

Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report - May 7, 2024

Hello All:

We rode up Turnbull Canyon on Sunday and I was thinking it's aptly named because there are so many twists and turns on the way up. That got me to thinking about turns and more turns and that got me to tonight's theme song:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xVOJla2vYx8>

Sunday: Sunday's ride was "Turnbull Revisited" starting from Pico Park and, not surprisingly, the main feature of the day was the climb over Turnbull Canyon. There were 5 of us at the start and **Dale Aaronson** took this shot of the group.



That's me, **Edwin Dair**, **Mario Solano** and **Jacques Stern**. Dale, Edwin and Mario took off to do the long route, while Jacques and I did the medium. It was a nice day although partly cloudy. Edwin took this photo of the long group as they started up Turnbull



Unfortunately, later in the ride, during a decent on Grand Ave., Edwin caught a crack in the road and went over the handlebars. Although initially he was up and walking, he then briefly fell unconscious. The good news is that he was checked out at the hospital and there was no concussion and no broken bones. He says he'll probably stay off the bike for a short time but I am relieved it was no worse. As a result of the accident, I believe Dale was the only one who completed the long route which took him up Hwy 39 to the East Fork. I had told anyone who went up there to take a photo of the reservoirs because I was curious as to how much our spring rains had filled them up. Dale sent this photo:



I'm not sure whether this is the Morris Reservoir or the San Gabriel (probably the San Gabriel) but you can see it is quite full. No white ring around the edges. Here's a shot of the San Gabriel Reservoir taken in 2022 with almost no water in it.



What a difference.

Meanwhile, Jacques and I were completing the medium. The wind started to pick up for our 17 mile run down the San Gabriel River trail, but it wasn't too bad. Dale reported it had picked up more when he finally rode the same stretch. It apparently is Renaissance Faire time which is now held in the park area behind the Santa Fe Dam. I took this photo of all the cars parked at the even from atop the dam. More cars were still coming in when I took the photo.



Clearly this has grown to be quite a popular event. It's held over several weekends, so the above only part of the total attendance.

This Sunday: On Sunday we will be riding "Apple Blossom Time" which starts out in Redlands. I know, I know -- it's a long drive, but these are unique routes which we don't ride very often. The longs (full long and alternate long) and the medium all go up to the apple growing region of Oak Glen. We are probably too late to see any blossoms, but at least there won't be the crowds we have encountered in the fall at harvest time. The climb to Oak Glen is tough -- I won't kid you about that, but well worth it if you feel at all up to it and you do get a very long downhill on the way back. The short doesn't go up to Oak Glen but does a nice ride around the Redlands area. I don't think I'll be up for the climb to Oak Glen, but I do intend to go out to the ride. I'll either do the short or perhaps a modified version of the alternate long which I have in mind which doesn't go all the way to Oak Glen before starting back down. In any case, I plan to be there and I hope some of you will show up too.

Patches of the Week: I have been trying to match patches to the time of the

year when the related events are/were held. I have two patches from the Central Coast Double which is normally run about this time each year (although apparently it is not being run this year). The first is from **Nancy Domjanovich** and the second is from **David Nakai**





Nancy's is for the 2nd annual event and David's is for the 5th. Looks to me like they really improved their artwork in the intervening years.

Parting Shot: It is almost a requirement for any cyclist going over the top of Turnbull that they take a photo of the view. There had been a little rain overnight before Sunday's ride, so the air was fairly clear and I could see the buildings downtown. I took this shot:



You can barely make out the buildings in the center of the photo. They were much clearer to the naked eye, but for some reason the iphone doesn't cut out the haze as well as the human eye. I played with it a little in Photoshop and it didn't get much better. I couldn't find a "de-haze" filter in Photoshop if there is one. Maybe there is someone in the club who knows more about Photoshop than I do.

See You On The Road

Rod Doty, VP

Attachments area

Preview YouTube video [The Byrds - Turn! Turn! Turn! \(To Everything There Is A Season\)](#) (Audio)



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