

Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report - February 27, 2024

Hello All:

Sunday's ride was "Straight Cow Mountain" and **Phil Whitworth** noticed that I was wearing my cow socks even though you can barely see them:



Actually, that was just a coincidence, but it got me to thinking about cows and I came up with this song for tonight's theme. It's cute -- you should play the whole thing

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z1f9b7sX_XY

Sunday: As mentioned, we were riding "Straight Cow Mountain" which started in

Alhambra and headed for Turnbull Canyon and Whittier. There were 6 of at the start and **Phil Whitworth** took this shot:



That's **Jacques Stern, David Nakai, Dale Aaronson, me, and Mario Solano**. Everyone decided to do the long route but me. I was worried enough about climbing over Turnbull and didn't want to add any more miles, so I did the medium. Turnbull actually went fine for me -- I think partly because I was riding alone and could ride a comfortable 3.5 mph up the hill without worrying that I was holding up the group. The long and medium come together for lunch and at that point the long riders would have done about 9 miles extra plus going over the Grand Ave. hill. I figured they would show up within an hour of my getting to lunch. I waited a little more than an hour and then finished the ride by myself. Turns out, most of the long riders had decided to add to the route with a trip over to Puddingstone and Cal Poly Pomona, so that's why they hadn't shown up. Here is David Nakai at his alma mater



It was a nice day for riding. Still plenty of snow on the mountains as shown in the photo from **Dale Aaronson**



Other Ride: Saturday was the Firecracker Ride for which **Hoy Quan** assisted in putting together the 50 mile route. He sent me this photo from the start of the ride. Hoy said there were more than 1000 registered riders and a few hundred "bandit" riders.



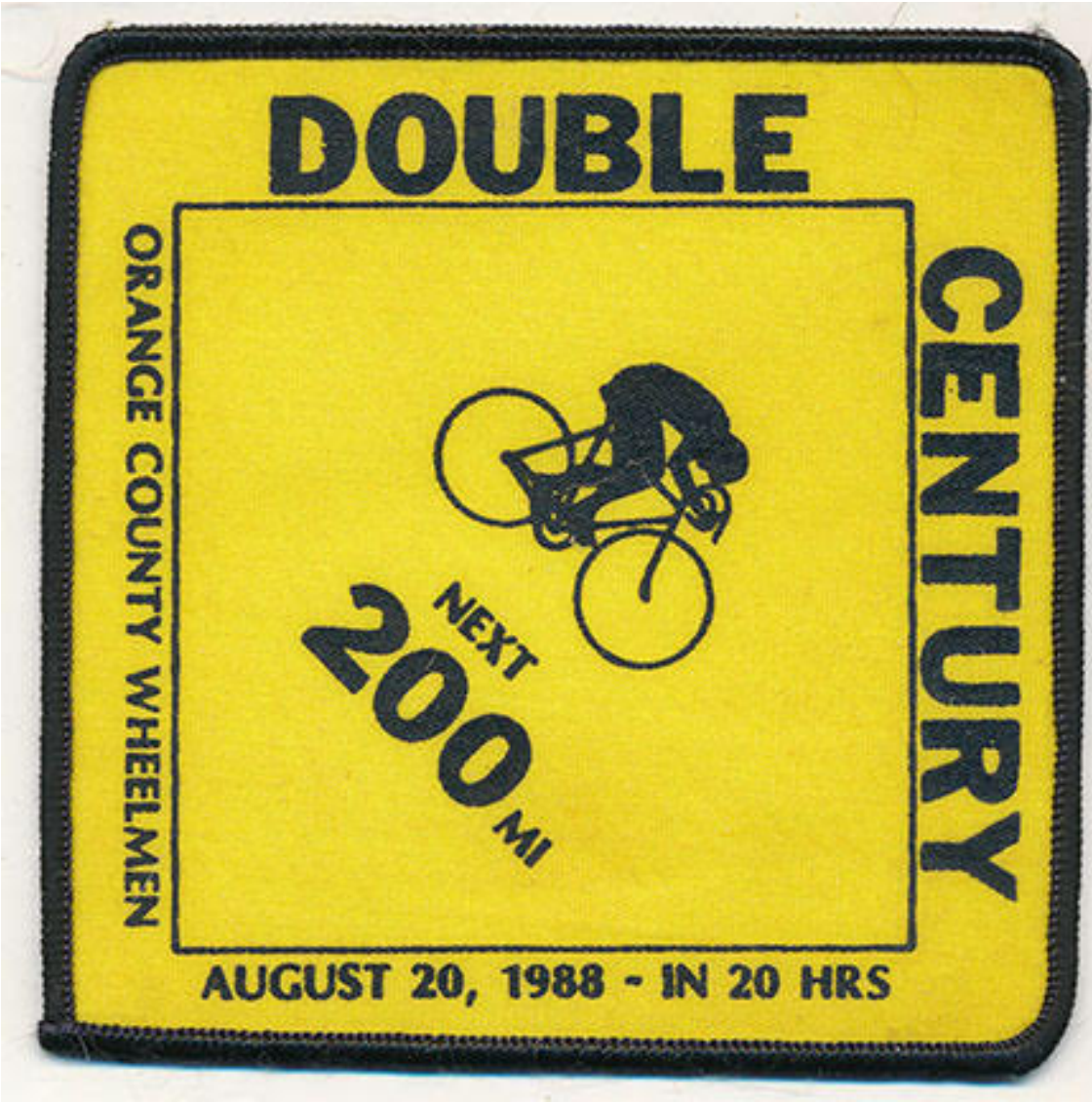
This Sunday: On Sunday we will be riding "The Amazing Maze" which was

scheduled back in January, but got rained out. There's a chance of rain again this Sunday, but I'm optimistic. The routes start from Tustin and all go to lunch near Yorba Linda and then ride the "maze" in Villa Park. The long takes a more hilly roundabout route to lunch while the medium and short mostly ride the Santa Ana River to lunch. After lunch and the maze, the long takes a hillier return while the medium and short take an easier route. I plan on doing the medium. I sure hope it doesn't rain because I don't want to schedule this one a third time.

Allen Kizuka Memorial Service Reminder: As a reminder, the memorial service for **Allen Kizuka** will be held this 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)

IMPORTANT: Something I forgot to mention last week -- if you plan to attend, please RSVP to Scott (Allen's son) at 626-348-6584

Patch of the Week: This week's patch is from my collection. I have been featuring many beautiful patches, but I thought I would show you what I consider to be one of the worst patches I've ever seen. It is for the Orange County Wheelmen Double Century from 1988



First, it is not embroidered -- it's just printed (silk screened maybe.) Probably a lot cheaper, but not very attractive. Second, it is only in one color and that is black. Third, there is almost no design. I can't imagine they put more than a few minutes into designing this one. The only good thing about it is that it makes you appreciate the work and artistry that went into many of the other patches I have featured (including the Ride Around the Bear patches which were produced by the Orange County Wheelmen as well).

Parting Shot: Here's a photo **Phil Whitworth** took today on his weekly ride out to Malibu. It seems there are a number of signs popping up along PCH urging drivers to slow down.



I applaud the sentiment but I'm bothered by the lack of a rhyme in the third line. Couldn't it have been "Love the Drive and Stay Alive."

See You On The Road

Rod Doty, VP

Attachments area

Preview YouTube video Sandra Boynton's COWS (Moosic Video) The Seldom Herd

COWS!

