

Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report - February 24, 2026

Hello All:

Sunday's ride was "Flintridge Express" and that title always makes me think of express trains and I thought maybe there were some songs about that. I came up with this one by the Everly Brothers -- I've never heard of it before and it doesn't seem like the Everly Brothers songs I remember, but there are some nice pictures of trains to go with it

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BCN2HWgcwxw>

Sunday: As mentioned, we were riding "Flintridge Express" which started in Monterey Park. **Phil Whitworth** took this selfie at the start:



That's **Phil**, me, **Bill Faulkner** and **Edwin Dair**. **Jacques Stern** was also there, but somehow didn't make the photo. Phil and Edwin rode the long while Bill,

Jacques and I rode the short. It was a very nice day. Here's a shot Phil took of downtown from the hills in Monterey Park and you can see how clear it was:



There were some nice views of the snow on the mountains from the recent storms. I wished I had stopped to take a photo of them, but fortunately Edwin did:



Phil took this shot proving that they had made it up the very steep climb to the top of Crown Ave and Startlight Crest



All in all a nice day was had by all. It even appears from Phil's Strava track that he took an extra lap around the Rose Bowl.

This Sunday: This Sunday we will be riding "Straight Cow Mountain" which starts from Alhambra Park and heads east out the San Gabriel Valley and returns. The longer the route, the further east it goes. The long and the medium go over Turnbull Canyon on the return, while the short goes around but not over the hill. The weather promises to be good, so why not join us and kick off March with a bang.

Traveling Treasurer: I received a note from **Ira Kuccheck**. He is currently traveling in New Zealand and sent this photo:



Ride Schedule for March: Attached is your ride schedule for March. The days are longer and getting warmer so why not come out and ride with us in March.

Bicycling Quote of the Week: This one is not exactly pro-cycling, but I understand what he is talking about:

"I came out for exercise, gentle exercise, and to notice the scenery and to botanise. And no sooner do I get on that accursed machine than off I go hammer and tongs; I never look to right or left, never notice a flower, never see a view -- get hot, juicy, red -- like a grilled chop. Get me on that machine and I have to go. I go scorching along the road, and cursing aloud at myself for doing it" -- H. G. Wells

My spell checker didn't like "botanise" but I looked it up and it's OK. Besides, who am I to argue with H.G Wells.

Parting Shot: This was taken by Edwin last Sunday and I believe reflects the attitude of many Altadena residents in the fire area:



See You On The Road

Rod Doty, VP

2 Attachments

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Preview YouTube video Everly Brothers - Lightning Express (with lyrics)



