

Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report - April 7, 2026

Hello All:

Sunday was Easter, but I have already used the obvious Easter Songs in prior years. So I was thinking of bunny songs and I remembered the "Bunny Hop" Turns out it was written by a band leader named Ray Anthony who, at age 104 is still alive. He wrote the Bunny Hop in 1952 and for at least a few decades it was a staple at wedding receptions. Anyway, here's a video from 1953 of the song along with the associated dance.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EmC1KyxhEJU&list=RDEmC1KyxhEJU&start_radio=1

Sunday: As mentioned, Sunday was Easter and we were riding our annual Easter Ride from the "Corner." There were only 6 of us there and I took this shot.



That's **Julie Shishino, Sandy Weiner, Ann Trank, Jacques Stern, and Dale Aaronson**. All those in the photo took off to do some version of the long or medium while I did the short. Unfortunately, the short route passed within a block of my home and since I didn't really feel like riding alone that day, I took the opportunity to cut the ride short and went home. The rest made the usual stop at the Greystone Mansion (also known as the Doheny Estate). Julie took this shot:



I assume everyone had a good day. As for me, I watched the UCLA women win the NCAA basketball championship.

This Week: On Sunday we will be riding the "Tri-County Safari" which starts from Cortez Park in West Covina. All three routes start with a trip to Claremont. The short splits off here to make it's own way back. The long and medium continue together turning south down to Chino Hills for lunch. After lunch, the long makes

a loop back taking riders into Orange County (the 3rd county, which only the long hits) before returning to the start. The medium takes a more direct route back. The long and medium both do a few hills while the short doesn't do all that much climbing.

Bike Path News: Years ago high waves wiped out a portion the the beach bike path along Dockweiler Beach and the path has been detoured onto the service road through that area ever since. But, at long last, they have rebuilt the bike path. They have moved it inland so it won't be threatened by waves any time soon. In fact, a portion of it runs along the service road we have been riding anyway. Last Thursday, when I took this photo, it wasn't open yet, but you can see they have already painted markings on it, so it should be open soon.



Bicycle Quote of the Week: "Cycling is unique. No other sport lets you go like that - where there's only the bike left to hold you up. If you ran as hard, you'd fall over. Your legs wouldn't support you." Steve Johnson I wasn't sure who Steve Johnson was, and if you Google the name there are a lot of people with that name. But I'm guessing it is the Steve Johnson who was CEO of USA Cycling.

Parting Shot: Here is another shot from last Sunday's ride, taken by Julie. It seems every year we take a shot at this "Witches House" in Beverly Hills. It has nothing to do with Easter, but if I went back through all my photos over the years, I think I would find one of this house for every year's Easter ride.



See You On The Road

Rod Doty, VP

Attachments area

Preview YouTube video The Bunny Hop from The Ray Anthony Show (1953)

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