

## Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report - March 19, 2024

Hello All:

Last Saturday a few of us rode round and round the same course, so I was thinking of circle songs for our theme tonight. Here's one I thought of that was used rather nicely in the movie "The Thomas Crown Affair" (the original with a very fetching Faye Dunaway -- NOT the remake). In case you never saw it or don't remember, here is a clip from the movie that contains the song. Sorry - Faye isn't in the clip.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Osl6EJGwFyM>

**Saturday:** On Saturday we were riding the biennial Rose Bowl Century where riders attempt to ride a century by completing as many laps around the Rose Bowl as necessary. One lap is 3.1 miles so it takes about 33 laps. There were five of us out on the course, but for once, I have no photos of the riders. Besides myself, there were **Phil Whitworth, Mario Solano, Edwin Dair** and **Jacques Stern**. I did take a photo of Phil's and my cars with the Rose Bowl in the background to show we were there.



I only planned on riding a metric century which took 21 laps and I finished in the early afternoon. Jacques told me he was planning on riding less than 100 miles as well, but I don't know how far he went. I believe the other three did a full century. I know Phil did because he posted the ride on Strava. I didn't see much of the other two except as they lapped me numerous times. Shortly before I finished, Mario passed me and said he was already over 80 miles so he was definitely on track to get in a century. Before I finished, the wind started to pick up a little, but it must have gotten a lot worse after I left. Here is a photo Phil took of some barricades which were blown over.



For those who think this is a boring ride, here is a photo of some tents being set up for some event later that evening. We were able to watch the tents go up bit by bit with every lap we rode.



Finally, here is a link to Phil's ride on "Relive" It's sort of fun to watch. Note the saw-tooth profile at the top

<https://www.relive.cc/view/vmqX3ZVn8o6>

**Sunday:** Sunday's ride was the re-running of "The Amazing Maze" which got rained out twice earlier this year. The weather was great this time and here's a photo of all the cars which showed up:





I was pretty tired from the Rose Bowl ride the day before, so when no one else showed up, I just got back in my car and went home. Three strikes and you are out -- we won't be running this one again until probably the fall of 2025.

**Other Rides:** Last Thursday, **Steve Suchard** celebrated his 80th birthday by riding 80 miles (actually a few more than that) along with **Andy Pollack**. Congratulations Steve! Here's a photo of the birthday boy on the ride (photo by Andy)



On Sunday **Hoy Quan** and **David Nakai** joined the annual bandit ride which



rides much of the LA Marathon Course ahead of the runners. The Marathon starts early so these riders have to start in the dark. Here is a photo of the start from Hoy



**This Week:** On Sunday we will be riding "Looking for Leona" which is our monthly century and metric century for March. This year I have added a 50 mile course for those who don't want to do a century. The full century gets its extra miles by starting in the Valley and first riding out to Santa Clarita where the other two routes start, and also riding back to the Valley at the end of the ride. From Santa Clarita, all three routes ride up San Francisquito Canyon. The two centuries ride all the way to the end and then over to Leona Valley for lunch. They then ride Bouquet Canyon back down to Santa Clarita. The half century stops before the top of San Francisquito at Green Valley for lunch and then rides Spunky Canyon over to Bouquet Canyon to rejoin the other routes. The big climb of the day is of course San Francisquito which totals about 2000 feet of climbing. I hope to do the half century, but that climb is more than I have done in a long time, so I suppose I might turn around and coast back down before reaching the top. I could use some company to keep my spirits up.

**Awards Lunch and Ride:** Just a reminder that the annual Awards Lunch will be on Sunday, April 7th. Since I don't believe everyone reads these e-mails, I plan to send out a separate invitation tomorrow night complete with a map (since the new location is sort of hard to find). Look for the invitation tomorrow.

**Patch of the Week:** Tonight's patch came from **Will Carey** although I suspect

several other members have one. Formerly, in March of each year, our club ran the "Fargo Street Hill Climb" in which riders attempted to ride up one of the steepest hills in Los Angeles or to see how many times they could climb it in one day. Anyone making it to the top got this patch. It was the same patch every year, so there is no date on it. We haven't run this event in several years now and I have my doubts we ever will again.



**Parting Shot:** I don't really have anything for this spot this week, so here is another of the weekly photos of the pun on the Reel Inn sign taken by **Phil Whitworth**.





It's the In-n-Out logo but it's "Fin-n-Out" Cute.

See You On The Road

Rod Doty, VP



Attachments area

Preview YouTube video Glider flying 'Windmills Of Your Mind' film 'The Thomas Crown Affair' 1968

