

## Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report - February 10, 2026

Hello All:

Sunday we were riding the "Amazing Maze." Previously I have focused on the word "Maze" to select the appropriate music, but I ignored the "Amazing" part. How could I have missed this song. And as a bonus, the lyrics fit well with Valentine's Day later this week.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cdDPR8GzXy8>

**Sunday:** As I said, we were riding "The Amazing Maze" which started down in Tustin. There were only 3 of us at the start -- **Phil Whitworth, Edwin Dair** and me -- which was a 300% increase over the last time we did this ride. I distinctly remember Edwin and Phil taking photos at the start (and also later at lunch when we came together again) but they didn't send them to me or post them on Strava. So I don't have many photos tonight. Phil and Edwin rode the long while I did the short, but all routes came together for lunch and the other two showed up just about when I was about to leave. The day was hot. I took my jacket off before lunch and after lunch I stopped again to take off my tights. I passed a time/temperature sign that said 93 degrees. I wish I had taken a photo of it. Other than that, it was a nice day. I spent about 7 miles on the Santa Ana River and there was plenty of water flowing downstream. As for my photos -- I first saw this decorated bush in a yard and thought someone had still left their Christmas decorations up.



But then in the same yard I saw this tree:



I realized the home wasn't decorated for Christmas -- it was decorated for Valentine's Day!! As I rode along, I was wondering to myself whether Valentine's Day decorations would be the next big thing. It would fill the gap between Christmas and Easter. Then a couple of miles later I saw this home:



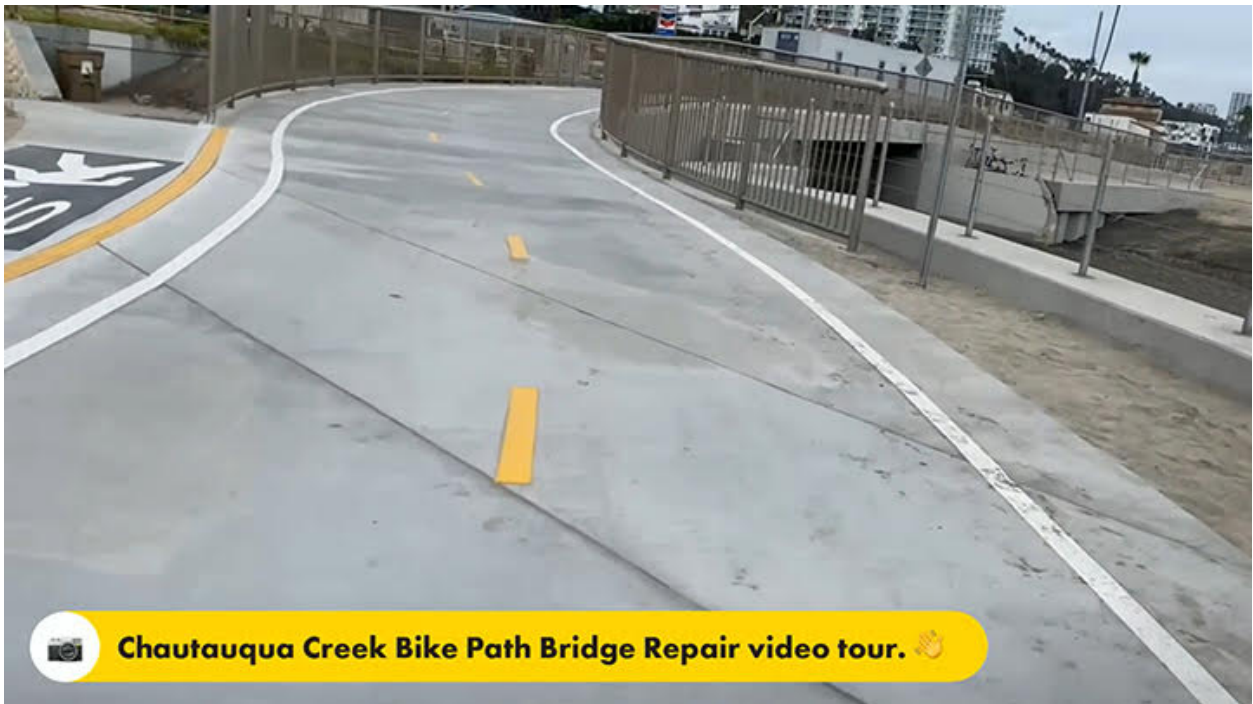
Hard to see, but they had put up several heart-shaped arches over the sidewalk. So maybe decorating for Valentine's Day actually IS becoming the next big thing. I finished the short around 3 o'clock and was able to listen to the first quarter of the Super Bowl on the radio and then watch the rest of the game at home. I was happy with the outcome, but thought it would be a more exciting game.

**This Week:** This Sunday we will be riding the "Kick Off Centuries" which were rained out in January. These are fairly easy routes which start from Malibu and head north and then return. The full century does a loop to Ventura to get in the miles. The metric century turns around at Camarillo while the half century turns around at Point Mugu. It looks as if it might be rained out again, but I'll wait and see. If the rain holds off, I'll try and ride the half century.

**Bicycle Quote of the Week:** Here's another one for the women: "The bicycle will accomplish more for women's sensible dress than all the reform movements that have ever been waged." Anonymous Author from 1895. I think the author may have been right.

**Personal Note:** I have started posting my rides on Strava. I thought it might help motivate me to ride more if many of my friends could see what I'm doing and when I'm not doing it. It worked today -- I got out on a Tuesday for the 2nd week in a row.

**Parting Shot:** These are taken from a video **Phil Whitworth** took on his ride to Malibu today. Apparently, at long last, they have opened the bike path repair and bridge at Chautauqua Creek.



See You On The Road

Rod Doty, VP

Attachments area

Preview YouTube video Paul McCartney - Maybe I'm Amazed  
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