

Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report - May 14, 2024

Hello All:

I drove out to Redlands on Sunday for the weekly ride, but no one else showed up. I sat in my car in an empty parking lot and this song came to mind for tonight's theme:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=djU4Lq_5EaM

Sunday: I didn't expect many, but I thought at least one or two others would show up. I had planned to check out a new medium route I had put together, which would have meant I would probably ride alone anyway, but somehow I didn't care for the feeling I would be the only one out there and I wasn't too keen on leaving my car as the only one in the parking lot -- it sort of stood out. So, after waiting an extra 15 minutes, I drove home without riding. So, no ride and no photos.

This Sunday: This Sunday the ride is "Circling San Fernando" which is our century and metric century of the month. But wait -- I've added a half century route for those who think a metric century would be too much. The routes start in West LA, so no long drive -- in fact, I suspect many could ride to the start. All routes start with a climb up Sepulveda and a trip east along Mulholland Drive and then down into the Burbank area. Each route then makes a circle around the San Fernando Valley. The full century makes almost a complete circle around the perimeter of the Valley, but cuts to the coast through Malibu Canyon to complete the circle. The other two routes make truncated circles around the Valley and each return back over Sepulveda. I plan to ride the half century, although I plan to ride from home which should give me enough miles to get in a metric century anyway. No excuses this week. Some of you have got to show up. I don't want to be Mr. Lonely again.

Only Photo: I wouldn't have any photos this week except **Sandy Weiner** sent me this photo from last Thursday's Triple Dipper Ride.



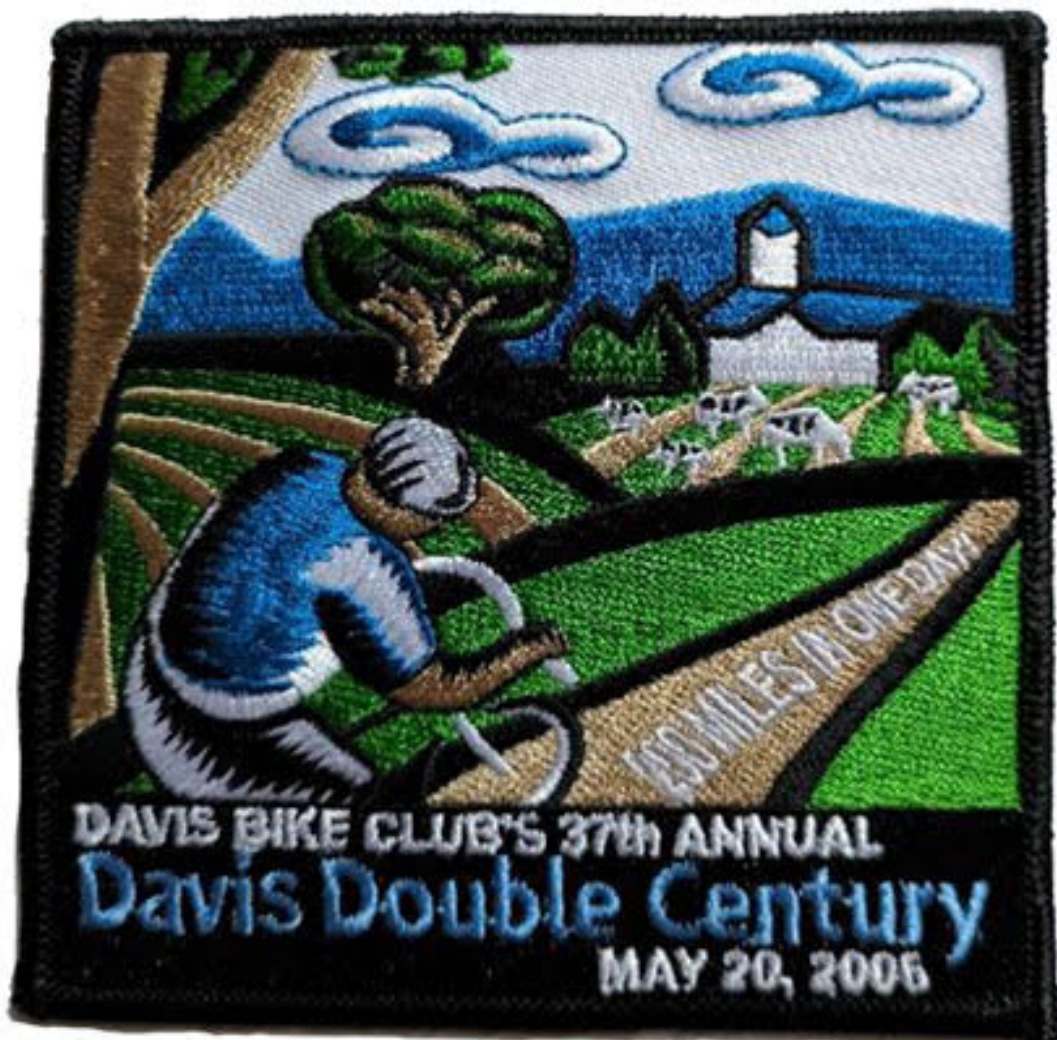
I was on that ride, but didn't see this. It must have been on a section I skipped because how could I miss a couple of horses. But I thought the horses looked a little odd. Then Sandy sent me a second e-mail in which he mentioned that the horses were fiberglass. Now the only question is "How did she get them there?"

Patches of the Week: The Davis Double is being held this Saturday. I believe it is the third oldest double century in California after the Grand Tour and the Hemet Double. I have ridden it many times. I found 6 patches in my own collection, but I haven't scanned them yet, so the patches below are from **Jackie Burneson** (first two) and **David Nakai** (third one)

Devils Bike Club's
34th Davis Double Century



200 miles in one day
May 17, 2003 - Davis, CA



DAVIS BIKE CLUB'S 37th ANNUAL
Davis Double Century
MAY 20, 2006



I would say that their designs improved from the 1998 patch, but all my patches are from before 1998 and have better designs than the 1998 patch. I guess they were just having a off year.

No Parting Shot: Well, that's it. I don't even have a photo for this spot tonight. **Phil Whitworth** did his usual ride out to Latigo today, and he did take a photo of the Reel Inn sign as usual, but I didn't think it was all that funny today, so I'm not even going to use that. I hope to have more to report next week.

See You On The Road

Rod Doty, VP

Attachments area

Preview YouTube video Bobby Vinton - Mr. Lonely

