

## Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report - September 24, 2024

Hello All:

Last Sunday marked the official end of summer. I can remember sometimes being wistful about the end of summer. I can't say I ever had a "summer love" but I have memories of a girl I met at summer camp -- even if that only lasted a week. Anyway, here's a song that maybe captures some of the wistfulness.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CYOP7WH1T90>

**Sunday:** For our end of summer ride we were riding our annual September Century. This year we offered a full century, a metric century and a half century. All routes started from Malibu and rode north up the coast and returned. Although we only had 4 riders, we covered all 3 routes (sort of). **Phil Whitworth** and **Rafi Karpinski** both got in a hundred miles, but by starting from home, they only needed to do the half century route to get in a full century's worth of miles. **David Williams** and I started from Malibu. David rode the metric century and I rode the half. As luck would have it, we all came together near the entrance to the Point Mugu Naval Station and Phil was able to take this selfie of the group



On the return, Phil took this shot of one of the beaches along PCH. I believe this is the beach at Sycamore Canyon looking back north. I've never actually turned around for this view as I was riding south, but it's a nice view.



Of course we all passed Neptune's Net on the way back, but I think I was the only one who stopped there for lunch. When Phil took this shot, he noted that there didn't seem to be as many motorcycles as usual. I was surprised that I had no trouble finding a table even though I was there around noon.





All in all, a nice day at the coast. Too bad more riders didn't join us. Rafi has only recently begun riding with us after some time off and he noted that this was his first century of the year. Way to go, Rafi.

**This Week:** This Sunday we will be riding "Hills of the South Bay" which is a ride put together by **David Nakai** a few years ago. These routes spend the day going

up and down all the hills David could find in El Segundo, Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach and Redondo Beach. Well, not all of them, but a lot of them. I know that sounds awful, but all the hills are relatively short -- usually only a block or two -- and then you get a fun downhill. I've done it several times and it really is not that hard. That said, I may well do only the short since I haven't been doing a lot of climbing lately. But at least I will be out there giving it a shot, so why not join me.

**Interesting Markings on PCH:** I hadn't ridden PCH in a while so I don't know how long these marks have been there, but on Sunday I kept seeing short stretches of PCH that were painted with these "hash marks"