

Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report - May 5, 2026

Hello All:

Last Sunday we were riding "Ivan's Ride." Even though I don't think the Ivan who the ride is named for was Russian, the name of the ride always makes me think about Russians, and that makes me think of this song:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PF7zjPTmvAQ&list=RDPF7zjPTmvAQ&start_radio=1

Sunday: There were only 4 riders at the start. **Phil Whitworth** took this shot at the start:



That's **Julie Shishino** and **Phil** in front and **Mario Solano** and **Dale Aaronson** in the back. It looks like Julie was taking a selfie at the same time and she did post a similar shot on Strava, but, no offense Julie, I thought Phil's came out a little better. I'm not sure which route they took but it was either the long or the medium

Although the route did not go through UCLA, they apparently took a detour through the campus where Julie took this shot:



Phil took a shot of the bear too, but in this case, I liked Julie's better. The main goal of the ride was to go out to the Valley and ride past the history mural in the Tujunga Wash. Here's a shot Dale took of a portion of the mural:



I am only vaguely familiar with William S. Hart, but apparently he was considered the first great western movie star. I thought he must have been in "The Great Train Robbery" which is pictured next to him on the mural, but he wasn't. The movie is referenced in the mural because it is considered the first western movie. The group must have had a good day -- the weather was great based on this shot of downtown from up on Mulholland taken by Dale:



This Sunday: This Sunday we will be riding "Circling San Fernando" which starts from Westwood Park in West LA. These will be our century, metric century and half century for May. All routes head out to the valley and make a loop out there before returning. The century makes a full circle of the Valley before heading out to the coast and returning through Santa Monica to the start. The metric and half centuries make smaller loops around the valley and return back over Sepulveda. Although there is not a lot of climbing on these routes, even the half century has the two climbs over to the Valley and back. Too much for me these days.

Bicycle Quote of the Week: "Every time I see an adult on a bicycle, I no longer despair for the future of the human race." – H.G. Wells That's saying a lot considering H. G. Wells view of the future in books such as "The Time Machine" was sort of on the pessimistic side.

Parting Shot: Nothing particular for this spot tonight so here is another shot of the history mural from Sunday's ride (taken by Phil)



This is of Charlie Chaplin, another historic LA actor. I'm not sure what film this is taken from but the only World War I movie I could find made by Chaplin was "Shoulder Arms" made in 1918. It was only a short film and was made only a few months before the end of the war.

See You On The Road

Rod Doty, VP

Attachments area

Preview YouTube video Back in the U.S.S.R.-The Beatles(lyrics)

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