## Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report - November 12, 2024

## Hello All:

Yesterday was Veterans Day which used to be called Armistice Day because it celebrated the ending of World War I on November 11, 1918 and that got me to thinking about some of the songs that came out of World War I. So for tonight's theme, here is one written by George M. Cohan in 1917. The lyrics seem a little hubristic by today's standards, but it was very popular in its day.

## https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SraO0NVn68E

Last Sunday: On Sunday we were riding "Beaches to Brea Canyon" which was our century and metric century of the month. I went to the start, but when no one else showed up, I didn't feel like starting out on my own, so I went home. However, Phil Whitworth, Rafi Karpinski and Edwin Dair started from a different location, so we did have 3 riders after all. Here's a selfie Phil took of the group as they rode along the beach path in Long Beach



They all rode the metric century, so they did the beaches portion of the ride, but did not get to Brea Canyon. Along the way, they apparently stopped at a Baskin-Robbins where Phil took this shot.



He indicated he might like this turkey more than the real thing on Thanksgiving.

This Sunday: This Sunday we are riding a favorite of mine -- "Pasadena Passion." The long and medium start from Pasadena and head east with the long touching almost every city in the San Gabriel Valley on its trip out and back. The medium turns back a bit sooner and misses a few of the cities. The short stays closer to the start simply riding around the cities near Pasadena. Whichever route you choose, it's a pleasant day of riding with not too many hills. Note that the start location has been moved slightly to Victory Park which is just around the corner from the High School where we formerly started. I hope to see some of you there.

Thursday Triple Dipper Ride: Here's a photo by Sandy Weiner from the Thursday Ride a couple of weeks ago. Nancy Domjanovich, who hasn't been riding lately, joined us at our break at Golden Cove in Palos Verdes. The Dodgers had just won the World Series the previous night and Nancy brought Dodger cookies. We had a nice group that day.



Patch of the Week: This is another from my own collection. The club used to have a ride called "Hilly Dilly" which was a day of riding up and down all the hills in the Hollywood hills and Silver Lake area. We also offered a ride which was about half of the Hilly Dilly route. I know I rode the whole thing at one point, but I couldn't find my patch for the whole thing, but here is the patch for "Half a Hilly Dilly"



Parting Shot: Don't leave your toys on the beach edition A few weeks ago a boat washed up on the beach, as happens from time to time. This one was apparently towed from the water's edge over to the parking lot near Ballona Creek. I took the first photo the first week I saw it. The second photo (taken by Jacques Stern) was taken after a few weeks later.





If it stays there much longer, there won't be any empty space not covered with graffiti.

See You On The Road

Rod Doty, VP

## Attachments area

Preview YouTube video Over There | American Patriotic Song

