

## Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report - February 13, 2024

Hello All and Happy Valentine's Day:

Last Sunday was Super Bowl Sunday and in honor of the winners, the theme music tonight is their fight song, even though I consider it to be not politically correct. So if you are offended -- take it up with Kansas City.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=en9NPQ3tU7g>

**Sunday:** The ride was "Exploring the Environs." I had intended to ride, but somehow found myself still in bed about the time the ride was to start. I have no excuse. However, 4 riders did show up. One of them was **Julie Shishino** who took this photo of the other three:



That's **Matt Krantz**, **Dale Aaronson** and **Phil Whitworth**. Matt had wanted to ride the short, but no one else was doing that route, so he went off and did his own ride. Based on their Strava posts, it would appear the other 3 did the long (more or less) with maybe a few variations. I was a little surprised Phil showed

up since he is a Kansas City Chiefs fan and I would have thought he would not want to miss any of the pre-game. But I'm sure he made it home for the game. This photo from Julie was taken at the top of Encino Hills Dr, one of the highest points on the route. They were just about to start what I've always considered a very scary downhill.



You can see what nice day it was. Here's another shot from Julie (although I think Dale posted the same photo) showing the snow on the mountains to the north of the San Fernando Valley





Makes me wish I had gotten out of bed.

**This Week:** I'm even more sorry I didn't ride last Sunday because the forecast for this Sunday is not good. In the event the forecast is wrong, we will be riding the "Oak Ridge Rides" which will include our century and metric century of the month. Actually there are four routes -- a quarter century route, a half century route, a metric century route and a full century route. All routes start in the Valley and head west and return. The quarter century only makes it to Simi Valley and then returns. The half century makes it to Moorpark and the the metric makes it to Camarillo. The full century makes it all the way to Oxnard before returning. So, you just pick your length and go. If you want to see the Alpacas however, you have to do the long. Even if the weather is good, I won't be up for doing the long, so I guess the Alpacas will have to wait until next time.

**Monthly Meeting:** Our February meeting will be this Thursday (the 15th) at 7:00 p.m. Our host this month is **Lewis Singer**. There is a lot to discuss this month so I hope many of you will show up. We will be discussing the Awards Lunch which is coming up -- Up in the air are such things as the date, the venue, the menu and the Master of Ceremonies -- basically everything. Since **Ira Kuchek** has

indicated this will be his last year as Treasurer, we may begin discussing his possible replacement. I'm sure there are other items to be discussed. Lewis lives at **10904 Braddock Dr in Culver City**. This is approximately half way between Overland and Sepulveda and near the Culver City High School.

**Medical Report:** I just heard yesterday that **Mke Wapner** suffered a heart attack while on a ride this week. A riding companion was able to perform CPR and get him to a hospital where he will be undergoing bypass surgery. Join me in hoping for his rapid and complete recovery.

**Patches of the Week:** Although last week's patch was from the "People Powered Ride" and I have never repeated an event before, just this week, **David Nakai** sent me several patches including these two from the "People Powered Ride" and I was taken by their original designs. Clearly someone at the Goleta Valley Cyclists has a knack for coming up with unique themes and designs for each year's event.



People Powered Ride

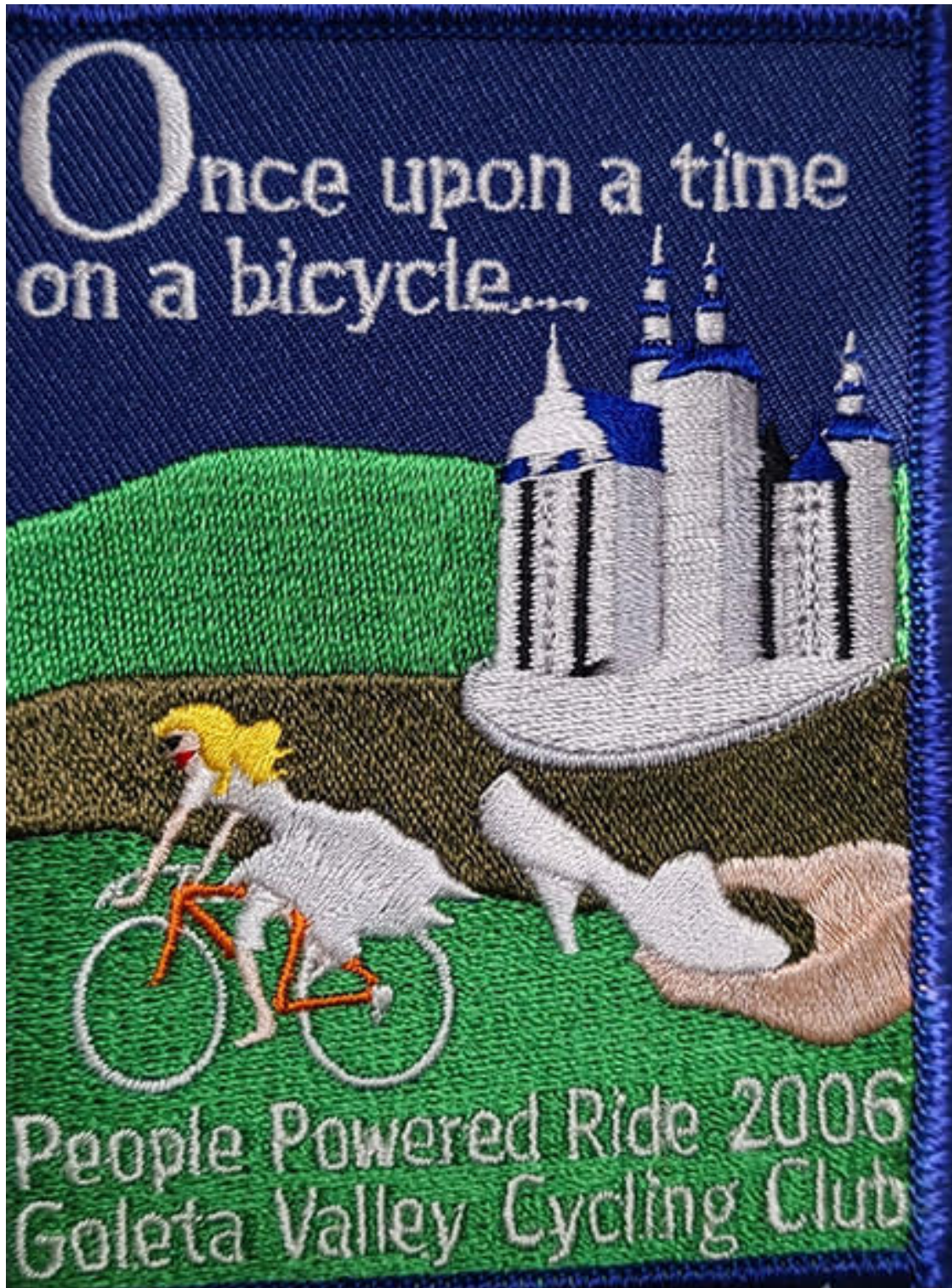
50th Anniversary  
Sweet 16

100 MILES IS GOING  
ALL THE WAY!



1995  
Century  
Challenge





**Parting Shot:** This was taken by **Phil Whitworth** on last Sunday's ride on Topanga Canyon Rd near the intersection with Old Topanga.





I guess the local residents are getting a little tired of commuters whizzing through their community.

See You On The Road

Rod Doty, VP

Attachments area

Preview YouTube video Kansas City Chiefs Fight Song

