

Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report - February 17, 2026

Hello All and Happy Lunar New Year

On Sunday we were riding a re-do of our New Year's Day ride which was rained out, so I was thinking of running another New Year's Day song and then I realized today is also the Lunar New Year. So then I looked for Lunar New Year songs. I found a few, but they were in Chinese, and for some reason they were all over an hour long. I didn't have the patience to listen to them. So then I found this one. I don't know how authentic it is since it is in English. It is also specific to the year of the horse which is nice and it is only about 3 minutes long.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jYFPzM3YpS4>

Sunday: We were riding the re-do of the "Kick-off Centuries" from January 1st. Despite my best intentions, I didn't go. Apparently there were only two riders. They rode a full century, but they had agreed to meet in Santa Monica rather than the official start in Malibu. That way they could get in 100 miles without going all the way to Ventura. Although they started in Santa Monica, they did stop in Malibu at the start location and **Phil Whitworth** took this selfie.



That's **Edwin Dair** with Phil.

They reported a cool and windy day, but otherwise it looks like they had a fine time. Here's a shot Edwin took of Phil approaching the "Slot in the Rock"



It appears they stopped at Neptune's Net on the way back for lunch



This photo from Phil shows they did have at least one problem:



Other than that, however, it looks like they had a good day.

This Week: On Sunday we will be riding "Flintridge Express" which starts in Monterey Park. These 3 routes range from a relatively easy short (which I will be riding) to a rather difficult long and a medium route somewhere in between. All the routes head north from Monterey Park towards Pasadena with only the long getting all the way to Flintridge. It does a lot of climbing along the way. The medium makes it to Pasadena with a lot less climbing. The short barely makes it to Pasadena and does some riding east in the San Gabriel Valley, but not much climbing at all. Something for everyone -- come take your pick.

Bicycling Quote of the Week: "It is by riding a bicycle that you learn the contours of a country best, since you have to sweat up the hills and coast down them. Thus you remember them as they actually are, while in a motor car only a high hill impresses you, and you have no such accurate remembrance of country you have driven through as you gain by riding a bicycle" -- Ernest Hemingway

Parting Shot: I don't really have a photo for this spot, but here is another shot taken by Phil last Sunday. He rode from home so he had to get up and start

rather early and he was able to take this shot of the sunrise. I thought it was a nice photo for this spot.



See You On The Road

Rod Doty, VP

Attachments area

Preview YouTube video Year Of The Horse Chinese New Year Choir Song
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