

## Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report - April 29, 2025

Hello All:

Last Sunday we were riding "Bikeways of Orange County" and the long route on this ride spends a good part of the day riding the Aliso Creek trail. Amazingly, I found a YouTube video entitled "Aliso Creek Bikeway Song." It's just some music someone picked out to accompany a ride along the trail. There really isn't a video -- just a static photo of a portion of the trail. So why should you watch it? Well, when I first viewed it, it had only 4 total views. I've added a couple, but it would be nice if some of you viewed it too so this YouTuber could get his views up to at least 10 or 15. I'll check back next week to see how we did. Here it is:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KuMVSNybM8g>

**Sunday:** As I mentioned, we were riding "Bikeways of Orange County" which were our century, metric century and half century of the month. There were 6 of us at the start and **Phil Whitworth** took this shot:



That's **Mario Solano**, **Me**, a newcomer named **Dustin**, **Rafi Karpinski** and **David Nakai**. Apparently **Jacques Stern** got a little later start, but he took this selfie out on the route:



It seems I've seen that big ball before, but I'm not sure what it is. Phil, Mario and David did the full century while Dustin, Rafi and Jacques did the metric. I did the half century -- the longest ride I've done since last December and it was a stretch for me, so I was happy to have finished it. It was a partly cloudy day so sometimes we were riding under gray overcast skies, but then the sun would come out for a while and it all seemed rather nice. I don't have a lot of photos from the ride but here is one Jacques took of a sign that is reminiscent of the puns on the Reel Inn sign in Malibu although I'm not sure it's the greatest name for a company.





I took this shot:



I've seen these buildings for years off the San Diego Creek Trail near Newport Beach and every time I see them, I think the contractor accidentally built them upside down. Shouldn't that slanted part be on the top?

**This Sunday:** This Sunday we will be riding "David Does Descanso" which was put together some years ago by David Nakai. I don't think he plans to be there which is a shame. The ride consists of several climbs before lunch and then an easy downhill ride back to the start. The long starts with an easy climb in Elysian Park and then the slightly more difficult climb through Mount Washington, and finally the very difficult climb up Camino San Rafael in Glendale. The medium skips the Elysian Park climb and starts with Mount Washington, but then instead of the difficult climb, it substitutes the somewhat easier climb up Chevy Chase. The short only does the Chevy Chase climb. But it's sort of a mix and match situation. I like the Elysian Park climb so I might start out with that, but then switch over to the short route and just finish with Chevy Chase. BTW -- the trip



through Elysian Park goes by Dodger Stadium, but they are out of town this Sunday, so there shouldn't be a traffic problem.

**Parting Shot:** Well, I can't think of anything else to add tonight. Here is a photo David Nakai included in an e-mail about a ride he did a week or so ago. I'm not sure what it is and I have no particular comment on it. It is what it is.



See You On The Road

Rod Doty, VP

Attachments area

Preview YouTube video Aliso Creek Bikeway Song

