

Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report - January 30, 2024

Hello All

One of the reasons I didn't ride last weekend was the predicted high winds in Ventura County where the scheduled ride took place. That made me think of this song: (No offense to Bob Dylan, but other people always seem to do a nicer job of his songs)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ld6fAO4idal>

Last Weekend: Last Saturday and Sunday was our annual running of the Janus Sequential Centuries. As far as I know, the only riders were **Phil Whitworth** and **Mario Solano** who rode on Saturday, but I believe they rode the Sunday century. I think it's possible Phil wanted to be home on Sunday to watch Taylor Swift on TV. In a couple of weeks he'll be able to see her again at the Super Bowl. Here's a photo Phil took at the start:



Phil remarked that it was only a few years ago that he rode the centuries both days, but it seems no one does that any longer. He did mention the winds which kept me away. Despite the winds, it looks like they had a good ride. Here is a

photo of them at lunch in Ojai and again at the top of Dennison Grade -- the highest point on the ride.





I'm thinking that next year I'll abandon the two day ride concept and simply run one of the centuries as a single day century of the month. It's a nice route, but no one is up for riding both days any longer.

Other Ride: On Saturday, **Hoy Quan** led another of his Meet-Up rides which offered 20 and 50 mile options. He said there were in excess of 36 riders and most opted for the 50 mile option. He is getting a good turn-out for these rides and many are willing to do rides in the 50 mile range which means they could do our regular club rides. The trick, Hoy says, is getting them to cross over to club rides. Here's a photo of most of the group at the start:



This Week: Our scheduled ride this week is "Flintridge Express" which starts from Monterey Park. The 3 routes offer a good range of cycling. The long is a fairly hilly ride over to La Canada Flintridge and back. The medium is a less hilly ride, the highlight of which is a ride down Chevy Chase. The short is a fairly easy ride around the area. Something for everybody. Unfortunately, right now the weather does not look promising, but then, they never seem to know for sure this many days away. I'll be there if the weather is good, but will probably only do the short.

Patch of the Week: I've dipped into my own collection for this one. It is a patch for completing the California Triple Crown (riding at least 3 double centuries on one year). This one was given out for 1993 which was only the 4th year the Triple Crown was offered and there were only 6 qualifying doubles that year. I don't think they give out patches any longer, but this was a nice one. Lots of color and a lot of detail. The 3 areas of the patch were meant to represent the 3 types of terrain covered by the various qualifying doubles -- the coast, the desert and the mountains.



Parting Shot: Nothing else to discuss tonight and I don't really have a photo for this spot but here is one anyway. Last year Phil Whitworth rode up Latigo 47 times and he is continuing to do so this year. You would think by now he would have taken every photo he possibly could on this climb, but every week he manages to post new ones. Here's one he took this week of the vista from the top -- a view that probably never gets old.



He cleverly used the pole to block out the sun which otherwise would have ruined the photo

See You On The Road

Rod Doty, VP

Attachments area

Preview YouTube video Peter, Paul and Mary - Blowing in the Wind



Great! Nice bike! Glad to hear you made it!