

Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report - June 11, 2024

Hello All:

I don't intend to use an AI created song in this spot every week, but I was very impressed with the one last week and **Kit Gray** had already created two versions of a song for "La Tuna Melt" (last Sunday's ride). So here they are. They both have the same lyrics generated by Chat GPT based on my ride description in the schedule, but they are in different styles. It's amazing how different they sound even with the exact same lyrics. The first is intended to be in a surf style. When I think surf music, I think Beach Boys and this does not sound like the Beach Boys, but it's still pretty good.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XkKI0XGBSTA>

The second one is intended to be in the style of 1940's big band music. I'm not as familiar with that, so I don't know how close it comes

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NNZyrCrrZ0Q>

Jacques Stern was so impressed with Kit's efforts, he thought he would try it too. He generated a different set of lyrics but still based on my ride description and then he used a different program to generate the song with those lyrics. It is intended to be in the style of rap. Here it is:

<https://donna.onelink.me/kgg0/exedjtzf?id=5f2eb771-5a4c-4914-be3f-9d639af29e94>

Pretty amazing. I'm thinking of signing up for Chat GPT myself -- not for the songs -- but maybe it can generate some photos for me on those weeks when I don't get many photos from the actual ride.

Sunday: If you listened to the songs, you are well aware that the ride was "La Tuna Melt" and that it rode up Christmas Tree Lane in Altadena. Six riders showed up at the Zoo lot for the start and **Phil Whitworth** took this shot:



That's **Edwin Dair**, a newcomer named **Bryan, Me, David Nakai** and **Francisco**, a rider who formerly rode with us a number of years ago. We were joined on the route by **Mark Rubin**, a former member who also used to ride with us frequently a number of years ago. That made 7 which is a 40% increase over last week -- our 3rd week of increasing ridership. We all set out on the long route. Along Glenoaks Blvd we passed the large snake sculpture which I always look for. Phil took this photo:



We hit La Tuna Canyon, the big climb of the day, at about the 10 mile mark. Although Francisco had told David he was planning on riding the Grand Tour in a couple of weeks, we immediately dropped him on the climb. We waited quite a while at the top and then tried to call him (we had exchanged phone numbers at the start of the ride) but through some sort of mix-up the number we had was for

his sister. His sister had no idea where he was, to put it mildly. There's more to the story, but I don't want to tell it here. Anyway, the remaining 6 of us went on to the other big feature of the day: Christmas Tree Lane. David took a short-cut over to the hill and beat the rest of us there, so I brought up the rear, but I was still just happy to have done the climb. Here's a shot David took of Phil finishing the climb:



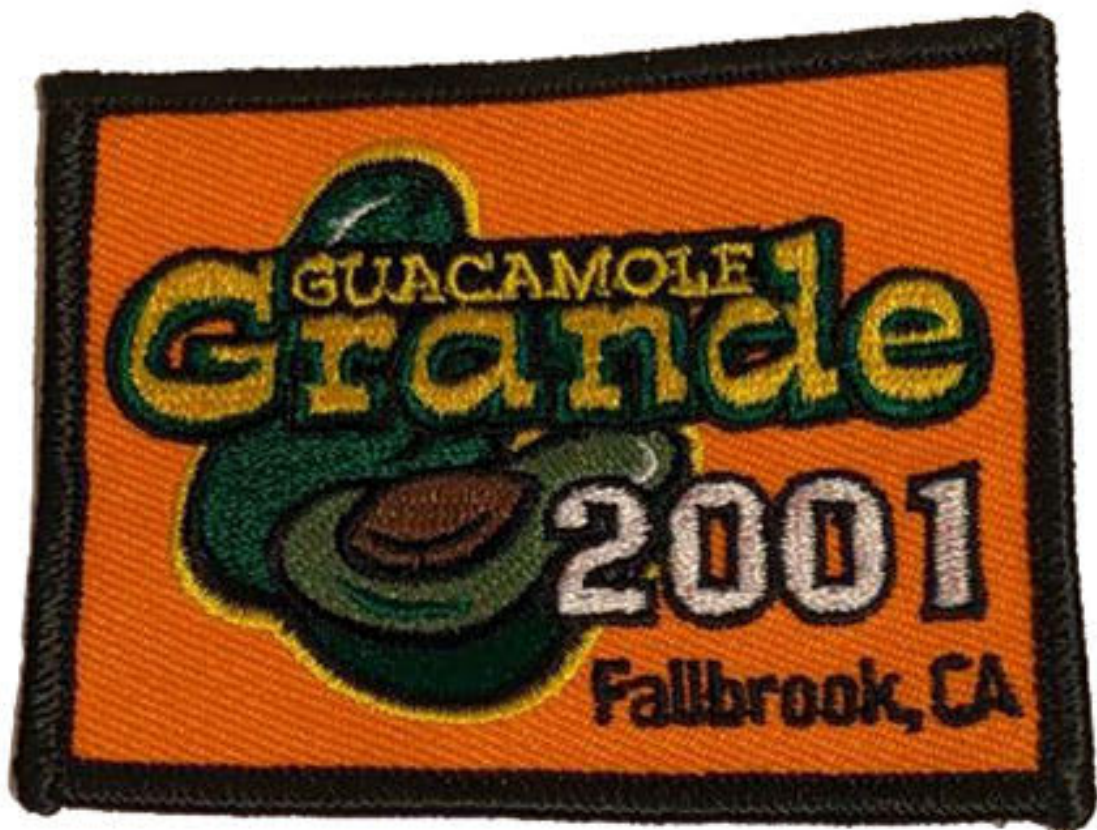


From there it was mostly downhill to lunch and on to the finish. Although the songs above talk about togetherness at lunch, everyone but me decided skip lunch and push on to the finish, which was only about 12 miles away. I couldn't pass up lunch so I finished the ride alone. It was almost 2:00 p.m. when I left lunch and it was the first time the sun came out all day. What was all this talk about a heat wave? Never felt like taking my jacket off even going up Christmas Tree Lane and I needed it on the downhill after that. Nonetheless, a very nice ride and I felt very good about myself for doing the long route.

This Sunday: This Sunday's ride is the "Laguna Canyon Century" which is our monthly century and metric century. We don't usually get as many riders for these rides so I fear our streak of increasing ridership will end, but we only need 8 riders to keep it going up. These routes are very easy as centuries go. Both routes start in Torrance and head south. The metric century only goes as far as Huntington Beach and then returns without doing any major climbs. The full century goes down to Laguna and climbs Laguna Canyon before returning. That's the only major climb and it is only a few hundred feet over several miles and is hardly a climb at all. So why not come out and give it a shot. It will practically be the longest day of the year, so running out of daylight shouldn't be a problem. **NOTE: I must have left the start time off the schedule, but it is the usual time of 8:30 a.m. This time of year I don't feel we need to start early even for a century.** If you start early, let me know so I can include you in the count.

Meeting Reminder: Just a reminder -- you should have received the meeting notice yesterday -- the June member's meeting is this Thursday at 7 p.m. and our host is **Lewis Singer**. His home is at 10924 Braddock Dr., Culver City, 90230. We hope to see you there.

Patch of the Week: This week's patches are from **Jackie Burneson** and **Will Carey** and are for the "Guacamole Grande."

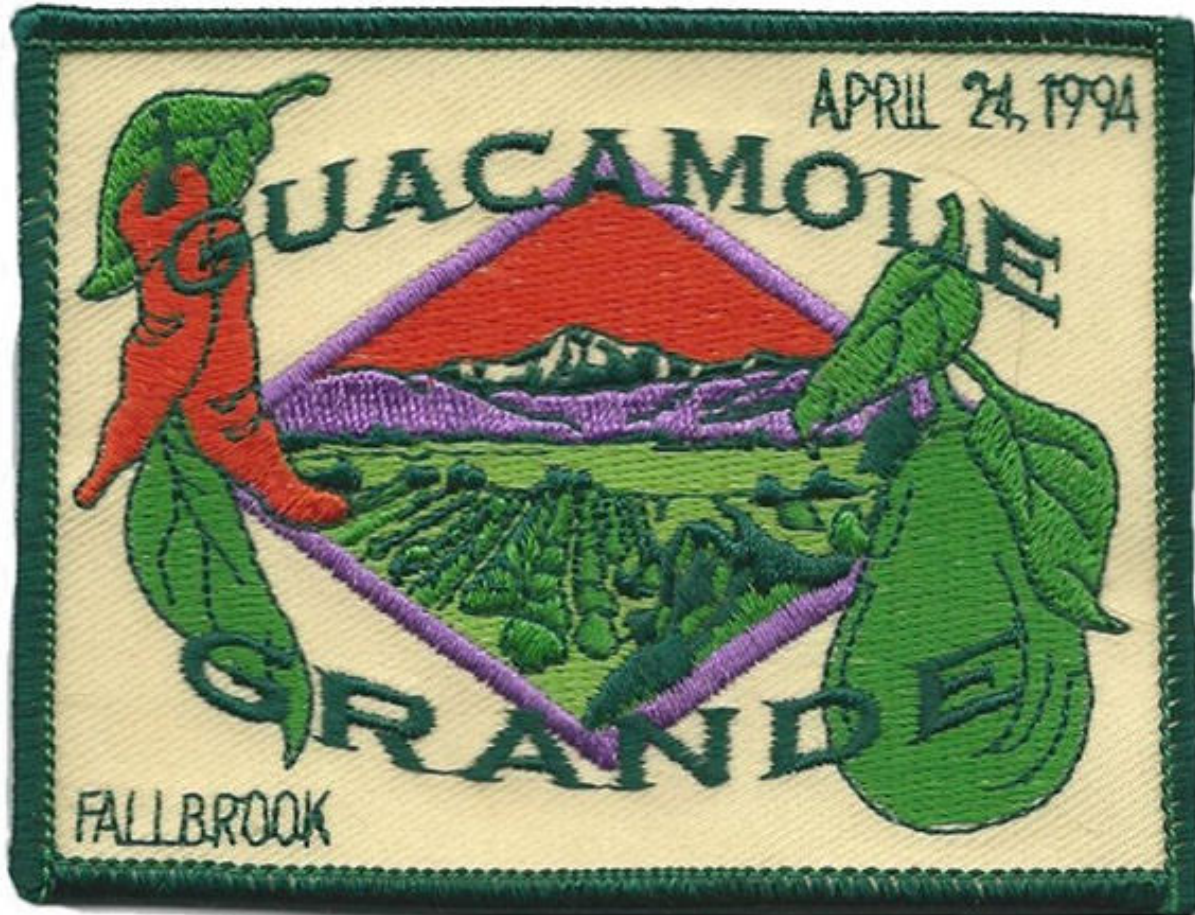


GUACAMOLE

Grande

2001

Fallbrook, CA



I never rode this one and I don't believe it is run any longer. It was a ride put together by Randy Ice and started down in Fallbrook where, conveniently, Randy Ice lives. That's also where David Nakai lives so I believe he is very familiar with this ride although I didn't find a patch from him for it.

Parting Shots: Member **Emma Pham** celebrated her 60th birthday this week with a modest little party hosted by her employer **Clay Lacy**. Like most modest little parties, it included a fly-over by 3 planes (first photo). The second photo is Emma dressed casually for the party Happy Birthday Emma!



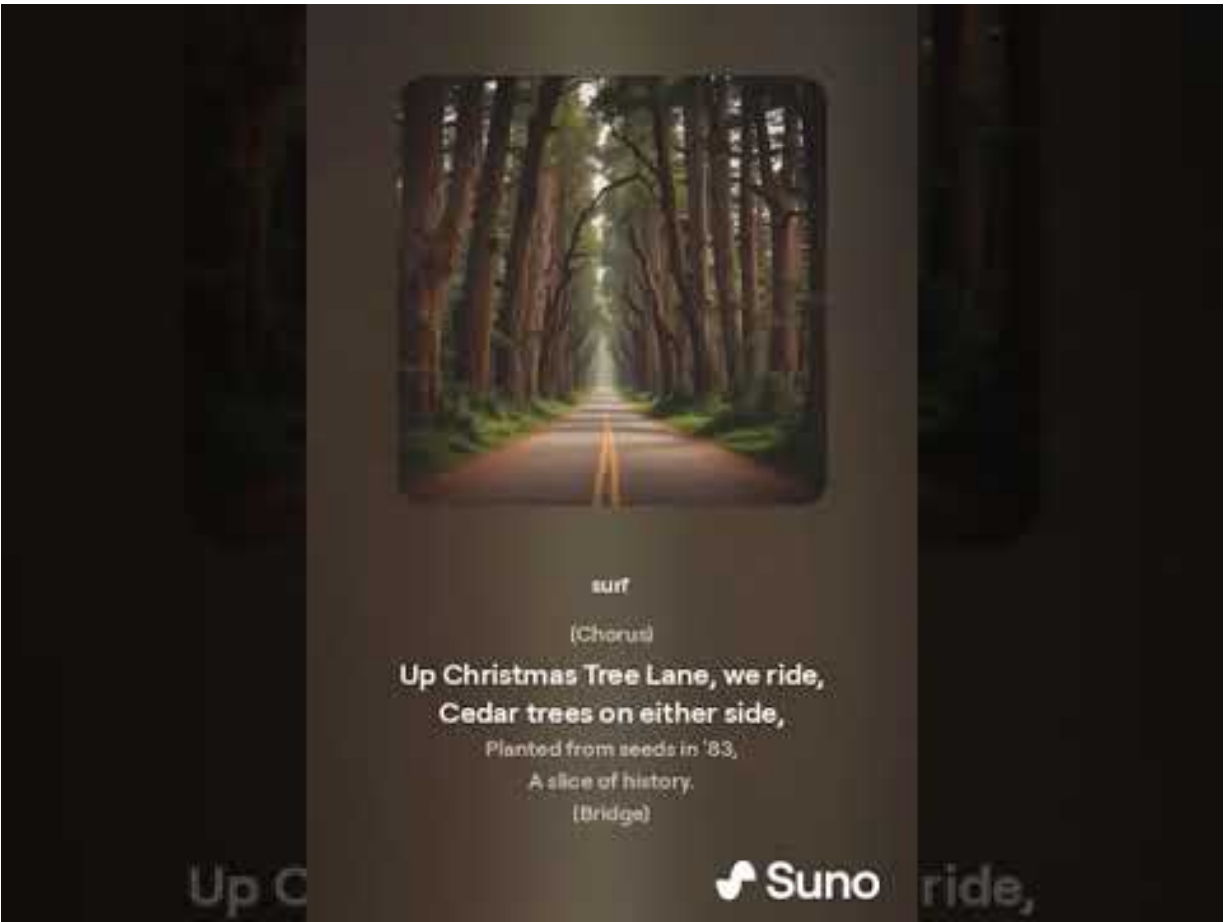


See You On the Road

Rod Doty, VP

Attachments area

Preview YouTube video La Tuna Melt surf



Preview YouTube video La Tuna Melt big band



big band swing from 1940's

(Chorus)


**Up Christmas Tree Lane, we ride,
Cedar trees on either side,**

Planted from seeds in '83,

A slice of history.

(Bridge)

Up C

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ride,

