

Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report - February 25, 2025

Hello All:

Sunday's ride was "Winding Roads of Orange County II" and the obvious song to go with that would be "The Long and Winding Road" by the Beatles, but I have already used that at least once. However, I found another "winding road" song. This one is by Sheryl Crow. I've never totally forgiven her for her misbegotten liaison with he-who-shall-not-be-named, but here is the song anyway.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=khrx-zrG460>

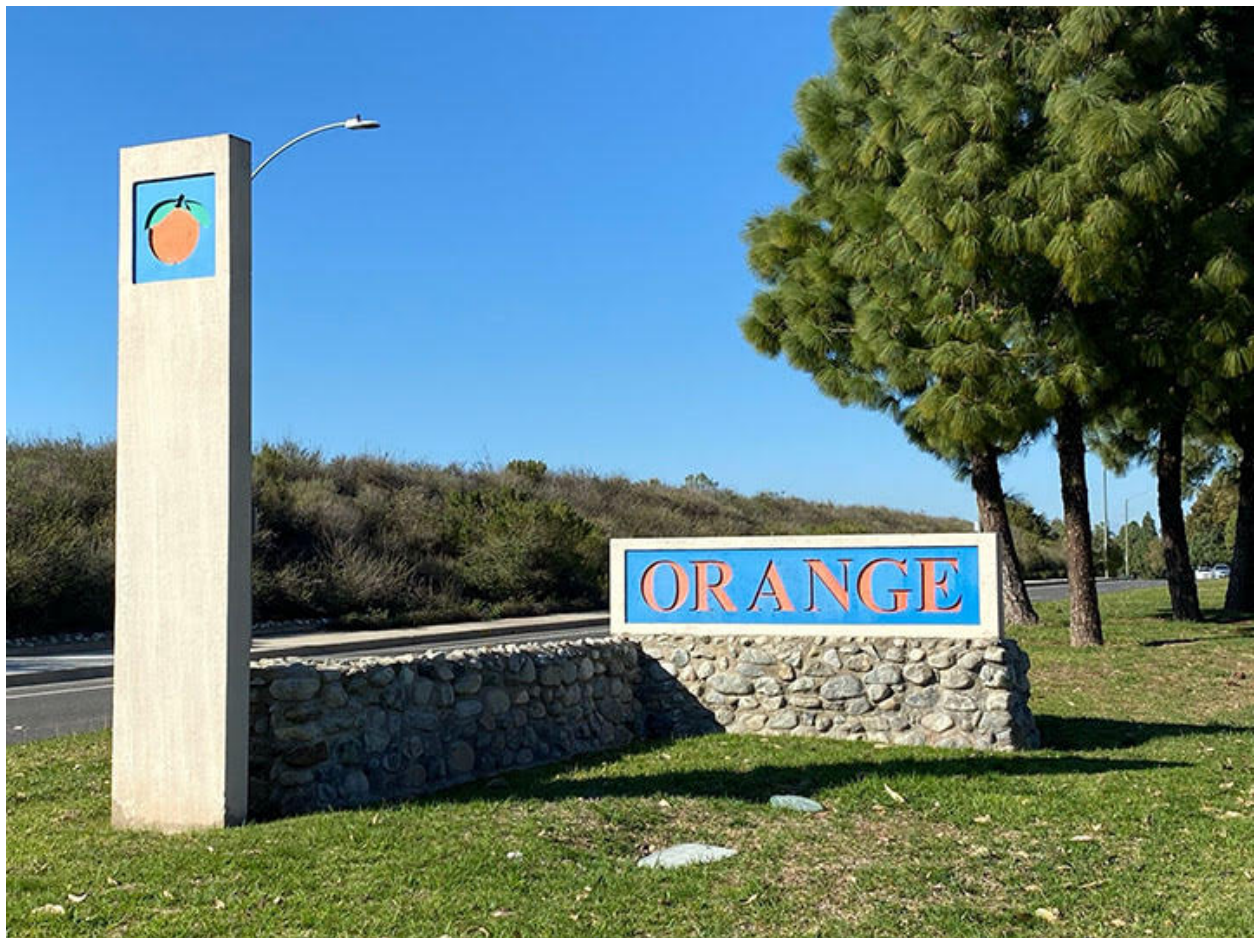
Sunday: As mentioned, we were riding "Winding Roads of Orange County II" which started in Tustin. There were only 3 of us there and **Phil Whitworth** took this selfie of the group:



That's **Phil**, **Mario Solano** and me. Phil and Mario did the long route and after the first mile or two, I didn't see them again. I decided to tackle the medium even

though I haven't been riding that much, but I knew that the course was such that I would be able to cut off the last 10 miles and a final climb if I wasn't feeling up to it. I was already dragging when I got to the first climb (a short climb up to Turtle Rock) and thought about turning around, but I figured I could at least do that climb. I was pretty pooped when I got to the top of that and almost turned around, but decided to keep going because I didn't think the next climb would be that bad. I had forgotten that it was an almost 2 mile climb on Newport Coast Drive. That really did me in, but I had gone that far so I figured I might as well keep going. There wasn't much climbing after that and I rolled into lunch looking forward to a stop at Pick-Up-Stix. Well, wouldn't you know, the Pick-Up-Stix is now some sort of hand-made ice cream place. Sounded interesting, but not for lunch. I ended up eating at McDonalds, which was a mistake. The pre-lunch climbing had taken a lot out of me, so I did skip that last 10 miles. I wasn't the extra miles, but the extra climbing that I couldn't face. Nonetheless, I felt good that I had gotten out and done some climbing.

Phil didn't send too many photos this week, but he did send this one:



I didn't see this, but it turns out it was on the 10 mile loop I skipped. Looking at it now, if I didn't know there was a city named "Orange" I might wonder what this sign even means. I had hoped to take more photos myself, but only took one:



As I approached this intersection I was thinking it must be election time in Orange County again, but it turned out these were all realtor signs for open houses.

This Week: We are starting off March with "South Bay Surprise" which was scheduled a couple of months ago but got rained out. These routes start in Torrance and head east with the long making it all the way to Knott's Berry Farm. The medium and short don't go quite so far. All routes cut to the south and return back through Long Beach. The routes are very flat so they are fairly pleasant. I plan to be there.

David Nakai Update: Phil Whitworth visited David's business for their going out of business sale and took this shot of David



I believe Davis has said they are going to be closed from now on but he does plan to be at our awards lunch in March and if he is feeling up to it, he will act as our MC for the event..

Cat Photo Update: After I included **Mario Solano's** photo of a cat under an overpass in last week's e-mail, I heard from **Jen Jacobson** who told me something I didn't know. Sometimes, when a feral cat is taken in and it is thought to be too wild to ever become a pet, they will simply neuter it and turn it back out into the wild, but they cut the tip off of one ear to show that it has been neutered. That way, if it is taken in again they don't try to neuter it again. I would guess this only applies to females, since it would be obvious if a male had been neutered. So, that is probably why the cat in the photo was missing the tip of one ear. When they spayed my cat, they gave her a small tattoo near the incision point so that in the future no one would try to spay her again. It's just a little blue line -- I thought it should have been a tiny butterfly -- but once the hair grew back, you can't see it anyway.

Parting Shot: I don't have a photo for this spot, but here is a repeat of the cat photo from last week to go with the item above



See You On The Road

Rod Doty, VP

Attachments area

Preview YouTube video Sheryl Crow - Everyday Is A Winding Road (Official Music Video)

