

Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report - December 10, 2024

Hello All:

Last Sunday was our annual "Foothill Foolsie" ride and looking back I find that I have used the song "Footloose" as the theme music for this ride twice already. I can't use it again, but then I remembered another song that had "foot" in the title, so here it is. Turns out there are a lot of covers of this song, but I believe this is the original artist.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2VZakvxRD44>

Sunday: "Foothill Foolsie" has long been our December Century, but over the years we have added a metric century version and this year a half century version. Apparently no one rode the half century, but two riders rode the full century and two of us did the metric. Riding the full century were **Mario Solano** and **Dale Aaronson**. They took this selfie at the start:



Riding the metric were **Jacques Stern** and me. I took this shot of Jacques at the start



As luck would have it, we all came together at lunch and I was able to take this photo of the group



Jacques had a flat shortly before lunch and just about then Mario and Dale came along to help him out



I had hoped to take some photos of holiday decorated houses. I saw a lot of decorations, but nothing struck my fancy enough to get me to stop and take a shot. Fortunately, Jacques took a couple of pictures. The first is from the decorations at Azusa Pacific University and the second is a house along the way.





I did play my game where I counted cars with Christmas trees tied to the roof. I only saw 2 on the street plus 2 others in a tree lot having the trees tied on as I went past. Maybe next weekend, a little closer to Christmas, will be the optimum tree buying time. All in all, it was a nice day and personally, I was happy to see I could complete a metric century after hardly being able to ride 30 miles last week.

Dead of Winter Double: Last weekend was the "Dead of Winter Double" as well. Unfortunately, I have been given no information about that ride so I don't have any numbers or other data to report. Maybe next week.

This Sunday: This Sunday we will be riding "Corner Caper - Phase I" which starts from the "Corner." The long and medium head out to the Valley via Benedict Canyon and return via Sepulveda. Out in the Valley they both make a loop, but the long makes a larger loop than the medium. The short stays on this side of the hill and tours the Westside. It's been a while since I have done an extended climb like Benedict, but I'm going to give it a shot this Sunday.

Save the Date: Our next members meeting will be Thursday, December 19th. Our host this month is **Lora Chen** who lives in Culver City. I'll be giving more complete directions next week, but if you plan to attend, you will need to tell Lora in advance so she can give your name to the guard at her condo complex. You can call her at 310-962-5886 or e-mail her at chen.lora@gmail.com

Patch of the Week: This week's patch comes from **Jackie Burneson** and is for the Seattle to Portland ride (sometimes known as STP) which is organized by the Cascade Bicycle Club in Seattle. I had always wanted to do this one, but never got to it. As I understand it, the trip is 200 miles and riders have a choice of riding it in two days (back to back centuries) or in one day (a double century). The double century riders start the 2nd day and if they are fast enough, overtake the riders who started the day before. I once rode up in the Seattle area and saw a lot of the markings for the route, so I know it's a nice route. It is still being held each year and the 2025 edition will be next July.



Parting Shot: I don't have any photo for this spot tonight but here is a favorite photo of mine from back in 2018



Clearly Santa misjudged the landing and killed all the reindeer as well as himself

See You On The Road

Rod Doty, VP

Attachments area

Preview YouTube video Barefootin' - Original

