

## Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report - January 7, 2025

Hello All:

Sunday we were riding "Revel the Rollies III." I have already used 3 different "rolling" songs as theme music here, but then I came up with this one. It's timely because it's by Bob Dylan who has a biographical movie out right now and in fact, it is the source for the title of that movie.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lwOfCgkyEj0>

**Last Week:** Before we get to Sunday, we had two rides on Wednesday, January 1st.

**Rose Parade Ride:** First we had our annual ride to the Rose Parade. **David Nakai** decided this would be a good ride for his first ride back after his accident. Although he reported that there were numerous other riders at the start, he saw only one other club member -- **Mike Eberts**. He took this shot of Mike:



In return, Mike took this shot of David, standing in front of the Illinois float, because I'm from Illinois.



I checked, but the Illinois float did not win any award, even though they give out a ton of awards. Get it together Illinois!!

**Kick Off Century:** Our other ride on the 1st is the Kick off Centuries. I had intended to go, but I'm glad I didn't. Apparently no one else was at the start location and I don't know if I would have cared to ride alone that day. But there were riders. **Phil Whitworth** started from home and along the way picked up **Mario Solano** and **Edwin Dair**. He took this photo.



Since they rode to Malibu, they didn't need to ride the entire century route to get in their 100 miles. So they never got to Ventura for lunch but apparently stopped at Neptune's Net for lunch



Looks like they had a good day.

**Sunday:** As mentioned, we were riding "Revel the Rollies III" which started down in Irvine. Once again my alarm went off and I rolled over and went back to sleep and didn't go to the ride. My New Year's resolutions are off to a terrible start. Anyway, four of our usual riders did show up and **Phil Whitworth** took this shot at the start:



That's **Edwin Dair**, **Rafi Karpinski** and **Mario Solano**. They all did the long route. Apparently they ran into a little detour along the way. Phil sent this photo.



But apparently they made it through because he also sent this photo of the group (which includes all 4) from lunch



I see plenty of blue sky there, so I'm guessing they had a nice day, although even at lunch they are still wearing their jackets, so it might not have been too warm. I wish I had been there with them.

**This Week:** This Sunday we will be riding the "Santa Fe Dam" ride which starts from Barnes Park in Monterey Park. All three routes ride over to the Santa Fe Dam and then ride the almost 3 mile crest of the dam and continue on through some of the wilderness area behind the dam. Soon after that, the short splits off for a direct return to the start. The long and the medium ride over to Pasadena for lunch. I've moved the lunch location a bit -- you'll never guess where -- well actually, you only get one guess. After lunch, the long splits off to do a fairly good climb up to the top of Lake Avenue (the highest paved street in Pasadena) before returning back to the start via a trip past the Rose Bowl. The medium skips this climb and just heads back to the start after lunch. I certainly hope to break out of my poor start to the year and plan to be there.



**2024 Achievements:** A few more of you have submitted your riding accomplishments for 2024

**Bob Wyman** rode 5291 miles and climbed 266,535 feet (which is just a bit more than a vertical half century). Like last year, that's a lot of climbing for the miles ridden -- the advantage of living in Palos Verdes I guess.

**Ira Kuccheck** rode 9022.6 miles over 235 days of riding. That's riding almost two thirds of the days in the year. I sure wish I could get out that often.

Please submit your 2024 totals to me. No matter how much you rode, you deserve recognition.

**Post-Holiday Party.** As a reminder, our post-holiday party will be Saturday, January 25th. I plan to send out a formal invitation tomorrow. Look for it.

**License Plate of the Week:** I'm ending the "Patch of the Week" feature because I have presented almost all the patches sent to me, but I hope to start this new feature. Please send me any interesting license plates you see while out riding. I took these two about a year ago.



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SPACE X



I often see one or both of these near Malaga Cove in Palos Verdes. Not sure what they mean. Could be "Sun (sol) Rover" but I don't know what that would refer to. They are both on Teslas and one license plate frame says "SpaceX" on it, so maybe that means something. Any ideas??

**Parting Shot:** This has nothing to do with cycling, but I am just about as proud of this photo as I am of riding 10,000 miles in one year a few years ago. A year ago I saw a post on Facebook of someone who had participated in the "Read Your Height Challenge" in 2023. I thought it was a nice idea and decided to try it for 2024. I never believed I would come anywhere close to my height, but I did accomplish a respectable 4' 5" I posted this on Facebook, but for those who didn't see it there, here it is



See You On the Road (hopefully)

Rod Doty, VP

Attachments area

Preview YouTube video Bob Dylan - Like a Rolling Stone (Official Audio)

