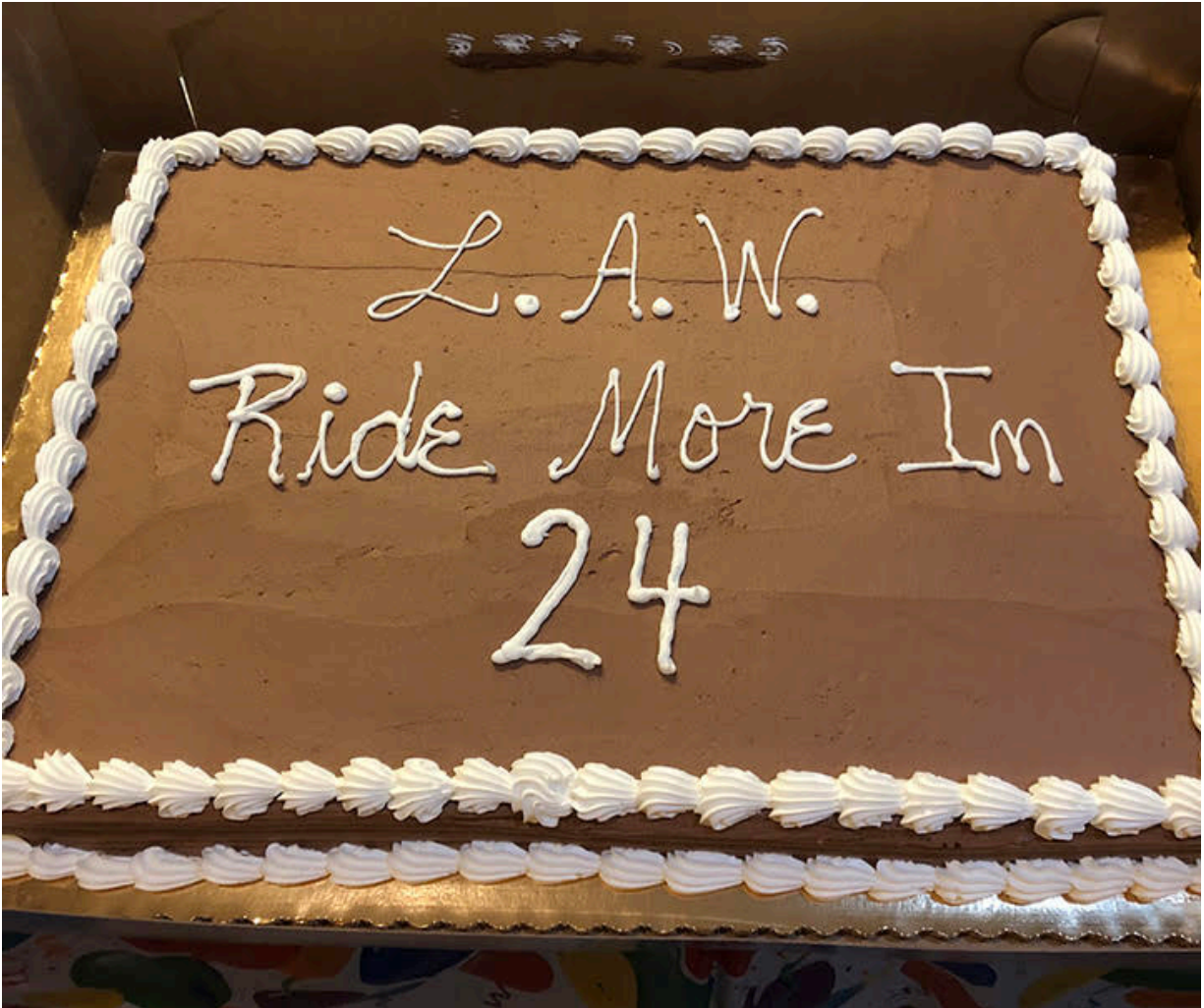
Saturday: Anyway, the big event of the weekend was the party. I think the rain kept a few people who had RSVP'd away, but we still had a nice turn-out -- maybe about 25. The pizzas arrived right on time -- 12 pies with a wide variety of toppings or lack of toppings as the case may be: Here they are:



Leftovers were all taken home by party goers so they must have been a hit. Conversation was lively as we ate. I didn't get too many photos of the assembled crowd, but here is one:



And of course the evening was topped off with cake:

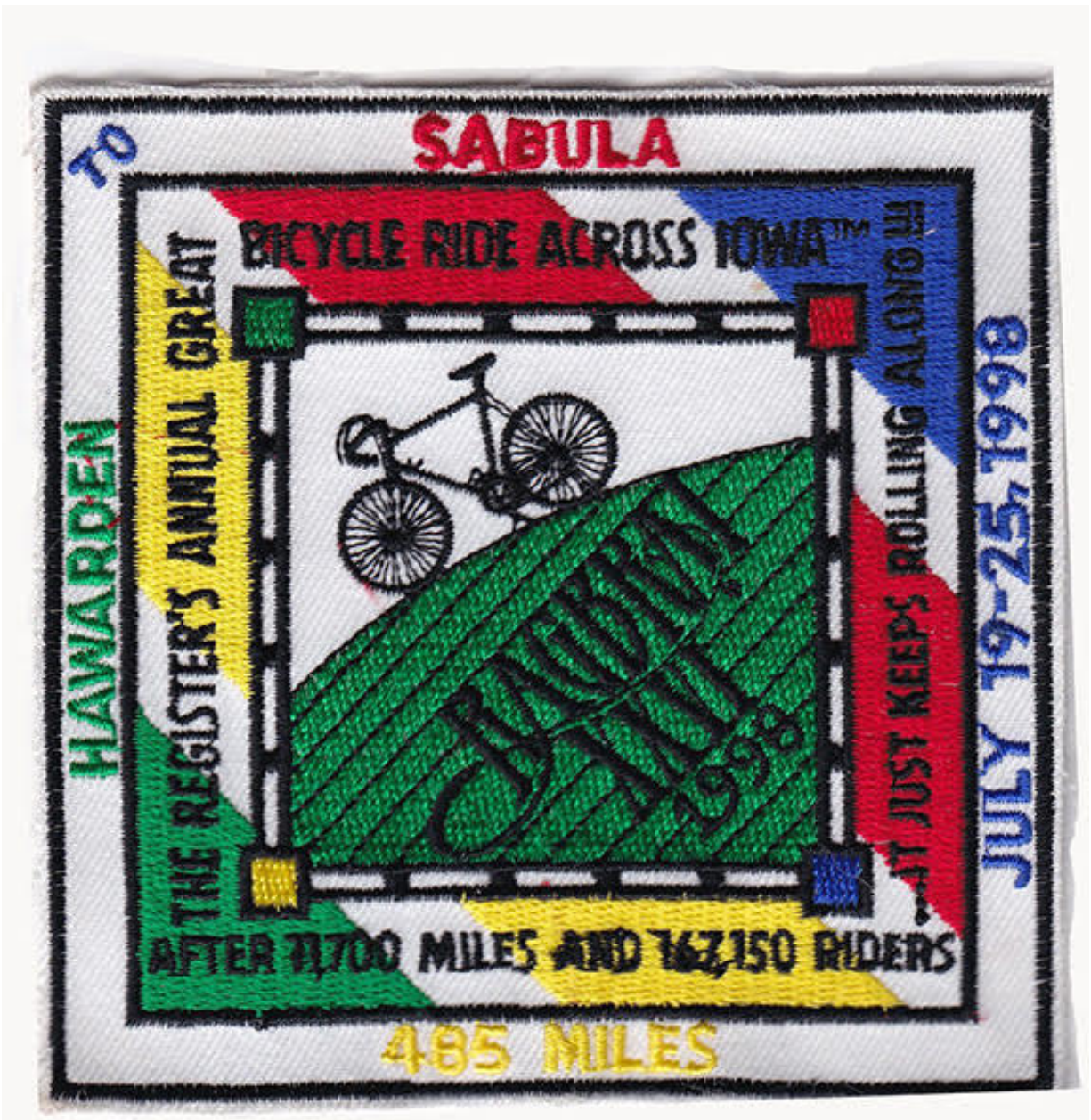


All in all, a good evening. I did little more than provide the venue, so I would like to thank others for organizing the food and decorations: **Nancy Domjanovich**, **Lewis Singer**, **David Williams** and **Dennis Kokas**. I believe **Mario Solano** also brought a cheese cake.

This Weekend: This Saturday and Sunday we are riding our traditional "Janus Sequential Centuries." These are a full century and metric century on Saturday and then the same two centuries on Sunday but ridden in the opposite direction. The challenge used to be to ride a century two days in a row, but these days most people ride either one day or the other. In fact, some people ride Sunday's route on Saturday or vice versa. All routes ride loops in Ventura County. The full centuries are somewhat hilly but the metric centuries less so. Both Saturday's routes climb Potrero -- a very steep hill -- but this year I put a work-around on the route sheet to avoid this hill. It adds a few miles and doesn't eliminate the elevation gain -- it just spreads it out over more miles. The weather promises to be pretty good this weekend so I plan to ride the metric century on Sunday. It's

really not that difficult so I hope to see some of you there.

Patch of the Week: I recently got this one from **Nancy Domjanovich**. It is for RAGBRAI (Register's Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa) This is probably the most famous multi-day tour in the United States and it spawned a number of other cross-state tours. I notice that this patch is for the 26th running of the event, but it is still going strong -- this year will be it's 51st year. I know many of our members have been able to ride this one. It has been described as an 8-day moving party.



2023 Riding Stats: Renee Sands didn't send her stats for 2023, but she

reminded me that she has ridden a century ride (90 - 100 miles) every month for 17 years now.

Parting Shot: No other photos this week, so once again here is the weekly photo from Phil Whitworth of the sign at the Reel Inn in Malibu:



"Le Prawn James" This is not the first basketball related pun I've seen -- someone at the Reel Inn must be into the Lakers.

See You On The Road

Rod Doty, VP

Attachments area

Preview YouTube video Kool & The Gang - Celebration

