

## Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report - June 24, 2025

Hello All:

Last weekend was the official beginning of summer and as we rode the last portion of Sunday's ride it was getting quite warm. We were riding into a headwind which was making things more difficult, but at the same time was cooling us down. That brought to mind this song:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PzrZyb\\_ZuVM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PzrZyb_ZuVM)

**Sunday:** We were riding the Laguna Centuries -- a century, metric century and a newly added half century. There were 5 of us at the start as shown in this selfie from **Phil Whitworth**:



That's **Phil, Edwin Dair, me, Bill Faulkner and Gary Murphy**. All routes went south from Torrance with only the full century making it to Laguna and the other routes turning around sooner. Bill, Gary and I rode the half century. About 10 miles out Gary had chain problems and turned back. Bill and I completed the half century. The others were doing the full century. We were caught by **Rafi**

**Karpinski** who got a late start. He went on to try and catch the other two riders. He apparently did catch them as shown in this photo from Phil



Actually Phil and Edwin put in enough miles along the coast to give them a century after they turned back. Only Rafi actually completed the designated century course plus the miles to and from home. Rafi took this photo which shows how pretty the coastline can be along PCH in southern Orange County





I didn't take any photos except this one. As we crossed back over the Alameda train corridor I noticed there were hardly any trains parked on the many sidings there. I remember back during the pandemic when ships were stacked up in the harbor, these tracks were also packed with trains, presumably waiting for a chance to get into the harbor. Now, with shipping traffic down, these tracks are empty.



**This Week:** On Sunday we will be riding "Revel the Rollies II." These routes start in Tustin and basically ramble about Orange County. The long and medium make the trip through Santiago Canyon. I'm a little concerned about the heat. This is the last ride I have scheduled before switching to coastal routes for the summer. In the past, June has been safe for inland routes but who knows this year. Unless it is deadly hot, I plan to show up for at least the short, but I had hoped to ride the medium.

**Parting Shot:** Nothing else to report tonight. Here is a photo Phil took in Huntington Beach last Sunday





The way things are going, it's nice to see someone still loves California, even if they are a Tesla owner.

See You On The Road

Rod Doty, VP

Attachments area

Preview YouTube video [Seals & Crofts - Summer Breeze \(Lyrics\)](#)

