

Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report -- January 21, 2025

Hello All:

Once again, I don't know that anyone rode last Sunday's ride and I have no photos to share this week. So, this will again be a short e-mail. As for a theme song for tonight, yesterday was Martin Luther King Day, so I thought this song might be appropriate

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a5hFMy4pTrs>

Sunday: Again, I don't know that anyone rode on Sunday. I probably won't reschedule this one since we always ride it in January.

This Week: This Sunday we will be riding "South Bay Surprise" which starts from Torrance. All routes head east and then circle back through Long Beach. The longer the route, the further east it goes with the long going all the way to Knott's Berry Farm. These are fairly flat rides. There is talk of rain on the weekend, but barring that, I plan to ride. We will be spending most of the day in Orange County, well away from any residual smoke.

Party: Also, this weekend, on Saturday evening, we will be having the club's post-holiday party. The deadline to RSVP was yesterday, but I think we can still sneak a few more of you in and have enough food. So, if you plan go come -- please let me know: roddoty@roadrunner.com

2024 Riding Stats: Two more members have reported their 2024 riding statistics:

Howard Wedin: Howard rode 6339 miles and climbed 167,342 feet in a whopping 338 rides. That's riding almost every day. I had no idea he got out that often.

Dale Aaronson: Dale rode 7253 miles and climbed 431,492 feet in only 89 rides. That's an amazing amount of climbing -- not far from a vertical century -- and in only 89 rides.

As always, if you submit your stats for last year, I would love to post them here.

Route Changes Due to Fires: I have been working on the February ride schedule (due to go out soon) and I have changed 3 of the 4 routes which I listed in the Proposed February Schedule at the end of the January Schedule. The proposed "Arcadia La Tuna" ride for February 2nd goes right through the Eaton Canyon Fire area, so that has been changed to "Long Beach Boogie." "Santa

Anita Canyon" which I had tentatively scheduled for February 9th goes up to Chantry Flats. After years of being closed, it had been reopened, but now the fire has closed it again. So I am substituting "Cal Poly By Golly." On February 16th, I had proposed the "Camarillo Centuries" but these use both Topanga Canyon and a lot of PCH. I suspect that by mid-February, these areas will be clear for riding again, but I don't want to take the chance, so I have scheduled the "Triple Dam Centuries" instead. Between the landslide closure in Palos Verdes and the fires, it is really getting hard to schedule our rides. At least the roads closed by the fires will probably soon open.

That's It Tonight: Nothing else tonight and no closing photo. I hope to do better next week

See You On The Road

Rod Doty, VP

Attachments area

[Preview YouTube video Abraham * Martin and John *** Dion](#)

