



LOS ANGELES WHEELMEN SCHEDULE



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VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME. Each week the routes offered will be available on the Web. Go to www.LAWheelmen.org and click on "Upcoming Rides." Download the routes and bring them with you to the ride.

Sunday, February 2 - 8:30 a.m. LONG BEACH

BOOGIE (Long 64 mi & 2700 ft Medium 54 mi & 1600 ft, Short 34 mi & 600 ft) I had originally scheduled a different ride for today, but the long route on that one went right through the recent Eaton fire area. The fires should be out by today, but I'm writing this in late January and the fires are still going and I don't know if all the streets will be open by today. So, I'll hold that route off for another time and we can go to Long Beach today. It's Groundhog Day. That doesn't mean that much here in Southern California. If the groundhog sees its shadow, maybe we have six more weeks of Santa Ana winds. I just checked the internet and Los Angeles doesn't even have an official groundhog. Apparently we rely on a desert tortoise to predict spring, but this is the first I've heard of that. Well, let's make our own tradition. Come on the ride today and if we see our shadows, it means we'll have a good cycling season this year. Today's routes start in Long Beach, but head inland. The long and the medium head up Coyote creek (see photo at right) almost 10 miles all the way to Santa Fe Springs. The long then makes a long loop over to Brea and around back to Santa Fe Springs. This includes a significant climb over Colima and a climb on Pathfinder. The medium skips this loop but still does a climb over West Road and East Road. The two routes come back together for lunch. The short gets off Coyote Creek a little earlier than the other two routes and tours northern Orange County on its way back to the start. I think there is a pretty good chance we'll see our shadows at some point on the ride today, so come on out and enjoy the sun. **START: EL DORADO PARK in Long Beach.** From San Diego Frwy (405), off & North/East on Studebaker 1 mi. to Park. Park in Library lot on right just before Spring St.

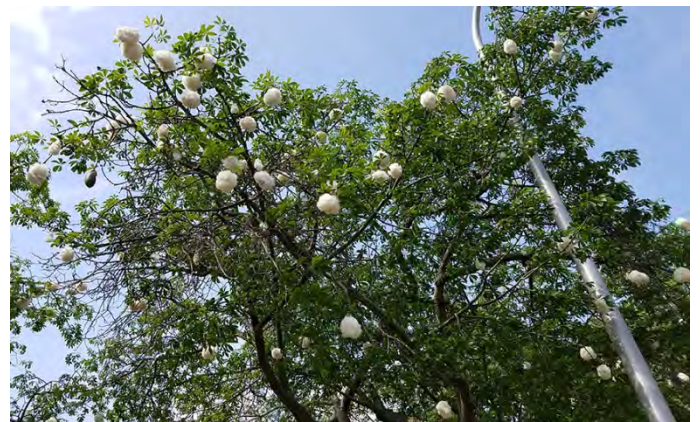


The group riding Coyote Creek on Long Beach Boogie

Thursday, February 6 - 8:30 a.m. TRIPLE DIPPER SOUTH BAY RIDE Meet on the bridge at end of the Ballona Creek Trail in Marina Del Rey. Riders usually go south to Palos Verdes on the bike path and then do some riding on the Peninsula. There are optional climbs including the 3 "dips" which give the ride its name. The group usually stops for a break at the Golden Cove shopping area. Occasionally the group will decide to vary the route and explore specific sites elsewhere in the city. A typical day is 40 - 50 miles but often individual riders either cut the day short or add extra miles as desired. Contact **Lewis Singer** lewissinger@gmail.com for details.

Sunday, February 9 - 8:30 a.m. CAL POLY BY GOLLY

(Long 65 mi & 3300 ft, Medium 45 mi & 2600 ft, Short 29 mi & 1200 ft) Like last week, I had originally scheduled a different ride for today. After years of being closed, the road to Chantry Flats was reopened and I scheduled one of our rides that went there. But it's closed again. It was closed when the Eaton Fire started, but it does not appear that the fire got that far east, so I hope it reopens as soon as they get the fire out. But, as was the case last week, I'm writing this in January and I don't know when that might happen, so I've scheduled this ride for today instead. Today all routes ride through the Cal Poly Pomona campus. As an interesting aside, a lot of the club's routes go through various college campuses around Los Angeles. I'm not really sure why that is, but years ago it was suggested to me that this was the work of long time member **Hal Munn**. Hal, who was one of the club's earliest members had a hand



Strange plants on the Cal Poly campus. David Nakai knew what they were, but I have forgotten

in creating many of the club's routes, even though I think very few are directly attributed to him. There is no "Hal's Ride" as there is with some other former club members. Nonetheless, it was thought that Hal "had a thing" for riding through campuses and he had created or altered many routes to do just that. Not sure why this would be or even if it is actually true, but we do visit a lot of colleges on our rides and today is one of them. The long and the medium stay together over to and through the college and then continue on to Puddingstone reservoir. The long splits off at this point to do a loop taking you over Carbon Canyon and Brea Canyon while the medium heads more directly back to the start. It should be noted that the two significant climbs on the long (Carbon and Brea Canyons) are after lunch which makes this route somewhat back-loaded. Meanwhile, the short takes a fairly direct route to the college and back. All in all, a pleasant day of cycling. Hal would have been happy if a lot of you show up today. **START: PUENTE HILLS MALL in Industry.** From the Pomona Frwy (60), off and south on Azusa Avenue. L - on Colima and L into Mall Parking lot. We park in the lot near Colima (away from Mall buildings) and immediately across from Shabaram County Park. **NOTE:** New construction where we used to park in the lot immediately adjacent to Colima will prevent our using that lot, but we can park immediately below in the Mall lot.

Thursday, February 13 – 8:30 a.m. TRIPLE DIPPER SOUTH BAY RIDE -- See February 6th for details.

Sunday, February 16 - 7:30 a.m. TRIPLE DAM

CENTURY (Full Century 95 mi & 3100 ft. Metric Century 69 mi. & 1700 ft) **NOTE EARLY START TIME.** I can't believe I'm doing this, but for the 3rd week in a row I am substituting a different ride for the one I had originally scheduled. The original ride rode Topanga Canyon and a long stretch of PCH. As I write this, both are currently closed in places due to the fire. I'm pretty sure they will be open by mid-February, but out of an abundance of caution, I am running this ride instead. Today is our century and metric century of the month for February. This is also President's Day weekend, so it's a good time to ride a long ride since tomorrow is a holiday and you can use it to recover. Even if you are no longer working, there will be no mail tomorrow, so you don't even have to go out to check your mail. You can just stay in bed all day if you want or lounge around in a robe watching TV all day. The perfect way to recover after doing a century. Not that these centuries are so difficult that you would need an entire day in bed to recover. In fact, they are relatively easy as centuries go. Our goal is to ride over 3 dams today (The Whittier Narrows Dam, the Santa Fe Dam, and the dam at the Puddingstone Reservoir) and we spend a lot of time of river trails getting to those dams. The combination of river tails and dams makes for a fairly flat ride. So what's the route? Well, we start in Long Beach and head over to the LA River/Rio Hondo bike trails and ride up them to the Whittier Narrows Dam. Then we make our way to the San Gabriel River and up to the Santa Fe dam. We ride along the top of that one. After that, it's on to San Dimas where we ride along the top of our third dam. We ride the Coyote Creek trail on the way back. We also have a metric century route for this one as well. The route will only hit the first two dams and then head back. It should be a fairly fast century or metric century so why not come out and join us and laze around tomorrow. **START: EL DORADO PARK** in Long Beach. From San Diego Frwy (405), off & North/East on Studebaker 1 mi. to Park. Park in Library lot on right just before Spring St.



The view on this ride that last time we rode it in February

Thursday, February 20 – 8:30 a.m. TRIPLE DIPPER SOUTH BAY RIDE -- See February 6th for details.

Sunday, February 23 – 8:30 a.m. WINDING ROADS OF ORANGE COUNTY II (Long 71 mi & 3300 ft, Medium 49 mi & 2100 ft, Short 32 mi & 900 ft) This is one of the few rides for which we moved the start to another park while Pine Tree Park was being renovated. But now we are moving the start back since the renovations are complete. So we will be starting at Pine Tree Park today.

Don't be confused. We start several rides from Tustin, but I don't think I have ever gone into the history of the town. In the Mid-1800sa man named Columbus Tustin (see photo below) and a partner purchased 1300 acres in the area for \$1.50 per acre. Mr. Tustin attempted to create "Tustin City" but sales didn't really take off and he ended up giving away lots to anyone who would agree to build there. He later lost out to Santa Ana as the terminus of the Southern Pacific Railroad and died a disappointed man. However, the town with his name continued on and has grown into the city we know today. That said, we don't spend a whole lot of time in Tustin today. Instead, these routes take off to wind around much of Orange County before returning to Tustin at the end. Both the long and medium hit all the same highlights including the Newport Hills and Turtle Rock areas. The only difference is that the long goes off and does an extra 20 mile loop in the middle and then rejoins the medium. There really isn't a separate short route, so we'll be using the short route from Winding Roads I. The Long and Medium have a few moderate climbs along the way (one more on the long route than on the



Columbus Tustin

Medium) but you should know that one of these climbs is right before the end of the long and medium routes, so even when you are riding back toward the start across flat Irvine, keep a little something in the tank. My research didn't reveal the name of Tustin's partner, so I guess he didn't rate a town named for him. **START: PINE TREE PARK in TUSTIN.** From Santa Ana Frwy (I-5) in Tustin, off & east on Redhill, L- Bryan one block to park.

Thursday, February 27 – 8:30 a.m. TRIPLE DIPPER SOUTH BAY RIDE -- See February 6th for details.