

## Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report - April 22, 2025

Hello All:

Sunday was Easter, but I've used Easter songs for theme music before. It occurred to me that Sunday was also 4/20, so here is song that fits with that theme. As a bonus, it mentions Los Angeles and the video is taken from the movie "Woodstock" for you nostalgia buffs.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KYE4-\\_Yzj60](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KYE4-_Yzj60)

**Sunday:** We were riding our traditional Easter Ride -- the "Funny Bunny Ride." I didn't bring any Peeps this year because they didn't go over very well last year. We had a surprisingly good turnout. We actually posed for a starting photo which was taken by **Julie Shishino**



From the left, that would be Me, **Edwin Dair**, **Lewis Singer**, **Rafi Karpinski**, **Russ Brynes**, **Mark Rosen**, **Jacques Stern**, **Phil Whitworth**, **Mario Solano**,

**Gary Murphy** and **Ann Trank**. A couple more showed up before we took off and Phil took this shot out on the street:

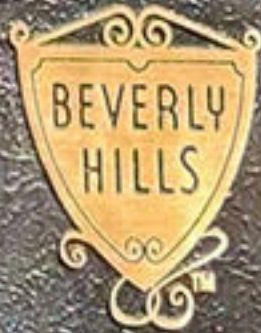


The two additions are **Dale Aaronson** and **Sandy Weiner** on the far right. Julie should have been in this one and that might be her blocked out in the center with an arm raised. I rode the short while everyone else did the long or medium, so I didn't see them after the start. When I got to the bridge at the end of Ballona Creek I thought about waiting for the other riders to show up but decided it would be a long wait and went home. But before I left, **David Williams** showed up and he said he would wait for the riders. That would make him the 15th rider.

The group apparently stopped at the Greystone Mansion. We pass it every year but I don't recall that we have ever stopped there.

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Designed by Gordon Kaufmann  
Landscape by Paul Thieme



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City of Beverly Hills



Of course, that's only the gatehouse -- looks to be several times the size of my condo, but just the gatehouse. The group also stopped for a near-traditional photo at the "witch's house" in Beverly Hills. Not sure how something associated with a witch fits in with the Easter theme, but it seems we always stop here.



All in all a nice day. I wish we had 15 riders every Sunday.

**This Week:** This Sunday we will be riding "Bikeways of Orange County" but the routes start in Long Beach, so it's not that long of a drive to the start. This is our century and metric century of the month, but this time I have added a half century route which is fairly flat, so even if you are not into centuries, you can come out and join us. The full century rides a number of bike trails we don't ride on any other routes including most of the Aliso Creek trail. The metric cuts out a lot of the trails but still hits some of them. The Half Century only gets in a few miles on bike trails, but is still nice. I hope to be there for the half century.

**Confusing Ad:** Ok, this has nothing to do with cycling or the club, but I see this Princess Cruises ad every night when I watch Jeopardy and I think there is a problem with it. In the middle of the ad there is a brief shot of the paddle wheel on a paddle boat and it seems to me the wheel is turning backwards -- unless the boat is backing up. I found the ad on YouTube, so you can judge for yourself

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2-cxVWEUC9s>

Am I crazy or what. You would think an ad for a boat company would know which way the paddle should turn.

**Parting Shot:** This is a shot from Sunday's ride taken by **Dale Aaronson:**



This was taken near Holmby Hills -- the last place you would expect to see a cow -- fake or otherwise. I just hope Dale didn't think it was a buffalo.

See You On The Road

Rod Doty, VP

Attachments area

Preview YouTube video Arlo Guthrie- Coming Into Los Angeles [Live Woodstock 1969]



Preview YouTube video The Real Alaska Experience: Where Wonder Comes to Life | Princess Cruises

