

Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report - July 2, 2024

Hello All:

It remains hot hot hot. For our theme tonight, that reminded me of this song. Actually, I don't know if I would have been familiar with this song at all except that it was used in one episode of M*A*S*H

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-0rOMF9y2qI>

Sunday: Our ride last Sunday was "Soup to Knotts" which rode in Orange County. It was supposed to get up into the high 80s in Orange County, but I thought that I could probably hack that if I took it easy and only rode the medium. No one else thought that. Not even **David Nakai** who I had thought said he was planning to show up -- something about misery loving company. Anyway, although I was willing to give it a try, I didn't feel like doing it alone, so I didn't ride. I did take this photo of nearby Knotts before it opened for the day, just to show I was there.



A few of our members put together their own ride nearer the coast. Here is a photo they sent me from the polo grounds at Will Rogers Park



That's **Jacques Stern, Lewis Singer, Ann Trank** and **Sandy Weiner**. No word if they were playing polo that day.

This Week: We have two rides this week. First up is our annual 4th of July ride on Thursday. These routes start from El Dorado Park in Long Beach and are all short and very flat. The long is only 41 miles with 800 feet of climbing, and that includes a trip up to the top of Signal Hill. The other routes are shorter versions of the long and don't include Signal Hill. We never stray too far from the coast so the heat should not be a problem. We have to go slow or we will show up for lunch before the restaurants open. For those doing the long, we usually gather on the top of Signal Hill for an annual group photo. I hope to see a lot of you there. (NOTE TO TRIPLE DIPPERS: Instead of the usual Thursday ride, why not come down and join us for a change of pace.)

On Sunday we will have our usual scheduled ride which this week is "John's River Ride" Although these routes start in Anaheim, all routes head to the coast

on the Santa Ana River trail. The short simply heads back up the river. The medium does a loop inland on the way back and the long does an even longer loop which includes a trip through the Tustin Hills. Admittedly, the trip back to the start could get warm, but by Sunday, it is supposed to cool off some. I would come prepared to do any of the routes. If it proves to be too hot, the short would be appropriate and if it's not too bad, the medium might be a good choice or even the long, although remember, it includes some climbing. In any case, I plan to be there. The long and medium include a ride on the Balboa Ferry and that will be cool.

Grand Tour News: I had a couple of partial reports on the Grand Tour. **Paul Haussler** reported that one rider completed the Quadruple Century and at least 7 riders were on the triple. **Mel Cutler** sent me a few photos He was manning the Rincon rest stop (first photo). In the second photo, Mel was briefly joined by **Ira Kuceck** who was driving sweep on the Double Double course.





Patch of the Week: This week's patch is from our club's own "Paul Neuerburg

Century" which we formerly ran as a supported century each year, usually in the spring. We still run the route from time to time, but only as a regular unsupported Sunday ride. This particular patch was unusual because the patch company misspelled "Neuerburg" with a "V." (first patch below). We had the patch redone and gave out the corrected version (second patch below) If the misprint patch was a U.S. coin, it would probably be worth thousands, but this patch is probably worth pennies (if that).





Parting Shot: It's Tour de France time and if you are like me, you will spend a few hours a day for the next few weeks watching the day's stage. (You can stream it on Peacock). **Phil Whitworth** also watches the Tour each year and he sent me this photo of him watching today's stage along with his new kittens which he just got a few weeks ago.



Admittedly, the kittens don't seem that interested in the race, but my cat won't even sit with me while I watch the Tour.

See You On The Road

Rod Doty, VP

Attachments area

Preview YouTube video "Heat Wave", Ella Fitzgerald

