

Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report - June 10, 2025

Hello All:

Sunday we were riding "Arcadia & Stuff." I've always wondered what it meant by "stuff" in this ride. Anyway, while I was contemplating what part of the ride was the "stuff" I was reminded of this song:

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

Sunday: We had 7 riders at the start on Sunday. **Phil Whitworth** took this shot of the group.



That's **Bill Faulkner, Chris Hedberg, Me, Edwin Dair, Dale Aaronson** and **Rafi Karpinski**. Phil, Edwin, Dale and Rafi rode the long and the rest of us did the medium. Chris took off ahead of Bill and me and we didn't see her again but I was told she did go part way up towards Chantry Flats, so she got in a bit more than just the medium. The only difference between the medium and the long is that the long makes the 5 mile climb up to Chantry and back. Here's a shot from Phil which shows that he did indeed make it up to Chantry



This photo from Dale also shows they made it to the top



Not only did they make it up to Chantry, but at least some of them did the extra climb up to the helicopter pad. I guess that would give them the title of : "Mr. Big Stuff." (see song above)



The only time I rode up to the helipad, there was actually a helicopter there, but since they didn't include that in the above photo, I suspect it's not there now.

Meanwhile on the medium, we had a pleasant ride. I got to stop at Tops for lunch and have my traditional chili fries. A woman saw us there and noticed my Grand Tour jersey and Bill's Wheelman jersey. She told us she was signed up to ride the Grand Tour in a couple of weeks. I didn't get her name, but she has ridden quite a few doubles including completing a triple crown one year.

This Week: This week we will be riding "Life Begins at 8:30" which starts at Westwood Park in West LA. The long and medium head out to Malibu and then inland to Mulholland Hwy. The long goes west and eventually returns back via the coast. The medium turns east and returns back through the Valley. We haven't been able to ride these routes until they opened PCH recently, so this is a chance to go out and view the fire damage for yourself. The climbing on the long and medium is a bit more than I want to take on now, but I wanted to view the fire damage, so I created a new short route that simply goes out to Malibu for lunch and then returns. You can stop at the Malibu Civic Center area for lunch and return or if you want a few more miles you can continue out to Trancas for lunch

and then return. I am curious to see the fire damage so I will be there to ride the short. It would be nice to have some company.

Parting Shot: I don't have anything else to add tonight. Here is a photo Phil took last Sunday at the end of the ride.



Fosselman's is an ice cream shop only a few blocks from our start/finish in Alhambra and we used to go there after a ride sometimes. It made for a nice finish to the day. But that was when we had more riders and we tended to finish as a group. I miss those days.

See You On The Road

Rod Doty, VP

Attachments area

Preview YouTube video Jean Knight - Mr. Big Stuff (Official Lyric Video)

