

Los Angeles Wheelmen VP Report - November 19, 2024

Hello All:

We were riding "Pasadena Passion" on Sunday. Two years ago when we rode this one I used "The Little Old Lady From Pasadena" as the theme music for this e-mail, but for tonight I found another song about Pasadena. I hadn't heard it before, but here it is

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gYmnk8CZ7yl>

Sunday: As mentioned, we gathered in Pasadena for our ride. We had 9 riders, which is pretty good. **Phil Whitworth** took this photo of the group



That's **Chris Hedberg, David Nakai, Jacques Stern** (hard to see in back), **Me, Rafi Karpinski, Dale Aaronson, Edwin Dair, Mark Rubin** and that's **Phil's** shadow at the bottom.

David took a small spill before we got started, but rode the ride anyway. He reported on Monday that he had a black eye and was very sore, but apparently

was otherwise OK. Jacques and I rode the medium, although Jacques encountered some problems and turned back early. The rest did the long, although I understand Chris turned back a little early and David cut off to ride home at some point. To show you how slow I am, I finished only a few minutes before the long riders got back. But I don't care how slow I was -- it was beautiful day for a ride. We saw our first snow covered mountain of the season as shown in this photo from Phil.



Crossing the Puddingstone dam, I stopped to take this photo of the reservoir.



I was mystified as to why the Goodyear blimp was flying there, but the long riders later told me there were drag races going on at the Pomona Drag Strip and the blimp was covering it. Later on the news I heard that a small plane crashed at the drag strip, but I guess that happened after the long riders had gone past.

Early in the ride we had to stop at a Metrorail crossing and almost got bonked on the head when the gate came down. Phil took this photo after we had gotten out of the way



The long group rode past Cal Poly Pomona, David Nakai's alma mater, and Dale took this photo of the relatively new sign they have out front



All in all a very nice day -- the kind we don't get all that often.

This Sunday: We will be riding the "Saugus Special" which we should probably rename as the "Santa Clarita Special" because people hardly remember where Saugus was since Santa Clarita incorporated. Anyway, we start out in Santa Clarita. The long and medium both ride up San Francisquito Canyon and come back down Bouquet Canyon. The medium cuts over to Bouquet on Spunky while the long goes all the way to Lake Elizabeth Road and takes that to Bouquet. There are two short routes which each simply roam around the Santa Clarita area. The Canyons are pretty this time of year and I wish I could ride them, but I don't feel I'm ready for the long climb up San Francisquito, so I'll probably be doing one of the shorts. I hope to see you there.

Don't Forget the Thanksgiving Ride: Next week we will also be riding our annual Thanksgiving Day ride. These short routes are a pleasant way to start the holiday and will help you feel less guilty about over-eating later. There will be another Tuesday e-mail before then, so I'll be reminding you again, but I hope you will make plans now to join us then.

Patch of the Week: This patch was sent to me from **Ira Kuceck** just a couple of weeks ago and is for the Bass Lake Powerhouse double century. It's a very nice looking patch. It doesn't indicate what year it was for -- maybe they used the same patch in multiple years.



Parting Shot: I wish I had more to say tonight, but nothing comes to mind. Here is a shot Phil took on Sunday's ride that gave me a little chuckle.



This homeowner is a real diehard. The Newsom recall was 3 years ago but he isn't giving up. At least he can take some solace in the fact that in two years Newsom will be gone anyway.

See You On The Road

Rod Doty, VP

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