

Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report - July 16, 2024

Hello All:

We were heading down to Manhattan Beach last Sunday for the bike races. I was thinking of using Queen's Bicycle Racing song for tonight's theme, but it turns out I used that two years ago. So here is some other music that has become so ingrained in my brain that I can't help but think about bicycle racing when I hear it: Thank you NBC

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7CN2c4gA7xs>

Sunday: As mentioned, we were riding to the Manhattan Beach Grand Prix. My sore throat was lingering, so I did not ride. I didn't really get a definitive ride report, so I don't know how many rode, but based on Strava posts I know that **Phil Whitworth, Jacques Stern, Dale Aaronson** and **Julie Shishino** at least attended the races, although some did not do the actual route from the corner. **Mel Cutler**, who was volunteering at the event, sent me an e-mail in which he said he saw **David Williams** and **Russ Brynes** at the races also. There may have been others.

One other member who was there was of course **Ted Ernst**, who actually founded the Manhattan Grand Prix in 1961 - 63 years ago. He was signing the medals given out to the kids who participated in the kids races (see photo below sent by Mel).

Autograph

Ted Ernst will be on hand today to autograph medals for racers after they cross the finish line! Mr. Ernst is a US Bicycling Hall of Fame inductee, a former pro racer, founder of the South Bay Wheelmen cycling club, had a hand in bringing us the South Bay Bicycle Trail (The Strand) and The Velodrome, and founded the Manhattan Beach Grand Prix 63 years ago in 1961.

When: At the Kids' Races booth right after crossing the finish line.



Photo credit Easy Reader News



Mel also sent me the only photo I got of actual bicycle racing:



However, Phil was there early and took this photo of the start of a 1-mile run which was held before the bicycle racing started:



This Week: On Sunday we will be riding the "Bikeways of Orange County" which starts from El Dorado Park in Long Beach. These are our century and metric century of the month. The metric is a fairly easy ride which simply rides down to Huntington Beach and back. It does manage to ride a few of the bike trails in Orange County, but not as many as the full century. The full century rides several of the lesser known bike trails in Orange County but most notably rides almost all of the Aliso Creek trail. The route is fairly flat, but does include one climb in the middle. Both routes end the day with a fast run on PCH from Huntington back to the start. This should make for a relative cool end to both routes. My throat gets better every day, but agonizingly slow, so I don't know if I'll make it to Sunday's ride and if I do, I may only do a shortened version of the metric.

Patches of the Week: I didn't include any patches last week, but if I had, they would have been from the club's 4th of July rides of the past. So here they are this week. The first is from my collection and is apparently one that formerly was provided by the national League to clubs holding 4th of July rides. The second is from **Dennis Miller** and was issued by our club -- probably after the league quit offering national patches or the club decided to no longer participate in that program.





Parting Shot: Here is one more photo from Mel at last Sunday's races. It's of one of the youngest participants in the kids races.



No information on whether she won or was disqualified for unauthorized assistance.

See You On The Road

Rod Doty, VP

Attachments area

Preview YouTube video Tour de France on NBC Main Theme (2011 Opening on Versus)

