

Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report - November 5, 2024

Hello All:

Today is election day so I have selected this song for the theme tonight. Make of it what you will.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BXrmQBPg2s0>

Sunday: We were riding the "Alhambra - Burbank Caper" which started from Alhambra. There were 5 of us at the start and **Dale Aaronson** took this shot.



That's **Bill Faulkner**, me, **Edwin Dair** and **Phil Whitworth**. However, **Rafi Karpinski** and **Mark Rubin** joined the long riders later so we had a total of 7 riders. Bill and I did the short route and I believe the rest rode the long. The highlight of the long route is the trip up and over hill in Griffith Park. It was a very clear day and here is a shot of Century City from the park taken by Dale.



The route took the rides past the Griffith Park Observatory where Phil took this shot.



I remarked last week that the trip up to the Mt. Wilson Observatory was an alternative "ride to the domes" from the one in Palos Verdes. It hadn't occurred to me that Griffith Park provided another alternative "ride to the domes." Finally, all routes went past this cute little church (photo by Dale), which I have often seen in commercials and maybe in a movie or two.



This Week: On Sunday we will be riding our monthly century and metric century: "Beaches to Brea Canyon." These routes start in Manhattan Beach and ride to Brea Canyon and back. Actually, only the full century does that. The metric turns back before getting to Brea Canyon which, coincidentally, cuts out a good chunk of the climbing done by the full century. The routes are urban, but use some bike paths and canyon roads so that it doesn't always seem so urban. I hope to be there and do the metric. The start time is early because we are back on standard time and the sun sets earlier now.

Patch of the Week: A club event I forgot about until I looked back through my own patch collection was our club's 50th Anniversary ride patch.



This took place in 1995, so actually in 2020 we would have had our 75th anniversary. We had planned a ride, but then the pandemic came along and it didn't happen. I have my doubts I make it to our 100th anniversary, but I hope someone is still doing this job

Parting Shot: This is the door of one of the condos in my complex which I photographed a couple of days ago. This has got to be one of earliest home holiday decorations I've ever seen. I guess the rule is now: Take down your Halloween decorations and immediately put up you holiday decorations -- skipping Thanksgiving entirely.



So . . . Happy Holidays and

I'll See You On The Road

Rod Doty, VP

Attachments area

Preview YouTube video The Who - Won't Get Fooled Again (Lyrics)

I'll tip my hat to the
new constitution,
take a bow for the
new revolution

