

## Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report - April 2, 2024

Hello All:

Sunday was Easter, but I have already used "Easter Parade" and "Here Come Peter Cotton Tail" as theme music here. There are other Easter songs, but they are religious and not appropriate here. But here is a bunny song that almost fits. The video is from 1953 which means it's over 70 years old. When this video was made, I doubt the people ever imagined that 70 years later it would be available for viewing by the entire world at any time on something called YouTube. BTW -- I wasn't aware this song even had lyrics, but there are some.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EmC1KyxhEJU>

**Sunday:** The scheduled ride was "Funny Bunny" -- our traditional Easter Ride. The weather was threatening and I had no reports that anyone showed up. So I guess the ride was a bust. When will the rain end?

**This Sunday:** This Sunday's ride is the Pre-ride before our annual Awards Lunch. There is only one route which is a relatively easy 31 mile loop taking you through Downtown and back. There is an optional climb up to the Baldwin Hills Overlook which is somewhat difficult, but, as I say, it's optional. Highlights of the ride include riding through USC and riding past Crypto.com Arena and other downtown buildings. You may get a look at those incomplete buildings that were recently in the news when they became covered in graffiti. The ride starts from the location of our lunch at Culver West Alexander Park (directions below). The ride will get you back to the park in plenty of time for the lunch, which starts around noon. I will probably not ride myself because I will be helping to set up for the lunch.

**Awards Lunch:** One last time -- whether you do the above ride or not, everyone is invited to our annual Awards Lunch this Sunday at noon. This year's lunch and pre-ride will be at CULVER WEST ALEXANDER PARK (a change from previous years) located at 4162 Wade Ave., Culver City, 90066. The park is at the end of Wade Ave. which is a dead end street which can only be accessed from Washington Blvd. Take Washington Blvd west from the 405 to a few blocks past Centinela Ave. Turn left on Wade Ave to end. **NOTE:** there is limited parking at the park and on Wade Ave. You can also park on Moore St on the west side of the park or on McConnell Blvd on the east side of the park (and access the park through the walkway. **We recommend parking on Moore St. IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND, PLEASE RSVP TO ME ([roddoty@roadrunner.com](mailto:roddoty@roadrunner.com)) BEFORE TOMORROW**

## (WEDNESDAY) EVENING.

**Health Reports:** I have a couple of minor health reports. **Kit Gray** has been off the bike for a couple of weeks with a sprained knee. He won't be at the lunch this Sunday -- not because of the knee, but because he will be in Waco, Texas to view the eclipse on Monday. Take photos Kit! **Phil Whitworth** will be off the bike for a while as he deals with some sort of groin problem. We hope to see both these riders back on the bike soon.

**Patches of the Week:** I have no other photos this week, so here are 6 Easter Patches from the past. The first is from **Dennis Miller** and the rest are from my collection. Some are the old League of American Wheelman patches which they made available to all affiliated clubs. The rest were apparently made by our club after the League discontinued their patch program.











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I couldn't find my favorite. It showed a chick hatching from an egg with the top of the eggshell still on it's head, but the shell was actually that old original white hard-shell helmet from Bell (remember those?) I thought it was a cute idea.

**Parting Shot:** I got nothing. Hopefully the rain will end and I'll start getting photos again. I hope to be back on the bike this Thursday, so I can start taking some myself. See you Sunday at the Awards Lunch.

Rod Doty, VP

Attachments area

Preview YouTube video The Bunny Hop from The Ray Anthony Show (1953)

