

## Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report - August 13, 2024

Hello All:

Last Sunday we took one of our annual rides on the Balboa Ferry and that made me think about a song from the distant past about another ferry. This is from 1965 and near the beginning of the "British Invasion. How rock has changed.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=08083BNaYcA>

**Sunday:** We were riding the "Orange Coast Tour" which started in Huntington Beach. There were 7 riders and I took this shot at the start:



That's **Bill Faulkner, Jacques Stern, Rafi Karpinski, Mario Solano, Edwin Dair and Phil Whitworth**. Bill did a modified medium which I believe skipped the hills -- I didn't see him after we left the ferry, which is where the hills began. I had thought I might try to do the long, but after doing the hills, I contented myself with the medium. Similarly, Jacques changed from long to medium, but he must have done a modified return because I lost him. The rest did the long. However, we were still all together when we rode the ferry. Here is a shot from Phil of us on the boat



Phil also got a shot of this just before we boarded the ferry:



Not sure what the significance of this is, but the cow is on a surf board.

Comments made in texts after the ride indicated that everyone had a good day, so I guess the trip inland to Old Town Irvine on the long route wasn't too hot for those riders.

**This Sunday:** This Sunday we will be riding the "Whale of a Century" which is our century and metric century for the month of August. We used to ride this one early in the year, but they are ideal summer routes because they hug the coast most of the day. Unlike most of our summer routes, these go north instead of south. Starting from Carmarillo (full century) or Ventura (metric century) we ride north along the coast to Santa Barbara and return. In Santa Barbara we make a small loop taking us up to the Museum of Natural History where we view the whale skeleton that give the ride its name. The ride has two different start locations and two different start times. This allows the metric riders to do the center (and best) portion of the full century. I plan to ride the metric but I may skip the loop in Santa Barbara unless I'm feeling particularly good that day.

**Meeting:** The August meeting of members is this Thursday, the 15th, at 7:00 p.m. We have a new host this month -- **Andy Pollack**. This is the first meeting since the Grand Tour so we should get a report. There will no doubt be other things to discuss. And of course there will be plenty of good gossip and refreshments. So let's give Andy a nice welcome to hosting duties. **Place:** 7540 Ogelsby Ave., Westchester. From the San Diego Frwy (405), off and west on Howard Hughes Parkway, L - Sepulveda, R 77th Street, R - Kentwood 1 block to a Right on Ogelsby. Andy's house is on the right immediately after turning onto Ogelsby. NOTE: for those familiar with traveling to **Nancy Domjanovich's** home, Andy lives on the same street, only about a block away.

**Patches of the Week:** This week's patches are from the Cool Breeze Century, which is being held this Saturday in Ventura. This will be their 29th year which is really getting up there. I'm surprised they don't make more of that. I had to look around their web site to find out this was their 29th. They don't even include it on the event jersey. Anyway, these patches are from years past. The first two are from **Jackie Burneson** and the third is from **David Nakai**.





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**Parting Shot:** On Sunday I had lunch at the Habit (no surprise) and I took this shot. What is wrong with this photo?





## PEPSI????

The Habit has always had Coke. I looked into it. Turns out that in 2020 The Habit was purchased by Yum! Brands, which also owns KFC, Taco Bell and Pizza Hut. All their other companies serve Pepsi and it was only a matter of time before they would switch The Habit over too, and now they have. I read a few comments on line and people are not happy, but I don't suppose that will make any difference. Oh, well -- Pepsi it is.

See You On The Road

Rod Doty, VP

Attachments area

Preview YouTube video Gerry & The Pacemakers - Ferry Cross The Mersey (1965)

