

Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report - May 12, 2026

Hello All:

Sunday we were riding "Circling San Fernando" and I've already used several "circle" songs as themes for this e-mail, but here's one I hadn't thought of before -- probably because I'm one of the few people who has never seen the movie it comes from or the stage play -- but by coincidence, I will be seeing the play this December

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EYGZQr2Ft54&list=RDEYGZQr2Ft54&start_radio=1

Sunday: As mentioned, the ride was "Circling San Fernando" which is our century, metric century and half century for May. I had a report from **Phil Whitworth** who said he and **Mario Solono** started from his home. Phil took this shot:



They rode to the ride start at Westwood Park in West LA to wait for others starting there. Phil then took this shot of the entire group:



Looks familiar. Turn out at the centuries each month has gotten pretty low. I hate to quit scheduling them entirely. I added half century routes to encourage non-century riders to join in on these rides, but that hasn't seemed to work. Maybe I should even add a half-metric century (around 30 miles) I could try that, but I'm not optimistic. Well, no need to decide now, but I would appreciate any thoughts on this matter.

Back to Sunday's ride -- Phil and Mario rode the half century out to the valley and back because with the ride from Phil's home, they would end up with a century anyway. It was Mother's Day and Phil noted that there were a lot of booths on street corners out in the Valley selling Mother's Day items. Phil said he wished he had taken photos of them. He did take this photo, which I think is from the little league field at the start location.



This entire image is made out of baseball bats. Nice.

This Week: On Sunday we will be riding "Turnbull Revisited" which starts from Pico Park. There are 4 routes and 3 of them go over Turnbull Canyon. The long and medium make loops out in the San Gabriel Valley taking them to the start of the San Gabriel River Trail which they take back to the start. The only difference between the long and medium is that the long adds a trip up the San Gabriel River to the East Fork and back down. Of the two short routes, one goes over

Turnbull while the other goes around. Both make small loops in the San Fernando Valley and then return. I hope to be there but will probably do the short route without Turnbull.

Bicycle Quote of the Week: I don't know the author of this one (I found it on Reddit) but I like it:

"Don't underestimate an old man on a bike."

Parting Shot: I saw this on Facebook today and thought it would be good for this spot:



BIKE LANE

EXCEPT BICYCLES

It gives me a chuckle.

See You On The Road

Rod Doty, VP

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