Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report - July 15, 2025

Hello All:

Our Sunday ride was "Off to the Races" and I actually found a song named "Off to the Races" but I was concerned that I must have used it before, so I spent a couple of hours going back through all my e-mails for the past few years and making a list of all the songs I have used previously. I was shocked to find that in fact I have used several songs more than once. I never meant to do that. But, I had never used this "Off to the Races" song, so here it is. I'm not familiar with the artist and the song has nothing do do with racing. but at least the title fits this week's ride.

https://www.youtube.com/watch? v=Cwh0clULFJs&list=RDCwh0clULFJs&start_radio=1

Sunday: As mentioned, we were riding "Off to the Races" which is our annual ride down to the Manhattan Beach Grand Prix races. We had 8 riders at the start at the "Corner" and **Phil Whitworth** took this shot:



That's me, Mario Solano, Rafi Karpinski, Dale Aaronson, Edwin Dair, Julie Shishino and Mary Jane McMaster (seated). It's been a while since we have

seen Mary Jane out on a ride. Everyone except Mary Jane and I planned to do the long. They were later joined by **Andy Pollack** at the bridge in Marina del Rey. Here's a photo from Julie which includes Andy and Phil who wasn't in the first photo.



I had planned to do the medium, but I had hoped maybe someone would join me along the way. When no one showed up, I decided I didn't want to eat lunch alone at Golden Cove since I don't even care that much for Subway, so I stopped at Manhattan Beach to watch the races. Mary Jame was only doing the short so we watched one of the races together. Here's a shot of the peloton coming at me and then going away and making a turn.





Meanwhile, the long riders had climbed Hawthorne and here is a shot from Dale of a couple of the riders at the top on Crest



The long riders did make it to the races eventually, but Mary Jane and I were long gone.

This Week: On Sunday we will be riding our century, metric century and half century of the month which will be the "Whale of a Century." The full century starts in Camarillo while the metric and half centuries start in Ventura. All routes head up to Santa Barbara and back which means you spend most of the day on the coast. The full century starts with a ride over to Ventura where it is joined by the metric and half centuries for the trip up to Santa Barbara. Once in Santa Barbara, the full and metric centuries make a loop taking them up to the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History where they can take the usual photos of the large whale skeleton there. The half century skips this loop. I plan on only riding the half century, but last year I planned to do that but when I got to Santa Barbara. I was feeling good, so I did the loop up to the whale anyway. So you never know. The official start time for the full century is 8 a.m. and the metric and half century are scheduled to start at 9 a.m. However, I understand some of the century riders are planning to start at 7:30 a.m. so you might consider joining

them. I may start the metric at 8:30 so that I can be ahead of the century riders and they might catch me in Santa Barbara.

Meeting: Don't forget -- there is a club meeting this Thursday (July 17) at 7:00 p.m. Our host this month is **Nancy Domjanovih.** There should be some interesting post-Grand Tour discussion and who knows what else might come up. Nancy always has good refreshments. Unfortunately I won't be able to be there, but I hope many of you will take my place. Nancy's home is at 7221 Ogelsby Ave, Westchester. From the San Diego Frwy (405), off and west on Howard Hughes Parkway, L - Sepulveda, R - 77th Street, R - Kentwood 1 block to a right on Ogelsby. Nancy's home is on the left near the bottom of the hill. For meeting night directions, call **(320) 415-8285**

Parting Shot: I don't really have a good photo for this spot tonight. This is just a shot I took at the races last Sunday.



I've been to the races most years recently and I don't remember seeing this before so maybe it is something new they put together this year. I wonder if they want people to start referring to the races as the M B G P. I'm not sure that will catch on.

See You On The Road

Rod Doty, VP

Attachments area

Preview YouTube video Lana Del Rey || Off to the Races || (Lyrics)

