

Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report -- May 28, 2024

Hello All:

Sunday's ride was "Revel the Rollies From Redhill" so I was trying to think of songs about "rolling" for tonight's theme. I've already used a couple of obvious ones, but then I remembered "Like a Rolling Stone" by Bob Dylan. It just so happened that last week I saw the play "Girl From the North Country" which is a musical in which all the songs are by Bob Dylan including "Like a Rolling Stone." So here is the version from the play. BTW, if you are interested, "Girl From the North Country" will be playing at the Pantages for a few more days.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7L4MDGUG8tM>

Sunday: Ridership jumped 33.3 percent over last week when we went from 3 to 4 riders. I took this photo at the start:



That's **Chris Hedberg**, **Bill Faulkner** and **Jacques Stern**. Bill did the short route and the rest of us rode the medium route. It took a while for the sun to

come out, but once it did, it was a pleasant day for riding. The ride is aptly named because it seemed like we were doing rolling hills all day. Even after lunch, when I had thought the return would be fairly flat, we managed to rack up another 700 feet of elevation gain. Chris had a flat with only 3 miles to go. She managed to finish without changing it by stopping two or three times to pump up the tire. Other than that, it was a fairly uneventful ride. I wish I had more photos. At the start I told myself to take photos along the way, but Orange County just isn't very scenic and I never saw anything all day that made me want to stop and take a shot. All day it was just wide streets with similar looking houses and mini-malls. There are some scenic spots in Orange County, but they weren't on our Sunday route.

Other Photo: I don't have any photos from Sunday, but I have this one by **Phil Whitworth** from a ride he did last week down to San Pedro. It was Fleet Week and he managed a shot of the aircraft carrier which was tied up in San Pedro for the week.

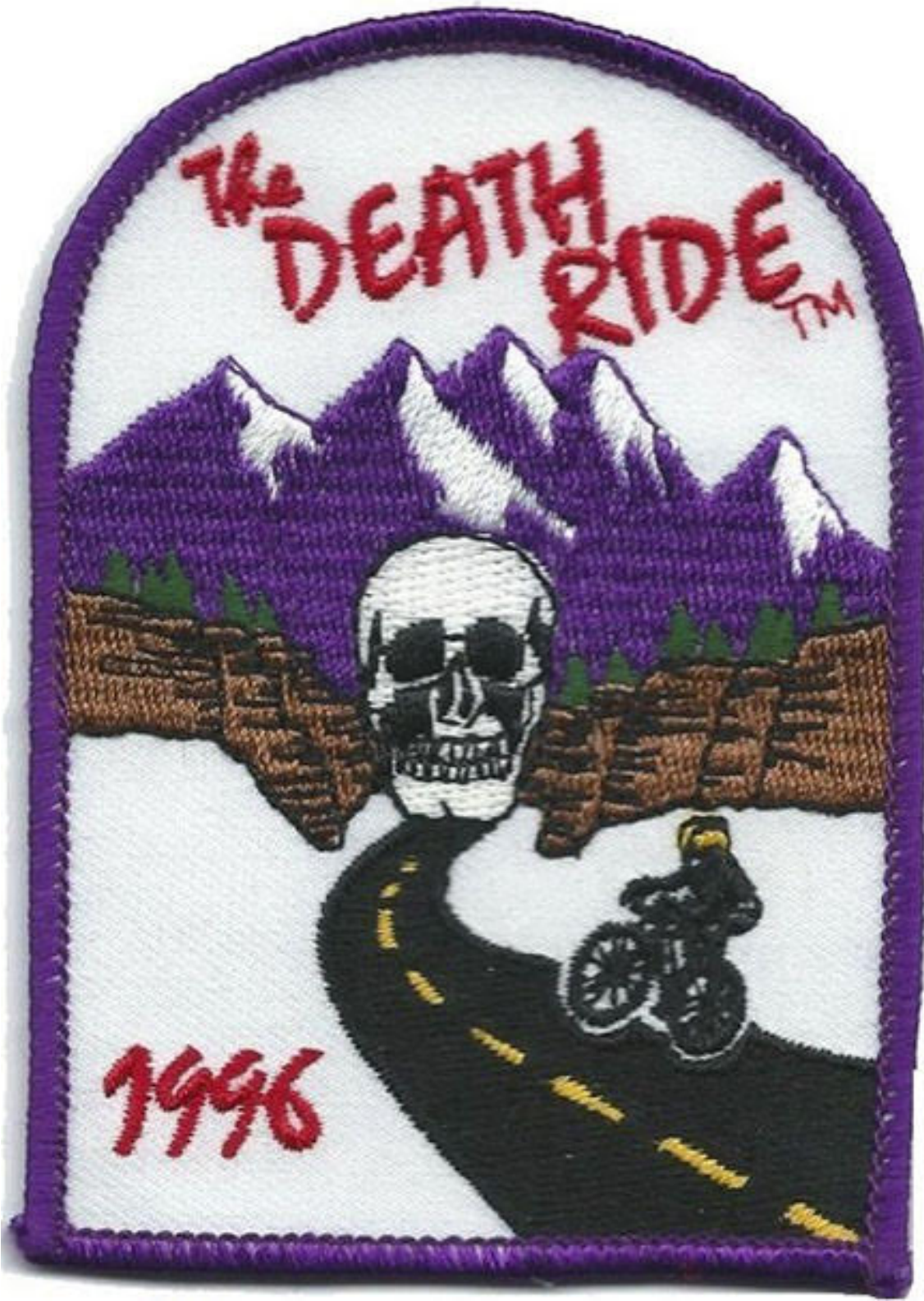


This Sunday: This Sunday we will be riding "Ivan's Ride" which starts from the "Corner." All routes head over to the Valley and ride past the Great Wall of Los Angeles with it's almost mile long mural of Los Angeles history. All routes start by climbing Sepulveda. The long takes a more roundabout way down into the Valley where it rejoins the medium and short which simply went down Sepulveda. All routes have lunch together. The long and medium return with a trip up Mulholland while the short takes a slightly easier route back using Cahuenga. I've modified the return of the long and medium to avoid the closure on Mulholland by going down Nichols Canyon. I have ridden up Nichols many times but I have never gone down. I'm looking forward to this new experience. The start of the

ride is nearby, so I hope to see a lot of you out for this one.

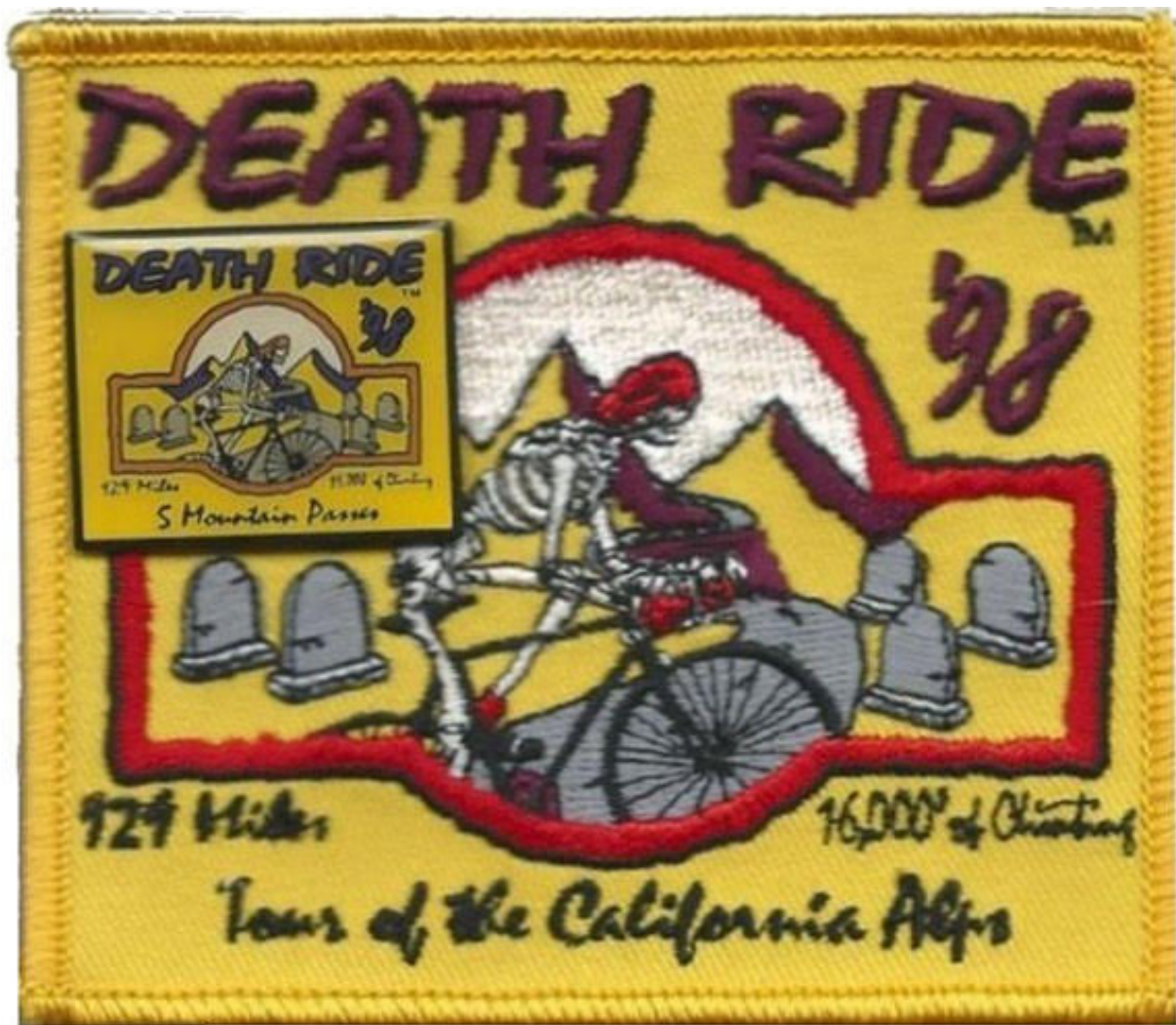
Patches of the Week: Formerly the "Death Ride" which starts up in Markleeville, was held about this time of year, although now it is apparently in July. I have 3 Death Ride patches, all from **Will Carey**.





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You will notice that in 1998, they began calling the event the "Tour of the California Alps." I was once told (although I can't confirm this) that the insurance company objected to the the title "The Death Ride" If true, it just shows how ridiculous insurance companies can be. In any case, if you look at their web site, they still use both names. They formerly would fill up very quickly and it was actually hard to get in, but it appears that registration is still available for this year's event in July.

Parting Shot: I actually had this photo (from Phil Whitworth) last week and forgot to include it in the e-mail. It's a sailboat that got grounded on the beach not far from the Marina del Rey channel. When I first saw it, it was still at the waterline, but has since been towed to this location further inland and next to the channel. This seems to happen to some boat just about every year and it never seems to end well for the boat.



See You on the Road

Rod Doty, VP

Attachments area

Preview YouTube video Like a Rolling Stone -2022 UK cast of the Bob Dylan musical GIRL FORM THE NORTH COUNRY

