

## Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report - February 20, 2024

Hello All and Happy President's Day

Last Sunday's ride was the "Oak Ridge Rides." The last time we ran this one I used an Oak Ridge Boys song for the theme music in this report. The Oak Ridge Boys have a lot of songs, so here is one which I think is better known than the one I used last time.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nGKatCAQed0>

**Sunday:** As mentioned, the ride was the "Oak Ridge Rides." Although early in the week it didn't look like the weather would cooperate, by Saturday night it looked like we might get a break on Sunday. I thought about going, but I would only have done the short route and even that involved going over Santa Susana Pass and coming back. I've done so little climbing lately, I wasn't sure I wanted to tackle that. Plus, I wasn't absolutely sure the rain would hold off. It turns out no one rode Sunday (that I know of), but two dedicated riders did go out on Saturday and rode the full century. Here is a selfie of the two:



Of course it's **Mario Solano** and **Phil Whitworth**. Phil said the weather was iffy at the start but that it actually cleared off and was a fairly nice day by the end of the ride. Here is a second shot of them having lunch at Wendy's -- a chain we rarely go to.



And of course the highlight of the long route (at least I always like it) is the alpaca ranch (Is ranch the right word?).



Alpacas are such weird looking animals, but cute. You can see by the above photo that the day did turn nice in the afternoon. Hopefully, by the next time we run this ride, I'll be in shape to do the long and see the alpacas myself.

**Other Ride:** Hoy Quan ran another of his training rides for the Firecracker ride (coming up this weekend I believe). He once again offered a 20 mile and 50 mile route with most of the 18 riders doing the 50 miler. Here is a photo of the group at the start:



**This Sunday:** This Sunday we will be riding "Straight Cow Mountain." The main feature of these routes is Turnbull Canyon -- riding it from east to west. Actually only the long and medium do Turnbull while the short does an easier route taking them to the Whittier Narrows. Weather is once again up in the air, but let's assume we will be riding. I would like to do the medium but wonder if I'm up for Turnbull. But it is the only significant climb on the route and if I take my time, I should be able to do it. A little company could help, so why not join me.

**Allen Kizuka Memorial Service:** For those interested, the memorial service for **Allen Kizuka** will be held Friday, March 1st at 10:00 a.m. with the burial following at noon. The service will be held at the Kubota Mortuary at 911 Venice Blvd, Los Angeles (near the intersection of the 10 and 110 fwys downtown)

**Minutes of the Meeting:** The minutes of the meeting held last week on February 15th, are attached. Although the minutes indicate that we settled on April 14th for the date of the Awards Lunch, it turns out the venue wasn't available on that date and it is now scheduled for April 7th.

**Patch of the Week:** Tonight's patch came from **Will Carey**. I'm not familiar with this ride. The Palos Verdes Hostel Club still exists, but it is now called the Palos Verdes Bicycle Club. However their web site does not mention this ride, so perhaps they no longer run it. I like the design with the telescope on top, but at first I was perplexed as to what they meant by "one mile climb." Then I realized they probably meant one vertical mile, which is just about right if you start down in Pasadena.



**Parting Shot:** Tonight's shot was taken by Phil on last Saturday's ride and shows **Mario Solano** wondering if he has some rich relatives he doesn't know about:



See You On The Road

Rod Doty, VP

Preview YouTube video The Oak Ridge Boys -- Elvira

