

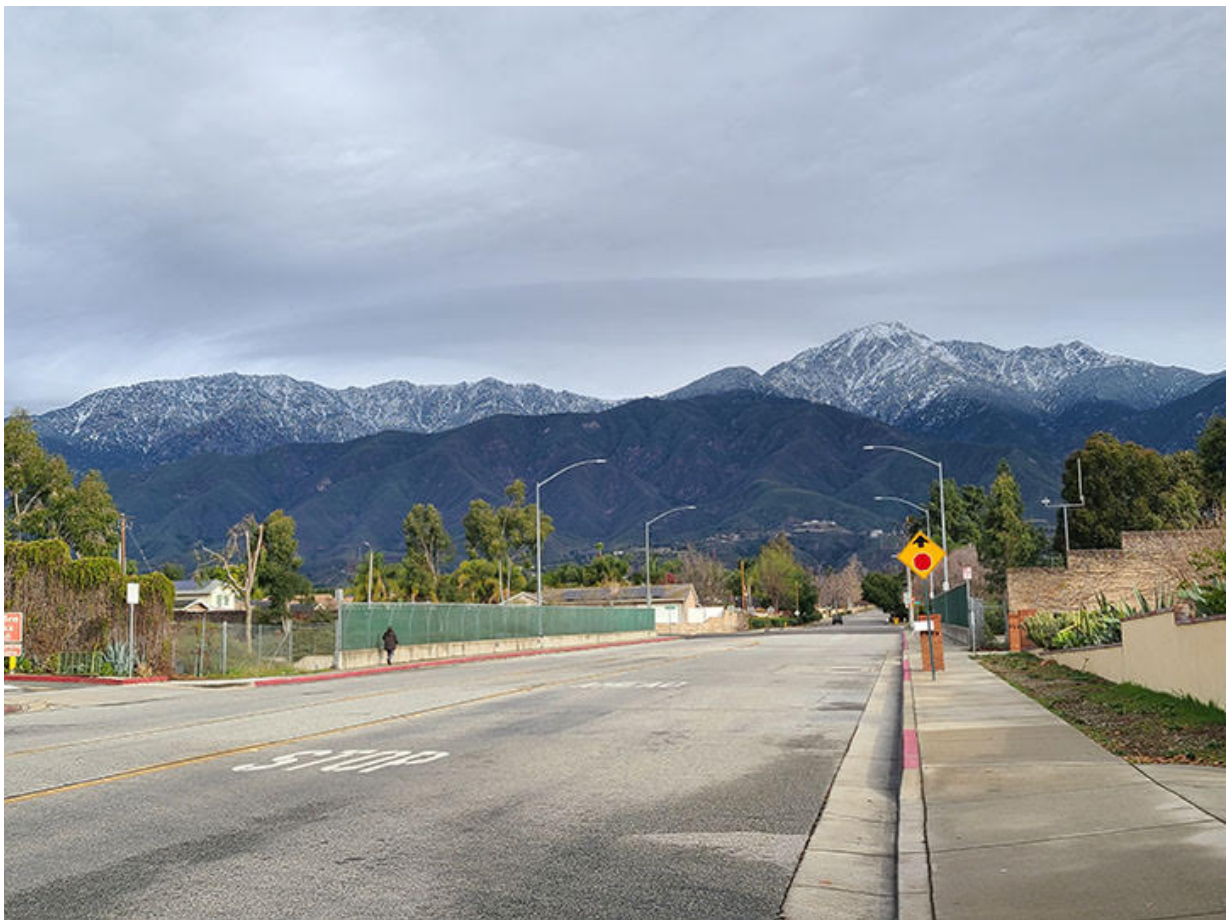
Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report - February 6, 2024

Hello All:

I used a Peter, Paul and Mary song last week, so maybe that is what made me remember this song that seems fitting for this week's theme music:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rqyt1B2TEUA>

Sunday: The predictions for rain were so definite that I never even considered going to Sunday's ride which was "Flintridge Express." I didn't hear from anyone else who went either, so I'm guessing no one showed up. I'll probably reschedule the ride for later in the spring. Despite that, intrepid rider **David Nakai** did ride on Sunday. He figured the rain wouldn't hit out east of LA until later in the day and that he could get a ride in out that way. Turns out he was right. He sent these photos of snow on the mountains and an appropriately named street.





Although he finished his ride without getting rained on, David did say he was in rain on the way home.

It's definitely been a wet week. I took this photo of Ballona Creek last Thursday morning. Not the highest I've ever seen it, but this was after Thursday's storm. It probably got higher during the weekend rains, but I never ventured out to take a look.

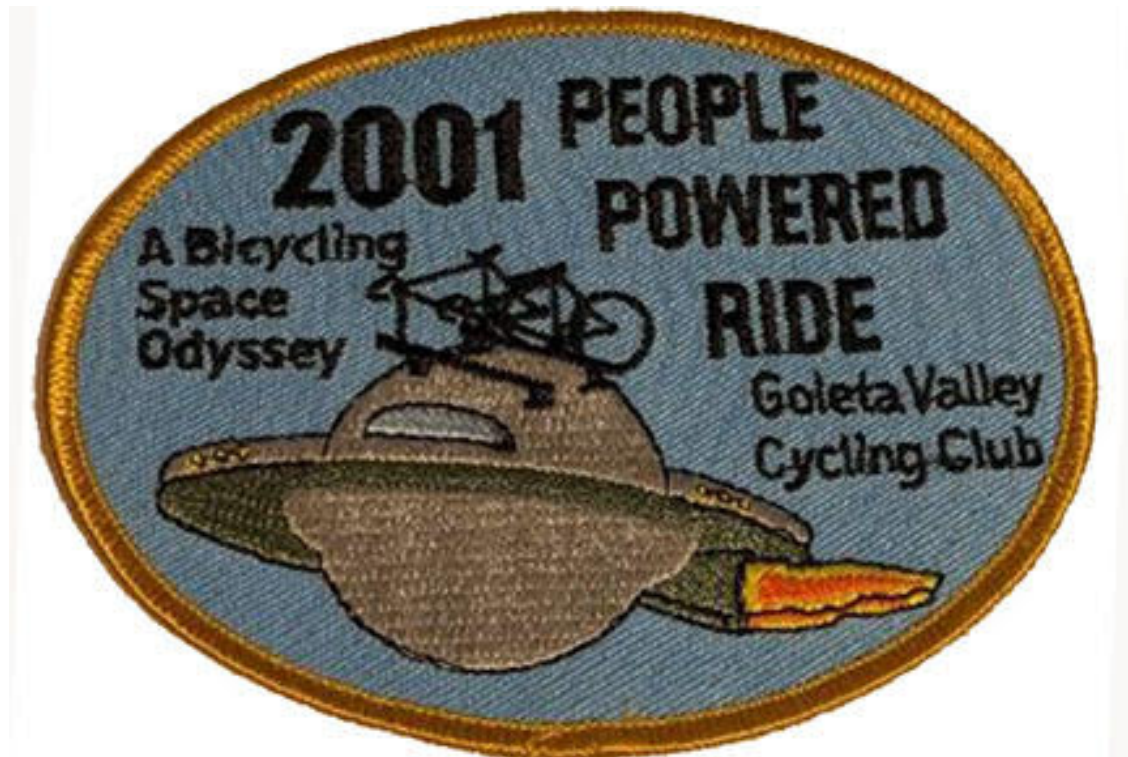


This Weekend: The rain is supposed to end later this week and Sunday should be a really nice day. Our scheduled ride is "Exploring the Environs" which starts from the "Corner." Although they use different routes, both the long and medium head out to the valley, head west for lunch and then return by going over Topanga to the coast and back to the start through Santa Monica. The short stays in West LA but does make a trip up Franklin Canyon to the nature center and then back down. The long route is noted for a death defying plunge down Encino Hills Dr., but I guess I would rather go down it than up. The recent rains may have closed some streets -- I believe I heard that Topanga was closed -- but I have confidence that by Sunday these closures will have been resolved. So come out for the first nice Sunday of the month. I plan to be there, but I'm not

sure what route I will attempt.

Passing: We are saddened to hear of the passing of former Wheelman **Allen Kizuka** this past January 29th. Although he was a past member of the club, I knew him best for the many many years he and Chris Hawley ran the time trial event at the Great Western Bicycle Rally. In recent years I believe he rode mostly with the Velo Allegro club in Long Beach. He was on a club ride when friends reported he fell off his bike and collapsed. He died in the hospital the next day. He will be missed.

Patch of the Week: This one was sent in by **Jackie Burneson** and is for the People Powered Ride sponsored by the Goleta Valley Cycle Club. I have other patches from the same event in other years, but this one caught my eye. It was for the year 2001 so they used a "Space Odyssey" theme. I particularly like the flying saucer with the bike strapped on top. Although the Goleta club still exists, I don't see any reference to this ride on their web site, so it would seem they no longer offer it.



Parting Shot: **Phil Whitworth** posted this photo on Strava from a ride he did last week. Although it was taken down in San Pedro, it reminded me of the sculpture out at Tippi Hedron's Shambala which is a re-creation of a scene from her movie "The Birds."



See You On The Road

Rod Doty, VP

Attachments area

Preview YouTube video It's Raining

Peter, Paul and Mommy

