

Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report - April 15, 2025

Hello All:

Today is tax day and I was thinking of using "Tax Man" by the Beatles as our theme music tonight, but it turns out I used that one a couple of years ago. So here is a song that in recent years has come to commemorate another April 15th event.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F2RnxZnubCM>

Sunday: We were riding "Action in Acton" and we had 5 riders. I know **Phil Whitworth** took a group shot at the start, but something must have gone wrong with that because it wasn't in his Strava Post. However, he did take a group selfie out on the course that included everyone but me because I was riding the short route.



That's **Phil Whitworth, Mario Solano, Dale Aaronson** and **Edwin Dair**. This photo looks to me like it was taken outside the fence at Shambala, but there were

no shots of lions or tigers, so I'm guessing they weren't out that day. This ride was originally called "The Frozen Tush Ride" because it was scheduled in the winter and it can get very cold out there in Acton. Last Sunday was anything but cold -- I took off my jacket after only a few miles -- so it was a little surprising to see this sign on Placerita Canyon Road



Phil sent this photo from near Agua Dulce.



I don't remember ever seeing these before, but they definitely look like they have been there a while. I had hoped to get a photo of the movie ranch on Placerita Canyon, but somehow I missed it. Maybe some new trees were blocking it out. No one else had a photo of it, so I'm thinking none of us could see it.

This Week: Sunday is Easter and we will be riding our usual Easter Ride. These are all fairly short and easy routes. They all make their way to the Marina for lunch or a break. The long and medium do a loop up into Beverly Hills first (just a little climbing) and then head down through Culver City and Westchester before making it to the Marina. The short skips the Beverly Hills loop and joins the other two routes on their trip through Culver City and Westchester. From the break, the short and medium head directly back to the start, but the long adds some more climbing with a loop up into Holmby Hills before getting back to the start. All nice routes for a holiday Sunday. I plan to ride the medium but will no doubt cut off when the return passes right by my condo.

Palisades Memorial: A number of years ago cyclist Debra Goldsmith was killed by a driver on Palisades Drive. A memorial was set up at the site, but soon disappeared so our own **Phil Whitworth** and **George Perrault** planted a tree as

a memorial at the site. Former member **Steve Bowen**, along with members of Debra's bike club, contributed money to erect a memorial bench by the tree. Phil had assumed this memorial was now lost in the fire, but on a recent ride up Palisades Drive, he was please to see both tree and bench were still there.



Parting Shot: On Sunday's ride, Phil and Mario were on ahead when Dale and Edwin caught up and asked them if they had taken photos of the buffalos. They had not, so they rode back to get a shot. This is Dale's photo of what they saw.



Phil's comment was "City Slickers!!!"

See You On The Road

Rod Doty, VP

Attachments area

Preview YouTube video Titanic • My Heart Will Go On • Celine Dion

