

Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report - April 8, 2025

Hello All:

Sunday we were riding "Cruise and Climb in Claremont" and I know I used "Cruisin" by Smokey Robinson as the theme music for this ride before, so here is the same song, but this version is by Huey Lewis and Gwyneth Paltrow. I didn't even know she could sing. This video is from 14 years ago when she was still married to Chris Martin of Coldplay, so I wonder why she wasn't doing the duet with him.

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

Sunday: As I said, we were riding "Cruise and Climb in Claremont" which started in Claremont. There were four of us at the start, and wouldn't you know, the other 3 were the same three we just awarded as our most consistent Sunday riders. I took this photo:



As you should know by now, that's **Edwin Dair**, **Phil Whitworth** and **Mario Solano**. **David Nakai** had indicated he would meet the riders on the route. I only did the short route, so I never saw him, but he did meet up with the others on the long route as indicated by this photo (David in back)



It was a very nice day. I took this photo of Mount Baldy.



The recent rains must have added some snow up there, but with the heat wave predicted this week, that might be the last snow we see on Baldy until next winter. The long group got to go to my favorite place -- The Habit -- for lunch as shown here



On the short, I had to settle for Jack in the Box, but they have a surprisingly good teriyaki chicken bowl and if you get the combo, it includes an egg roll.

This Week: This Sunday we will be riding "Action in Acton" which starts out in Newhall. Only the long gets all the way out to Acton. The medium goes as far as Agua Dulce and the short only rides out to Sand Canyon. These are really nice routes with mostly very low traffic except for a short stretch on Sierra Hwy (and most of that has a good shoulder). The long lets you view the lions and tigers out at Shambala. Both the medium and long pass Vasquez Rocks and have a chance to eat lunch at the Halfway Cafe. I wish I could join you on those routes, but last Sunday's ride proved to me that I'm not ready for that -- so I'll be riding the short. It has a few hills but also rides Placerita Canyon in the direction which is mostly (I said mostly) downhill. Placerita Canyon gives you a nice view of the movie town out there.

Club Ride Point System Coming. As I mentioned a couple of weeks ago, **Hoy Quan** is coming up with a new system for members to record their club rides and receive points for the riding they do. I believe any club ride will earn you 1 point. Centuries will get you 2. At the end of the year we total up the points and give out some awards. The new system will be very easy to use. For each ride you do (only club rides) you simply fill out a quick form on line which just asks 4 or 5 questions: Name, Date of ride, Name of Ride, miles etc. You can fill the form out from your phone or browser. The data will automatically be transferred to a spread sheet with your totals for the year. This should be up and running in a week or two.

Hopefully this might spur a few more members to do our regular rides. I only rode 25 miles last Sunday and I will ride even less this Sunday, but I will earn a point for both days. So why not join me.

Parting Shot: I took this photo of a billboard on Sunday's ride. It was nothing but a large QR code.



I thought it was a clever idea. They would figure a lot of people would be curious enough about where the QR code would take them that they would stop and scan the code. You can scan it above, but I'll save you the trouble -- it goes to a site for "Skin Perfect Medical Aesthetics" I was hoping for something a little juicier

See You On The Road

Rod Doty, VP

Attachments area

Preview YouTube video Cruisin - Huey Lewis & Gwyneth Paltrow (with lyrics)

The music is played for love
Cruisin' is made for love

