



LOS ANGELES WHEELMEN SCHEDULE



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VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME. Each week the routes offered will be available on the Web. Go to www.LAWheelmen.org and click on "Upcoming Rides." Download the routes and bring them with you to the ride.

Sunday, June 1 - VALLEY VENTURE (Long 51 mi & 3300 ft, Medium 49 mi & 2000 ft, Short 35 mi & 1000 ft) Fun fact about this route: At one time the medium rode Dixie Canyon from the Valley up to Mulholland Dr. The first time I rode Dixie I think it was still open to cars but it was a pretty rough stretch. I swear, there were a couple of places where the pavement was gone and you were riding on the bare native rock that underlies the mountain. The last time I rode it I think it was closed to cars but they still let bikes take it although it was no longer being maintained so it was getting steadily worse and overgrown with weeds. Finally it was entirely closed. I just looked at Google Maps and it's just a faint dotted line now. We've changed the route to the nearby Coldwater Dr, but I do sort of miss the challenge of picking your way through the potholes and sandbars. Well, enough of the past. Today's three routes offer quite a range in difficulty. The long and medium both make a trip up to Mulholland and back down. The long goes up the very difficult climb on Escalon and Encino Hills. This is one mile of some of the steepest climbing I know. After that, the long tacks on a few lesser climbs before coming back down into the Valley. The medium takes the somewhat easier Coldwater up to Mulholland and then joins the long on the trip back down into the Valley. Fortunately, that completes the serious climbing on these two routes. The rest of day simply takes you to the west Valley for lunch and then a return to the start. The short skips all the heavy climbing and simply heads to the west Valley for lunch and back. So, you really have a choice today from a very easy trip across the valley to a rather difficult climb and yet we can all come together for lunch. **START: Reseda Park - Reseda & Victory Blvds in the San Fernando Valley** From Ventura Frwy (101), off and north on Reseda, right on Victory one block to park.



Starting group on this ride 10 years ago. Wouldn't it be great to have this many riders this year?

Thursday, June 5 - 8:30 a.m. TRIPLE DIPPER SOUTH BAY RIDE Meet on the bridge at end of the Ballona Creek Trail in Marina Del Rey. Riders usually go south to Palos Verdes on the bike path and then do some riding on the Peninsula. There are optional climbs including the 3 "dips" which give the ride its name. The group usually stops for a break at the Golden Cove shopping area. Occasionally the group will decide to vary the route and explore specific sites elsewhere in the city. A typical day is 40 - 50 miles but often individual riders either cut the day short or add extra miles as desired. Contact **Lewis Singer** lewissinger@gmail.com for details.

Sunday, June 8 - 8:30 a.m. ARCADIA & STUFF. (Long 43 mi & 2800 ft; Medium 35 mi & 1400 ft; Short 27 mi & 1100 ft) We haven't ridden these routes in 6 years. I wanted to, but the main feature of the long route – the climb up to Chantry Flats – has been closed for much of those 6 years. It would open and then the rainy season would cause a landslide and it would close again. It was open for a while last year and I was planning to run these routes early this year, but then the Eaton fire caused it to be closed again. However, I don't believe the Eaton fire actually reached Chantry Flats Road and it is open again now. We have also made it through the worst of the rainy season without a closure, so I am crossing my fingers and going ahead and finally scheduling these routes after 6 years. The long and the medium are identical today except the long goes up to Chantry and back down. Both routes start with a lap around the Rose Bowl. From there, we ride over to San Marino and Arcadia. Here the long splits off for the Chantry climb. There is nothing flat about Chantry Flats.



The view from Chantry

It's a good 4 to 5 mile climb. Most of it isn't too steep, but the first mile or so at the bottom up to the gate where Chantry Flats Road actually starts is very discouraging. Just remember that once you make it through the gate, the going will get easier. After the long comes down, it rejoins the medium and both head to lunch in Pasadena and then a short ride back to the start. Lunch is at Tops in Pasadena which serves up large portions. If you went up to Chantry, you have earned a hearty lunch. The short is similar to the medium but doesn't go as far east and doesn't go to the same lunch as the long and medium. I suppose if it turns out Chantry is closed again by ride day, everyone can simply do the medium which is a nice ride in itself. After 6 years I sure hope we can get to Chantry, but either way, I'm not cancelling this ride. **START: ALHAMBRA PARK in ALHAMBRA.** From the San Bernardino Frwy (I-10), off & north on Fremont 2 miles, R- Alhambra Rd to 4 blocks to Park. Park on Raymond on East side of the park.

Thursday, June 12 – 8:30 a.m. TRIPLE DIPPER SOUTH BAY RIDE -- See June 5th for details.

Sunday, June 15 - 8:30 a.m. LIFE BEGINS AT 8:30. (Long 68 mi & 5000 ft, Medium 53 mi & 3300 ft, Short 25 mi & 800 ft) I'm writing this on May 23rd, and today they just announced the reopening of PCH through Malibu after January's fires. Just in the nick of time because today's routes take us out to Malibu on PCH. They had announced a few weeks ago that it would be open by the end of May and I took them at their word when I scheduled today's ride. By today's date, PCH will have been open about 3 weeks, so hopefully the rush of looky-loos will have past and traffic will have returned to normal Sunday levels. We start in West LA and both the long and medium head out to Malibu and go over Malibu Cyn to Mulholland Hwy. Here the two routes split. The long heads west to Kanan and returns back to PCH for a coastal return (once again riding PCH through Malibu). The medium heads east and returns through the valley and over Sepulveda. The Short riders miss all the fun by staying in the Westside area. Unfortunately, the short used some of the streets still closed due to the fire, so I shortened the route by about 5 miles to skip this portion. The lunch locations have been a problem on these routes so I have provided a couple of alternatives on both the long and medium. On the long you can now choose the Rock Store (which is often very busy on Sunday) or go an additional 7 miles (plus a couple of hills) to more options (including the Habit) in Agoura. On the medium you can now choose between Pedalers Fork or others in Calabasas or the Habit later in the route. Even though PCH is now open, I don't know if they have provided much of a shoulder for cyclists. I am anxious to see the fire damage along PCH for myself, so I suspect I'll give it a try anyway. **START: Westwood Park at Sepulveda & Ohio.** From San Diego Frwy (405), off and east on Santa Monica Blvd, Left on Sepulveda and L on Ohio and R into Park.



Blast from the past – former member climbing the Rock Store Hill on today's long route

Thursday, June 19 – 8:30 a.m. TRIPLE DIPPER SOUTH BAY RIDE -- See June 5th for details.

Sunday, June 22 – 8:30 a.m. LAGUNA CANYON CENTURY (Century 96 mi & 2200 ft, metric century 63 mi & 800 ft, half century 46 mi & 600 ft.) This is our century, metric century and half century of the month for June. Friday was the summer solstice so this is just about the longest day of the year. For that reason, I have set the start time for these routes as the usual 8:30 instead of the earlier times I usually use for our centuries. I figure those who ride the full century are fast enough to complete the ride well before sunset and the later start means the metric and half century rides won't arrive at lunch too early. As centuries go, today's routes are very easy. The only significant climb is the trip up Laguna Canyon (which is only on the full century) and it is one of the easiest canyon climbs I know of. It only gains about 400 feet over 5.5 miles. That's a grade of about 1.4%. The metric century doesn't even do the canyon, so it is even easier. These are just pleasant rides down the coast and back. The full century route is fairly straight forward. From Torrance, we head down the coast (picking up PCH in Seal Beach) all the way to Laguna. Then it's up Laguna Canyon and we make our way back north using a more inland route until we reach Huntington Beach. Then we pretty much retrace our steps back to the start. The metric will start with the full century and stay with that route until Huntington Beach. It will then cut inland to pick up the return route of the full century. This is the first time I have added a half century route. It only gets as far as Seal Beach before starting to return. After a short detour to lunch, it picks up the return of the other two routes. All in all, a pleasant way to spend



One of the lesser known communities on today's ride

one of the longest days of the year. **START: PARADISE PARK in TORRANCE.** From San Diego Frwy (405), off & South on Hawthorne 3.5 miles. R - Torrance Blvd 0.5 mile, L - Anza one block, R - Lee to Park. We usually park on the West side of the park (on Ellenwood) by the school.

Thursday, June 26 – 8:30 a.m. TRIPLE DIPPER SOUTH BAY RIDE -- See June 5th for details.

Saturday, June 28 -- GRAND TOUR This is the club's big event of the year – a double century or more. Registration is required. Full information is available on the club's web site: www.LAWheelmen.org.

Sunday, Junw 29 – 8:30 a.m. REVEL THE ROLLIES II (Long 57 mi & 3500 feet, Medium 43

mi & 1800 feet, Short 37 mi & 1100 ft) Summer is upon us so this will probably be the last non-coastal route I schedule for a while. And even if it is warm today, these routes are relatively short so we should be done before the worst of the heat in the afternoon. They are not overly hilly either. My biggest problem with these routes is lunch. Both the long and medium ride through Santiago Canyon where there is no place to stop. By the time we get through the canyon, we are ready to eat, but there really isn't that much to choose from. There is a small commercial area that has a Subway (as part of a Chevron Station), a Starbucks (which some people think is fine for lunch), a Taco Bell (which it seems no one thinks is fine) and a restaurant called John's Place (which looks good on the web, but the last time I rode this ride, I couldn't find it). That really should be enough choices. Well, it will have to do because I don't see anything else in the area. Personally, I'm, going to make a better search for John's Place. Google Maps and Yelp both say it's still there and the pictures of the food look good.

As mentioned, the main feature of today's routes is a trip through Santiago Canyon which goes both up and down. Both the long and the medium do this, but the long adds trips through Trabuco Canyon and Live Oak Canyon. I've always thought the ride through Live Oak Canyon is rather nice and worth the extra miles and extra climbing. The medium route heads fairly directly over to Santiago Canyon while the long makes the extended loop to take in Trabuco Canyon and Live Oak Canyon first. They meet up at Cook's Corner and continue together through Santiago Canyon before circling around back to the start. Meanwhile, the short makes an easier tour around southern Orange County. So why not join us and together we can find the elusive John's Place.

NOTE: This is another ride that we temporarily moved to El Camino Real Park, but we have now returned the start to Pine Tree Park. START: PINE TREE PARK in TUSTIN. From Santa Ana Frwy (I-5) in Tustin, off & east on Redhill, L- Bryan one block to park.



A few motorcycles likely to be seen at Cook's Corner on today's ride