Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report - July 29, 2025

Hello All:

Sunday we were riding the "Long Beach Rides" so we were at the beach and as you will see below, all riders were male so of course I'm thinking Beach Boys. Here's one of their classics to get you in the mood for tonight's e-mail. By my count they mention 15 different beaches in the song, but not Long Beach. That makes sense because a breakwater protects almost all of the beach in Long Beach which means no surfing.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=enIOHxQ0tb4

Sunday: As mentioned we were riding the "Long Beach Rides" which start at El Dorado Park. There were 6 of at the start where I took this photo:



That's Edwin Dair, Bill Faulkner, Rafi Karpinski, Mike Wapner and Jacques Stern. Edwin and Rafi rode the long route. Mike, Bill and I rode the medium but

Mike took off with the faster riders and we didn't see him again. Jacques also took off with the faster riders and we didn't see him again but according to his Strava track he did a modified version of the ride. When Bill and I finished the medium, Edwin and Rafi were just coming in from the long route. It was a nice day and I got to have lunch at a Pick-Up-Stix, which I enjoy. However, lunch was at about the 40 mile mark and that's a long way for me to go these days without a lunch break. I could hardly wait to get there. I don't have any photos from the ride, but Rafi had ridden from home and posted a couple of photos from the ride to the ride. Here is one of them:



I didn't know what this building was, but AI identified it as the Cerritos Civic Center. It reminded me a bit of the Disney Concert Hall downtown and I wondered if it was designed by the same architect, but it wasn't.

This Sunday: On Sunday we are riding one of our summer traditions: "Malibu Vistas." All routes start from the Malibu Civic Center and head north to Neptune's Net for lunch and then return. All routes use side roads as much as possible to stay off PCH which makes for a more interesting ride up the coast than usual. The short simply goes to lunch and back. The long and the medium add a climb up Latigo on the way out and the long adds another climb up Yerba Buena on the

way back. That's a fair amount of climbing for a relatively short ride. I, of course, plan to only ride the short. I'm looking forward to the fish and chips at Neptune's Net. You have to go with what they are known for.

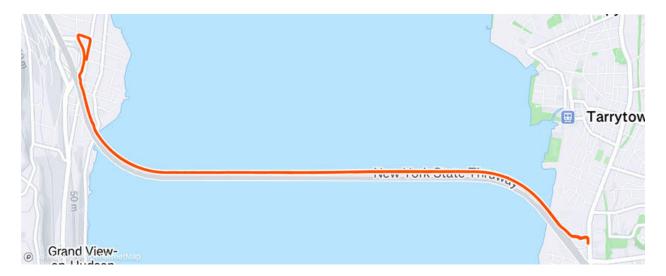
Last Thursday: I didn't make last Thursday's Triple Dipper ride (I was watching the Tour de France) but **Howard Wedin** sent me this photo because the usual group had an unusual visitor:



That's **David Nakai** in the center of the photo and I think this is the first time he has ever joined us on this ride. Of course, until recently, he was working on Thursdays. If it wasn't such a long drive for him, he could now join us every week.

August Schedule: In an unusual move, I'm attaching the August Schedule to this e-mail rather then sending it out separately. We have got some of my favorite summer rides coming up in August including the South Bay Ramble with it's ice cream social at the end. The ice cream is worth the ride.

Parting Shot: I didn't have a photo for this spot, but then I was browsing through Strava and I was struck by this track from **Lewis Singer** who is away in New York.



Apparently he simply rode across the Tappan Zee Bridge (now known as the Mario M. Cuomo bridge, but I'm not sure that will ever catch on) and back for a total of about 8 miles. That's one way to beat the heat -- a ride almost entirely on the Hudson River.

See You On The Road

Rod Doty, VP

- 1 Attachment
- · Scanned by Gmail

Preview YouTube video The Beach Boys - Surfin' U.S.A. (Lyric Video)



Þ