

Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report - May 20, 2025

Hello All:

Sunday we were riding to the Hollywood Sign. I can't believe I have never used this song for this ride, but I looked through my records and it doesn't appear that I have. I count over 75 short clips from classic films in this video. See how many you can recognize. There were only 5 or 6 that I didn't know.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ykxJHAY_jPY

Sunday: The climb to the Hollywood Sign is very difficult, so I didn't even consider showing up. However, there were 6 intrepid riders who where up for the challenge. **Phil Whitworth** took this shot of the group:



That's **Phil** peaking in on the left and then **Rafi Karpinski, Edwin Dair, Julie Shisino** (in back), **Dale Aaronson** and **Lewis Singer**. Lewis rode the medium which simply went up to the sign and back while the rest did the long (or more). Here's a shot of the sign by Julie when the group was still a long way off:



By the time Rafi took this one they were getting closer:



Finally Julie was able to take this photo from the top



There is a lot to see from up there. Here is a shot of the Hollywood Reservoir taken by Dale



Finally, just to show they all made it, here's a shot of the group at the top taken by Phil



Looks like they had a good day. I dream of the day when I feel up to doing that climb again.

This Week: On Sunday we will be riding our monthly century, metric century and half century -- "East Road, West Road, All Around Downtown." These routes start from Culver City, ride through Downtown and on to points east. The full century does a couple of climbs before riding East Road and West Road for which the ride is named. After lunch in Whittier, it is a fairly flat return to the start. The metric century and half century don't go far enough east to do the climbs or East Road and West Road so those routes are fairly flat. They both return back through downtown but take you past the flower district and the garment district, which are something to see, even on a Sunday. I hope to be there for the half century, but no promises.

Meeting -- Final Notice: I hope you all got the notice of the meeting this **THURSDAY** that I sent out a couple of days ago. I hope to see a lot of you there.

Photo Request: The club got a letter from a **Jiro Tomiyama** who says he is putting together a video on Echo Park which will include a segment about our Fargo Street Hill Climb. He is requesting any still photos we may have of the event. I looked through my photos and I don't really have anything very good. I'm thinking some of you might have some good shots that you could send him. Rather than go through me, why not just contact him directly with any photos you may have. His e-mail is cyama3@gmail.com and his phone is 323 299-3446.

Parting Shot: I don't really have a photo for this spot tonight, but here is a shot of a license plate I took several weeks ago



My best guess is that it is short for "unapologetic." But if that is the case, it asks the question, what is he/she unapologetic about. If it were on a Tesla, I could understand it -- "Yeah, I bought this Tesla and I don't care." But it's a Hyundai, so I don't know. Any other guesses?

See You On The Road

Rod Doty, VP

Attachments area

Preview YouTube video Hooray for Hollywood



